



Chynna Garland-Shepherd

August 31, 1995 - October 4, 2025

Chynna Summer Rai Garland -Shepherd was born on August 31, 1995 to LaRai Posey and Anthony Shepherd in Detroit, MI.

Chynna attended John F. Kennedy and Coolidge Elementary School, Ferndale Middle School, then Ferndale High School-from which she graduated and received her diploma in 2013. Throughout high school, Chynna played basketball, ran cross country, cheered for the varsity team, and danced. Then, as if Chynna hadn't shined enough, she attended Ferndale's cosmetology school and Jackson Community College, which offered Chynna a track scholarship.

After attending Jackson College, she went to Lansing Community College; later Chynna became a substitute teacher. During that time, she began her journey into motherhood and gave birth to her one and only child, David Maurice Kaine Kirkland on June 4, 2016.

After attending cosmetology school, Chynna put her skills to impeccable use. She was often asked to do people's hair and makeup, a testament to her talent and reputation. Chynna never left the house without looking flawless-like a Chynna doll. She always carried herself with confidence and looked like a model wherever she went.

Chynna was a devoted mother who cherished her only child David. Chynna was a loving, caring and attentive aunt. "Cha Cha", as she was affectionately known, was adored by all of her nieces and nephews. Chynna's doors were always open and she was always there for those in need.

She became a homeowner June of 2020, and was very proud of her accomplishment!

Chynna was a dedicated healthcare professional who worked in the medical field as a certified nurse assistant. Her compassion and commitment to caring for others shown brightly throughout her career, especially during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Chynna was deeply nurturing, always putting others first and providing comfort and care to those in need. Her kindness, strength, and unwavering devotion left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Chynna also had vibrant aspirations of becoming her own boss, which led her to step into the world of entrepreneurship. She launched her own company, Maid In Chynna, where she showcased her exceptional skills as a cleaner and organizer. With her sharp eye for detail and strong work ethic, Chynna brought the same level of passion and professionalism to her business as she did to her beauty work.

Chynna loved life and lived it to the fullest, she was always the life of the party! Chynna had a fun-loving soul, a joyful presence and smile that lit up every room. She cherished time spent with her family and friends, but nothing meant more to her than being a mother. David was the center of her world, her greatest joy and proudest accomplishment. Chynna was a wonderful, devoted mother who poured her heart into creating special moments for her son, especially during celebrations. They were legendary filled with love, laughter, and incredible food.

A talented cook, Chynna's meals brought people together and were a source of comfort and happiness to everyone who had the pleasure of enjoying them. Her warmth, generosity, and vibrant spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She will be remembered always for her kindness, laughter, bright smile and the immense love she gave so freely.

Chynna departed this life on October 4, 2025. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Felix and Ruby Garland, and her uncles, Felix II and Marc Garland.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her Mother, LaRai (Leonard) Father Anthony; beloved son David; seven siblings - Rubi, Anthony (Sarah), Araina (Sherrod), Kristian, Akai, Annie, and Jasmine; nine cherished nieces and nephews - Trent, Tristan, Amaru, Soncerai, Kaida, Alina, Ava, Amyah, and Jai; partner Shawn, best friends Brianna, Azian, and Danielle; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Family Hour

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 14, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Chynna Garland-Shepherd*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 16, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Chynna Garland-Shepherd*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 16, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.*



October 17, 2025 at 02:32 AM



“ *The Boone Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.*

The Boone Family - October 17, 2025 at 02:32 AM

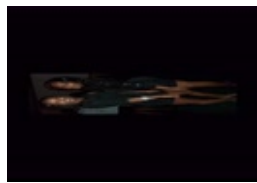


“ *Chyna's smile could light up the world. Her outgoing personality drew me in. She was funny, but always honest with her feelings. For me there was nothing fake about her. She was a delight to be around and always made me smile, and laughed. She was a people person and people loved being around her. My heart is heavy but not for long. 💔*

Johnnie Mae Moore - October 16, 2025 at 11:53 AM

DA

“ Chynna was a loving and caring soul. She loved her son and would do anything for him. Her smile could brighten any room. Chynna was beautiful inside and out a radiant spirit who brought joy wherever she went. She was a loving friend, always there with open arms, non judgmental. She would dance anytime there was music. Chynna will be deeply missed, but her light will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



Danielle - October 16, 2025 at 12:21 AM

KG

“ I can't believe you're really gone, Cha Cha. Wherever you went, you had this incredible way of lighting up the room — the true life of every party. You were unapologetically you, full of life, laughter, and love. It's hard to imagine this world without your energy and your smile. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. You'll always hold a special place in my heart. I love you so much, and I know the party continues with you wherever you are.

