



## Akeia Conner

October 5, 2020

Ms. Akeia Conner made her transition on Monday October 5, in Washington DC. Please encourage the Conner/Hyman family with an everlasting note of condolence on our Tribute page.

~PLEASE NOTE~ Mask and social distancing guidelines of Michigan will be adhered to at Kemp Funeral Home. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Street  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Strolling Visitation

OCT **16**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Family and Friends Hour

OCT **17**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Akeia Conner*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - October 17, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Akeia Conner*

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September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Akeia Conner*

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September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *She is irreplaceable. I had the honor of working with this incredibly gifted agent on one of her first cases --- she had it all: brains, beauty, a loving, outstanding family ..... we love you, A.*

*Judith O'Sullivan and your attorneys*

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**Judith O'Sullivan** - December 10, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ *Akeia was a wonderful person. While I mostly knew her in passing, her charisma was such that even in those seconds or few minutes in passing you felt like you had a lifelong friend in your presence. I have only met a few people that made me feel this way.*

*I have been sad since learning of her passing, I will never forget her. To her family and her closer friends, I am so very sorry, you are not alone in your grieving.*

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**Friend from CI (DC)** - October 24, 2020 at 11:50 PM

LH

“ *To the Family of Akeia,*

*It is with a heavy heart to have heard about the passing of Akeia. Her passing seemed so unreal to me. I really liked Akeia from the first time I met her. Akeia had such an easy going personality and beautiful smile. She accomplished whatever she set out to do and that was good. In my eyes she seemed to never let anyone or anything get her riled and I admired that about her. She took things in stride and did what had to be done. Akeia was very focused and a likeable person.*

*I send my love and prayers that the days ahead will bring added strength and sustain you as this chapter in life comes to a close. May your broken hearts be healed and your grieving spirit be comforted and that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*Lee Arntine Haygood*

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**Lee Arntine Haygood** - October 21, 2020 at 10:47 AM

BS

“ I’ve had the pleasure of knowing the Conner-Hyman family over 40 years. I will always remember Akeia from a little girl growing up to sophisticated professional woman who loved her profession, her family and her beloved dogs, Niko and Nasir. Akeia shared a special relationship with her Mom, Sarah shopping; I remember the two of them buying name brands that I never heard of. She also had a very close bond with her sisters as well.

I was very excited to visit Akeia with Sarah a few years ago in Philadelphia. She showed us a great time especially when she took us to a famous Philly Cheesesteak restaurant for my first original Philly cheesesteak sandwich.

I am so sorry she was taken from us so young and in the prime of her life and career with the IRS Criminal Investigation Divisions. My sincerest sympathies and condolences to her family. I will always remember Akeia.

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**Beverly Smith** - October 19, 2020 at 08:49 PM

TB

“ My sincerest condolences to Akeia’s family. Akeia was like no other and I am going to miss her so. No words can express the emotions you feel during the loss of a loved one but know that you are in my prayers.



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**Tonga Baldwin** - October 19, 2020 at 04:08 PM

AM

“ It is with a very broken heart that I say good bye to Keia. From the moment I met here over 25 years ago I have felt her joyous energy and loved her infectious smile. With a sense of pride I have watched her rise as an admirable leader in Ci's ranks. It has been a sincere honor and privilege to count her as a friend. The world is a lot emptier without her life force. I express condolences to Veronica, Ms. Sarah and Keia's entire family. May God wrap His loving arms around you and continue to hold you hands I send love and blessings.

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**Alonna Monegain-Arnold** - October 19, 2020 at 08:41 AM

AS

“ Akeia girl! I just want to express how glad I am to have known you for the past 3+ years, as I am your esthetician, which may not mean much to some people but I see you every 3-4 weeks for the past 3 years and I feel as we are as close as can be! I have loved EVERY single visit I've had with you. I've worked 3 different locations and you've followed me to each one. The most genuine, honest, loyal person anyone could ever know! ❤️ I promise you every word you've said to me has stuck. I will always miss you Akeia, and I truly am thankful for our friendship. My thoughts are with all the family and friends of Akeia.

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**Ashley Stacy** - October 18, 2020 at 12:28 AM

PR

“ Did you ever notice that Akeia's eyes would light up when she saw you? Akeia made you feel as if you were the only person in the room. I'm certainly a better person because I knew her. My condolences to her mother and sister and family.

