



## Shana Travis Darnell

February 5, 1972 - October 14, 2023

Our beautiful daughter, Shana Travis Darnell, was born at Northside Hospital on February 5, 1972 to proud parents, Nancy and Sheridan Lee.

Early in her life, she showed talent and interest in art and especially, photography. Her talented father taught her to use professional cameras at a very early age.

She attended Fulton County Schools and graduated from Walton High School.

After graduation from High School, she attended Atlanta College of Art and graduated from that college. She excelled in photography and later worked for companies, such as, Turner and CNN. She also lived in New York and worked for a New York Magazine. Shana did some fashion modeling for a magazine in Paris. She had a keen sense of design.

Shana had a love for music, especially 80's music and especially Duran Duran.

Wherever she went, she made friends and had a great understanding and love for people.

She lit up the room and everyone gravitated to her.

In 2006, she married Brandon Darnell, son of Karen and Phillip Darnell. She and Brandon have two sons, Trevor Darnell (16) and Grant Darnell (14). She has been a wonderful mother and wife. She has always put others first. She would do anything for her boys and helped Trevor with Boy Scouts and Chorus and Grant with swimming and other sports.

Shana is preceded in death by her maternal Grandparents, Travis and Theodore Smith, her paternal Grandparents, Olene and Ralph Lee, her father, Sheridan Lee, her uncle, Tim Lee, father-in-law, Phillip Darnell, two very close family friends, Jim Bowers and Len Phillipps.

Shana is survived by her mother, Nancy Lee, husband, Brandon Darnell, son, Trevor Darnell, son, Grant Darnell, brother-in-law, Greg Darnell, aunt and uncle of Brandon's, Angie and Alan Darnell, aunt and uncle, Barbara and Ted Smith (Nancy Lee's sister-in-law and brother) aunt, Dianna Lee, cousin, David Lee Blalock, long-time family friends, Barbara Phillipps and Dianne Debter.

We honor her at a funeral visitation at 11:00AM-12:30PM and special service at 1:00PM on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. These services will be at  
Northside Chapel  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA 30075

Internment will be at Green Lawn Cemetery on Mansell Road, Roswell, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to "Go Fund Me" honoring our loving and caring Shana Travis Darnell.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-shana-fund-for-her-boys?ut>

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May the beauty of Shana burn brightly forever and light up people's hearts.

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy  
Roswell, GA 30076

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
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Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ I’m so sorry to hear about Shana. She was a good friend when we were children and we had so much fun together. She was a warm, loving, intelligent, and kind person who was beautiful inside and out. My heart goes out to her family who I know meant the absolute world to her.

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**Tanya MacLeod** - December 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM

CL

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Shana. Her son, Grant, and my son, Colin, are friends. Shana was so friendly, generous, and welcoming to my son when he would spend time with her family on their boat at the lake. She always told me how much she adored my son! The first time I met Shana in person, she jumped out of her car and gave me a big bear hug like she had known me for forever! Sending our love and prayers to her family!

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**Christie Longshore** - October 24, 2023 at 05:57 PM

CR

“ We're so sorry for the loss of Shana. Although we were cousins but had never met. She was known throughout our family as a wonderful and loving mother. and guiding light for her husband and children. God bless Shana.

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**Christofer Rasmussen** - October 24, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ Brandon and Family, Shana was so important to my father and Barbara. Her impact on our family and her kindness to everyone is immeasurable. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Scott Phillipps** - October 24, 2023 at 11:23 AM

DE

“ Dear Brandon:  
We don't know you or Shana very well. We only met a couple of times at the lake (we are the English couple with the Chaparral cabin cruiser) but we enjoyed your company and had fun. We will have very fond memories of Shana. We are so saddened to learn of your loss and feel for you and Trevor and Grant, particularly and for all of Shana's family. Our hearts go out to you all.  
David and Louise Evans

David Evans - October 24, 2023 at 09:26 AM

BD

Thank you so much. She made an impact on people even if she did not know them that long.

Brandon Darnell - January 10, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ Butterfly Whispers - Not Forgotten was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



October 24, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ Forever and Always Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



October 24, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ *Yellow Open Rose with Two Tone Fern (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



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October 23, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Virgil and Hilda Lowe purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



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**Virgil and Hilda Lowe** - October 23, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shana Travis Darnell.*

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October 23, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



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October 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



October 23, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



October 23, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



October 23, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *Mike, Liz and Nicolas Crisafi purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.*



**Mike, Liz and Nicolas Crisafi** - October 22, 2023 at 05:31 PM

AB

“ *Shana was always and will forever be a dancing queen for me. Our days and nights at Cafe Intermezzo and the Point, as well as love for Duran Duran will be some of the fondest memories of my life. She lit up any room she entered. We love you.*