Love Ky'Lie (Baby)



Kylie Garland - October 15, 2025 at 07:04 PM

RG

“ A memory of Chynna is she loved her son. She loved her bothers. She loved her sisters. She loved her friends and she loved her family. Chynna was very fun. She was very pretty and always put together. Chynna was always the life of the party. Chynna loved baby David to the moon and back.

Rubi Garland - October 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM

RG

“ Cha Cha,
Sister I loved you so much. I can't stop thinking of you. I miss you so much. We were so close. I talked to you every day. I miss calling people on three way with you. You always made me laugh sister. You lived a great life's you were a great sister. Chynna I miss you so much, so, so much. My life has been so incomplete without you. It's hard to go on, I know you're in a better place baby sister. I still mention your name. I often stare at your name hoping you will call. David reminds me of you. I miss your cooking. Chynna you will truly be missed. Cha cha you were my inspiration, my baby I love you. I will see you later baby sister.

Love your big sister Rubi



Rubi Garland - October 15, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AW

“ My memory of Chyna was of a sister that loved her family. She had a caring and loving heart on earth as she will in heaven. God will look over her son David all the years of his life. We will miss you, Rest in peace ** Love you from grandma Anita!

Anita Whatley - October 15, 2025 at 04:14 PM

AH

“ Baby sister you will truly be missed. You are a wonderful person inside and out. A fantastic mother and a wonderful sister get your rest, baby girl love always your big sister Annie.



Annie Hinton - October 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ Trevor Schultz & Schultz family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.



Trevor Schultz & Schultz family - October 15, 2025 at 12:04 PM

AK

“ Hey cousin , I miss you so much . You was the only person I ever looked up to . The only person to ever believe in me. I’m going to cherish every memory we have , from being kids to adults. I loved every moment of life with you . I never had a older sister but you was mines . I’m going to forever miss your big smile and pretty laugh .



Armanie Kimbrough - October 15, 2025 at 09:49 AM

BO

“ Friend, from being cheetah girls making up dance routines , to doing cheer and dance together , to experiencing adulthood with you I just want to say thank you. Thank you for being a genuine friend and thank you for having the heart you did, i love you and just know it’s gone be a reunion when i see you again ☐ 🟤 sisters to the end



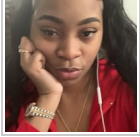
Brianna Owens - October 15, 2025 at 06:53 AM

BF

“ Buchanan/ Cochran family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.



Buchanan/ Cochran family - October 14, 2025 at 11:28 PM



“ Chy Chy,
I watched you grow up and I would never think you would leave here so soon. I'm going to miss our 3 way calls... I won't have anyone to talk to when Rubi goes on mute... I love your family and I thank yall for caring for me and my kids... I will always be here no matter what



Chelsea Giles - October 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

TO

“ Chy you are already missed so much by many. I thank your family for sharing you with us/Brianna family!!
*Gone but never forgotten 🦋
May you rest peacefully!!*

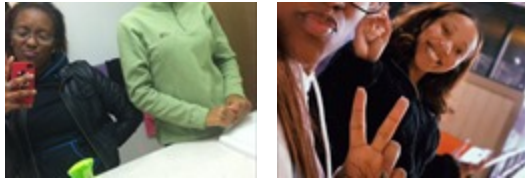


*Auntie
Tosha*

Toshiana - October 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AG

“ I cant believe im writing this for my forever friend.. one of my closest friends, i miss you so much! such a beautiful soul, inside and out. i dont know what im doing, i just pray you guide me because im so lost. we talked about, and did so much together some days are harder than others.. every second, minute, hour is different.. you were a part of my everyday life friend.. i love you so much. watch over David & the rest of us. you did a GREAT job friend! Love Always, A



Azian Gray - October 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM

TH

“ The Scotts,Thomas,and Hawthorns. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.



The Scotts,Thomas,and Hawthorns. - October 14, 2025 at 06:35 PM

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The Scotts,Thomas,and Hawthorns. - October 14, 2025 at 06:35 PM

BH

“ *She was the most funny outgoing person I ever met. She used to borrow my usher cds and listen to them. I'll miss her laugh her smile and everything else. She will be dearly missed and loved by her classmates and friends and family. Rest in peace sweet lady*

bryan hagedon - October 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.*



October 14, 2025 at 09:43 AM

WF

“ *William Wesley and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Chynna Garland-Shepherd.*



William Wesley and Family - October 13, 2025 at 11:03 AM