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**Patricia Reid** - October 17, 2020 at 11:33 AM

VT

“ Praying for the family Akeia RIP you will be miss. Your friend and family Kei Kei Virginia Tasha

Virginia Taylor - October 17, 2020 at 07:05 AM

LC

“ My mind is still blown but I have to smile and reflect on the light Akeia spread around her. Even my Auntie Fran always asked about “Diva jr.” and wanted her to come visit. We both were always busy in IRS-CI but when we did connect, it was like we spoke yesterday. Rest In Peace Akeia. To Veronica, Ms. Sarah and the Hyman/Conner Family, my deepest condolences, you had such a bright star.



Leslie Collins - October 17, 2020 at 05:07 AM

MB

“ Sending my Prayers and Heartfelt condolence to the family. Working with Akeia's mom Sarah for many years I felt like I watched grow up from little girl to be a Beautiful, Intelligent Awesome young lady. You will truly be missed. Rest in Paradise!!!  
Marlene Burley & Family

Marlene Burley - October 16, 2020 at 11:46 PM

GA

“ There aren't enough words to express exactly how great Akeia was, but she was everything that I ever wanted to be. I remember the first time that she walked into the Philadelphia Field Office, it felt like a quiet storm had entered the building, as we looked on in awe. Intelligent, poised (in her heels), and dressed to the nines, but she had a way about her that was so welcoming that she felt like family. Her heart was pure and she always brought out the best in me. I was so sad when I had to leave, but she made my time there so memorable.

*My deepest condolences to her mom & sister. My time with Akeia was short, but she has made a great impact on me. I hope it comforts you to know that she was loved and respected, and her memory will live on with so many others. May she continue to rest in the arms of the Lord until we meet again.*

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**Gerri Averytt** - October 16, 2020 at 11:25 PM

  
Pamela  
Leonard

“ My heart is heavy and my spirit is low, Akeia was a light in dark places, a awesome woman that embraced life and loved her family, Soared like an eagle and dressed like a Queen! Our last encounter you hugged me so tight only to let me go and hugged me again. I salute your awesomeness and i will hug you in my heart for the rest of my life

*Love Minister Pamela Leonard*

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**Pamela Leonard** - October 16, 2020 at 06:39 PM

EP

“ In memory of my sweet Keia, it's just so hard to let go, you have always ment so much to me, I knew you were getting ready to leave I just couldn't except it. I will forever hold you in my heart. Rest in peace my love.

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**Evelyn Parker** - October 16, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CH

“ Charles Hunter purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Akeia Conner.



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Charles Hunter - October 16, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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CeCe Cypress - October 16, 2020 at 01:20 PM

JD

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Akeia, a remarkable woman in so many respects. Joyful, intelligent, dedicated and beautiful (inside and out), who served admirably with IRS-CI and on our HIDTA's Executive Board in Philadelphia. We always looked forward to our Budget Committee meetings which she chaired because as dull as the business could be, Akeia would brighten the room with her smile and humor (and shoe selection!) Our hearts go out to her family and friends for the loss we share, but are comforted in knowing that she lives on in our fondest memories. May she be a peace for eternity.

Jeremiah A. Daley  
Executive Director  
Liberty Mid-Atlantic HIDTA  
Philadelphia, PA

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Jeremiah Daley - October 16, 2020 at 09:38 AM

EH

“ *My sista!!! I would have never imagine writing this message and still wish I was as masterful as you with words. All I can say is you are my sista and I love you. From day one we connected and I saw you conquering the world. Your joyful spirit and laughter was truly contagious.*

*So many memories. From Wheaton to DC, to Philly and back to DC, we thrived together. I still remember all of our morning conversations in Philly and we started the day talking about your favorite shoes from your work shoe calendar.*

*You brought so much love and joy not only to me but you adopted my family as well. Venus, Yakiri and Akobi sends their love.*

*Thoughts and prayers to your the family and my heartfelt condolences.*

*Please let us know if we can anything.*

*Love*

*Eric- Your brother!!!!!!*

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**Eric Hylton** - October 15, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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October 15, 2020 at 08:25 PM

RF

“ Resie Epps (your CI Family) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Akeia Conner.



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**Resie Epps (your CI Family)** - October 15, 2020 at 05:18 PM

IO

“ IRS - CI (Detroit Field Office) purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Akeia Conner.



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**IRS - CI (Detroit Field Office)** - October 15, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TS

“ Akeia, I never knew that saying just one word could make me feel so down and happy at the same time, until I said GOODBYE to you. During your short time here, the imprint you left on so many will live on within their souls. No more issues and now you can rest my praying warrior - Tory

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**Tory Simmons** - October 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM

II

“ IRS-Criminal Investigation purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Akeia Conner.



IRS-Criminal Investigation - October 15, 2020 at 10:29 AM

MI

“ Minnie purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Akeia Conner.



Minnie - October 14, 2020 at 10:00 PM

MJ

“ Minnie & Jimmie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Akeia Conner.



Minnie & Jimmie - October 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM

CH

“ Favorite memory of Akeia is seeing her on tv doing a press conference and the step stool being set behind the podium so she could speak into the microphone!! Rest in Peace, Akeia

Cheryl Hayes - October 14, 2020 at 07:45 PM

TG

“ Rest In Peace.

Tim Greene - October 14, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 14, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 14, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 14, 2020 at 04:29 PM

TC

“ AKeia was one of my “friend gems”, those that you can talk with for hours, laugh until it hurts, talk about spirituality, politics, fashion, family and everything in between. She had an impeccable drive and dedication to her career and mostly everything she had a passion for. We all feel the void that she left, but find comfort in knowing know that her transition is to a place where she lives eternally at peace and that she will remain fervent in our memories.  
Peace and Blessings Connor Family.  
Light and Love Keia. ‘Till we meet again...



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Tomica Champion-Hayes - October 14, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 14, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 14, 2020 at 02:50 PM

DH

“ In memory of my dearest friend, my bright light, my mentor, my sister, fashion icon, spiritual advisor, Auntie to my children, shopping partner, confidant, and so much more I ask that you wear a pair of heels in her honor. Sending everyone who knew and loved her love and light. I miss you so much Keia ❤️

Deidra Hogue - October 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM

TC

I'll be wearing my heels on Friday in her honor. 🙌

Tomica Champion-Hayes - October 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

TC

Heels

Tomica Champion-Hayes - October 14, 2020 at 04:23 PM

RM

“ Reggie and Diann McDaniel purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Akeia Conner.



Reggie and Diann McDaniel - October 14, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



October 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DT

“ To the Conner and Hyman families, you have our deepest sympathy in the transition of your daughter, Akeia Conner. May God Bless you and keep you in his care. The Turner family; Dolores, Charles, and Clarence



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**Dolores Turner** - October 14, 2020 at 08:52 AM

SD

“ This has been such an unreal experience to know you are gone my friend. It is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences and most deepest sympathy to Veronica and the Conner family. I considered Akeia a true friend, she was so dedicated to her craft and sought excellence in all she did. Such an intelligent young lady ready to make changes for the good. She was full of life and spunky to be around. Seeing her grow within the agency, we knew it was in great hands with her coming behind those of us who retired.

*Akeia was such a beautiful soul, thank you Lord for sharing her with us. I know she is with you resting in peace.*

*Love you my friend,  
Susan Dukes*

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**Susan Dukes** - October 14, 2020 at 08:11 AM

SD

“ Susan Dukes purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Akeia Conner.



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**Susan Dukes** - October 14, 2020 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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October 13, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to the Conner/Hyman Family. I Love and respect Akeia to beyond words of expression. I have truly been speechless and lost for words in the sudden and untimely passing of Akeia. Akeia was a great role model, very intelligent beautiful inside and out...always positive, full of wisdom, and gave the best advice just like her Big Sister Veronica. I will truly miss you and our long Amazing conversations. I thank God I was able to give you your Roses while you were here. I Love you to wholenes Queen Akeia Conner❤️ Job Well Done!*

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**Lisa Jordan** - October 13, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *I worked with Akeia off and on for several years. She was always the consummate professional, hard-working, and very warm-hearted. Her contributions to her work were excellent. My condolences to her friends and family.*

*Ariya McGrew, Esq.  
Senior Attorney*

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**Ariya McGrew** - October 13, 2020 at 01:39 PM

IC

“ *IRS 2018 Candidate Development Class purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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**IRS 2018 Candidate Development Class** - October 13, 2020 at 01:31 PM

RG

“ *Randy Gregory purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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**Randy Gregory** - October 13, 2020 at 12:54 PM

RG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Conner and Hyman family during this challenging time. Thank you for sharing your beautiful and caring Akeia with us!*

*When spending time with Akeia at the gun range, I would often tease her about not having her hair done. Trust me, she would tell me about myself and let me know that she would have her hair done when needed, lol!*

*Akeia will be remembered forever!*

*Randy Gregory*

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**Randy Gregory** - October 13, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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October 13, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ *I'm still beyond shocked at the passing of Akeia. While I met her through work, we soon became friends. She was a role model to many, including me. She made people feel welcomed around her, no matter their title/position. We shared a love for fashion and makeup. She was so full of life. I will definitely miss her infectious laugh and sense of humor.*

*To the family, I pray God's comfort and His peace that surpasses all understanding over you all. Akeia was a great person who accomplished a lot in her short time on earth. She will be missed by many, but I know she will live on through the many lives she touched.*

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**Nneka** - October 13, 2020 at 10:53 AM



*Nneka she spoke to me about you often. I felt like I knew you. Deidra*

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**Deidra Hogue** - October 14, 2020 at 11:06 AM

TT

“ To the Conner/Hyman Family, I send my deepest and sincere condolences for the loss of Akeia. May God give you the peace and comfort needed to bring you through this heart-breaking time of sadness. I send healing prayers of comfort to you all.

*Akeia was affectionately known by me as Queen. Admired by the way she wore her natural crown, her exuberate demeanor and how she carried herself with such dignity and honor in CI. She was an excellent leader. I still hear her infectious laugh (that makes me smile). Although, shorter than me (well shorter than most :), I looked up to her as she paved her way for us black women.*

**MAY YOU REST PEACEFULLY QUEEN AKEIA. I AM STILL LOOKING UP TO YOU!!! --Tanya Taylor**

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**Tanya Taylor** - October 13, 2020 at 10:09 AM

GW

“ Akeia was/is a role model to me and many others. Never one to past judgement and accepted people for who they were. I will miss her beautiful personality.

*Sending the Conner/Hyman family prayers of comfort today and always.*

*Gwen Harrison*

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**Gwen** - October 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

CC

“ Akeia was once my Director in IRS/CI but became more of a friend as she went on to other sections. We frequently headed to the cafeteria to pick-up lunch together and had an opportunity to learn about each of our families. She was one of the most genuine, warm, and loving people I know...and that comedic side and laugh will truly be missed.

*My heart breaks with yours and I pour into your family prayers of comfort and a peace that passes all understanding. May God hold each of you close through your bereavement.*

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**CeCe Cypress** - October 13, 2020 at 09:38 AM

CH

“ My deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

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**Cindy Hearn** - October 13, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MK

“ *My sincere condolences to Akeia's mother, and her sister Veronica, and the rest of the family. It was shocking to hear about this. I recall her being so funny with such a joy of life, as well as an incredible work ethic and the smarts that I knew would make her progress very far in her career when I was her special agent in charge in Detroit. It was a joy to have worked with her, known her and to see how well she did. I am so sorry for your loss, as well as CI's loss. So young.*

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**Mark Kroczyński** - October 12, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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October 12, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.*



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October 12, 2020 at 11:58 AM

CF

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss! I met Akeia several years ago when she was an acting supervisor in Charlotte, NC. Us old crusty agents (yes I'm included), were tired and grumpy and gave management a hard time. Akeia came in full of life and a little spitfire. She didn't take anything off of us and appreciated our opinions and our input. I loved her! She came to celebrate Thanksgiving that year with my family and we all were so impressed and grateful to share the holiday with her. Tried to keep up with her over the years and was so proud of her accomplishments as I'm sure her family was as well. This world lost a good one. God bless her and those who loved her!

Cindy Fish

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**Cynthia Fish** - October 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM

KA

“ So sorry for your loss. Met Akeia through a mutual friend. We would continue to cross paths at a fitness center in Philly. She was always smiling even after those rough workouts:-) She will be missed. May God bless you and give you comfort.

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**Karen** - October 10, 2020 at 08:29 AM

RB

“ Reginald Brown purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Akeia Conner.



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**Reginald Brown** - October 09, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 09, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Akeia Conner.



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October 09, 2020 at 11:23 AM