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**Allison Burgueno** - October 21, 2023 at 12:01 PM

EB

“ *The first time I spoke with Shana in an interview, I knew she was incredibly special. My coworker and I wanted to hire her on the spot. She just exuded such a radiant, creative, enthusiastic energy. She was so switched on.*

*Shana was so genuinely kind and generous with her time and talents – she never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was full of sensitivity, empathy and was such a great story teller. It was clear she lived such a full and adventurous life. But at her core was her family. Our work calls always ended up on the topic of family – her husband, her boys, her mom. She loved her family so deeply, and it was beautiful to witness.*

*I am so glad to have had the honor of knowing such a beautiful soul. I'll always think of her when I hear Duran Duran! Shana has left an unforgettable mark on the world and her absence will be felt deeply by our team at work. My heartfelt condolences go out to her family and a friends. Sending so much love your way.*

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**Elizabeth Braud** - October 20, 2023 at 10:22 AM

MB

“ A friend asked me about Shana, this was my reply. “Shana was very VERY smart and always so positive! Funny and an extremely talented photographer. Sweet , gentle, caring and kind. She lit up every room she walked in to.”

Mindy Bloom - October 20, 2023 at 08:45 AM

TW

“ The Wright's purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



The Wright's - October 19, 2023 at 09:43 PM

MK

“ I'm so fortunate to have worked with Shana as part of the Cisco creative department. She had a calming presence and positive energy, always accompanied with a smile. Her enthusiasm for all things creative and the team will always stay with me. Prayers to the family.

Matthew Klug - October 19, 2023 at 07:55 PM

MT

“ Mitch & Victoria Torbett purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



Mitch & Victoria Torbett - October 19, 2023 at 07:48 PM

MT

“ Mitch & Victoria Torbett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shana Travis Darnell.

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**Mitch & Victoria Torbett** - October 19, 2023 at 07:48 PM

EH

“ Shana had an incredible ability to make you feel comfortable, laugh, and inspire you in one conversation. She was a light and had such a passion for family, photography, and life.

While working with Shana, she would go the extra mile to really connect with everyone on a personal level. She gave me so much encouragement before and after I had my daughter and I treasured all of her tips, tricks, and advice on motherhood. It was very evident how special and important her family was to her.

Words cannot express how deeply Shana will be missed. Sending my thoughts and prayers to her family and friends.

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**Elizabeth Hamilton** - October 19, 2023 at 07:12 PM

BS

“ Shana was always so sweet, kind, and patient when she spoke to me, despite all of the pressure and urgency of everything going on around us. She always took the time to connect on a human level. Our team was lucky to have someone like her, and I'm glad I worked with someone who set such a high bar in her approach to work relationships. She really had a light in her that stood out even when not communicating face-to-face. She was such a warm person and she will be very missed.

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**Becca Shoemaker** - October 19, 2023 at 03:58 PM

JN

“ *The world has just become dimmer because Shana was a beam of light. Sorry that she’s no longer on this earth but we will meet again in heaven.*  
*Condolences to the family. 🙏*



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**Julie Newland-Levy** - October 19, 2023 at 02:55 PM

SC

“ *Shana was one of a kind.*  
*She showed us the world thru a lens of kindness, brightness, and warmth and added her own sparkles with smiles and her fun spirit to everything. An example to live by . She has left a big void in our team, and my heart.*

*She loved her family to no end, and we could talk for hours about each of ours, our childhood memories, our values, our plans and shared a very special bond with photography.*

*Her soul will eternally be imprinted in my heart, and I am going to miss her endless brightness and beautiful soul in my everyday . She always had a fun spin on things, never stopped surprising me with creative talents, or funny stories, always there to listen, to check on you, to offer help professionally and personally . I will miss you Shana. My deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers for her family and friends.*

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**Sandra Cifo** - October 19, 2023 at 02:22 PM

JB

“ Shana was truly one of the kindest people that I've had the pleasure of working with at Cisco. She was genuine, humble, conscientious, tireless, creative, responsive, problem-solving, and a thousand other enviable character traits. She will be sorely missed, and forever remembered. My deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers for her family and friends.

Jason Busa - October 19, 2023 at 01:27 PM

FA

“ It is very hard to believe that Sahana is not among us. I'll always remember Sahana's smile and politeness. Her kids and family will remain in my thoughts. Shana will be truly missed! May Allah give patience to all the family members-

Fahad - October 19, 2023 at 12:27 PM

NA

“ When you spoke with Shana, you could hear the warmth of her soul in her voice. She was truly a special, talented and one hell of a woman who absolutely adored her family of which she was very proud. Our team won't be the same without this bright light that was Shana. We miss you Shana. To Shana's family and friends, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Much love.

Noorah Jayne Al-Hussaini - October 19, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



October 19, 2023 at 11:19 AM

MK

“ *Shana Travis Darnell had been a part of my life for over thirty years. I want to tell the stories and the memories of her but I feel now is a time for her family she left behind. Her mother Nancy, Brandon her husband and their sons Trevor and Grant need our love and support. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers, I know they're lost is overwhelming.*

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**Michael S Kavanaugh** - October 19, 2023 at 11:11 AM

TP

“ *Shana was a unicorn, a truly special person, who loved her family so deeply and cared about them endlessly. We will forever be grateful she was part of our work family and miss our life conversations and shared moments. Our prayers and love are with the family during this time of loss.*

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**Tanya Ponce** - October 19, 2023 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ *I remember Shana for her smile and her energetic personality. Shana joined the Cisco team as such a bright light and never had a negative thing to say. She often shared stories about her amazing time spent with family and friends. May you find warmth in knowing that all of us at work thought so highly of her and we miss her dearly. Sending my deepest condolences to the Darnell family and friends.*

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**Sarah Mateo** - October 19, 2023 at 10:53 AM

NB

“ *Shana's passing has left a hole in so many people's hearts. I am grateful for the time I had with her and our morning coffee talk. She will never be forgotten. Fly high with the angels, Shana.*

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**Nikki Buono** - October 19, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BM

“ Shana was a great part of our AM team at Cisco. We both joined the team around the same time, and I worked closely with her since 2021. Her absence will be felt here, and she won't be forgotten. Her family and kids are in my thoughts. She spoke of her kids often and trips her family would take together that seemed like such great memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Britney Marsh - October 19, 2023 at 09:13 AM

AC

“ All of us at Alderman loved working with Shana and were grief stricken at this loss. We know, however, that it is not a loss but a separation for a time. Jesus himself made a place for Shana (John 14:3) where today she is in the presence of the Lord. We are praying for the family for God's peace and comfort which are so needed now.

Alderman Company - October 19, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Shana Travis Darnell.



October 19, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shana Travis Darnell.

October 19, 2023 at 08:16 AM

GD

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Grant Darnell - October 18, 2023 at 11:28 PM

LT

*These are great, Grant!*

Layla Torkelson - October 19, 2023 at 09:13 AM

KD

*I met Shana about thirty years ago through my brother. She was always kind and helpful towards my family. We all loved her because she was truly good-hearted and a vibrant person. Shana will always have a special place in our hearts. My condolences to her family.*

Kelly DeLozier - October 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BD

*Beautiful Grant,, I love you so much!!!!*

Brandon Darnell - January 10, 2024 at 07:51 PM

MB

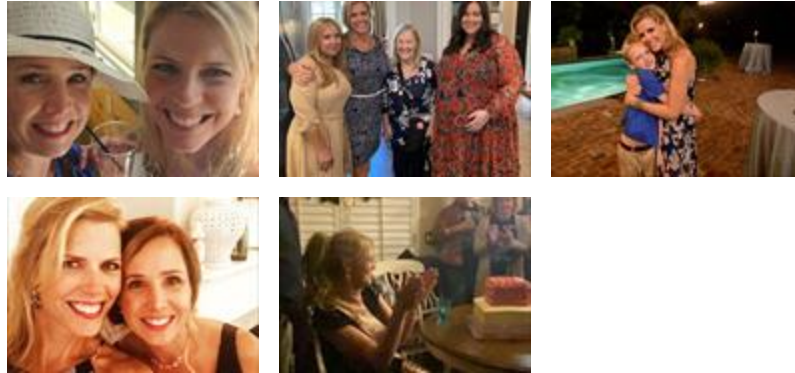
“ *The world has lost an INCREDIBLE woman. Shana, you are the brightest star shining down upon all of us. You will be missed my lovely.*



Mindy Bloom - October 18, 2023 at 09:42 PM

LT

“ 5 files added to the album *Shana Banana*



Layla Torkelson - October 18, 2023 at 03:35 PM

DL

“ Joe and I loved everything about Shana. When Phillip passed away, she was an angel who took care of everything and everyone. Such a beautiful lady who radiated love and joy where ever she was. I am heartsick and praying for the whole family. Dianne and Joe

Dianne G. Lazzari - October 18, 2023 at 02:07 PM

LT

“ Shana left an indelible mark on my life. Her impact on this world was larger than life itself and the earth will never be the same without her here. It will be so hard to go on without her, but go on, we must. Shine bright forever and ever, sweet girl! I love you!!!



Layla Torkelson - October 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM