



Larken Sharon Akins

December 31, 1979 - January 23, 2026

Larken Akins of Upper Marlboro, Maryland passed away on Jan 23, 2026. Her loved ones are composing her obituary, which you will be able to read [here](#).

Cemetery Details

Washington Memory Gardens

701 Ridge Rd
Thornton, IL 60476

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center
7046 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church
754 East 77th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church
754 East 77th Street
Chicago, IL 60619

Burial/Interment

FEB 14. 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Washington Memory Gardens
701 Ridge Rd
Thornton, IL 60476

Repast

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lighthouse Church Of All Nations
4501 W. 127th St
Alsip, IL 60803

Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

April 08 at 03:50 PM



“ I worked with Larken briefly many years ago but I still remember what a wonderful person she was and what a pleasure it was working with her. Kevin Koplín SOL/OSHA

Kevin Koplín - March 06 at 04:01 PM



“ Jannette B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Jannette B. - February 20 at 11:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

February 14 at 07:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

February 13 at 06:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



February 13 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

February 13 at 02:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



February 13 at 10:48 AM



“ *Crenshaw & Willis kids purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



Crenshaw & Willis kids - February 12 at 02:54 PM

JH

“ *Janita Harrell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



Janita Harrell - February 12 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



February 12 at 08:37 AM

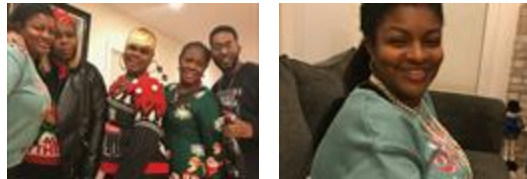


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.*

February 12 at 08:37 AM

SS

“ *Our dear cousin was such a blessing to have around, she had a beautiful soul. She will be forever missed 🙏💙🦋*



Shay Shaw - February 11 at 11:56 PM

WL

“ With love, Edward & Tiffany Little purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



With love, Edward & Tiffany Little - February 11 at 06:39 PM

PR

“ Paul and Monica ricardo purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Paul and Monica ricardo - February 11 at 06:06 PM

PR

“ Paul and Monica ricardo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Paul and Monica ricardo - February 11 at 06:06 PM

TD

“ Tanker Dave purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Tanker Dave - February 11 at 04:27 PM

VW

“ We Lost A Angel 🙏 and that Angel happen to be my Baby Cousin , Venita WK.



Venita West - February 11 at 11:56 AM

OF

“ OSHA DTSEM Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



OSHA DTSEM Family - February 11 at 07:32 AM

JW

“ Jonathan W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Jonathan W. - February 10 at 10:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 10 at 07:48 PM

DC

“ On behalf of the OSHA Chicago Regional Office, Cooperative Programs Unit, we honor the memory of Larken Akins.

Larken’s kindness, steady presence, and willingness to help others brightened our days and strengthened our work. We will remember Larken by treating people with respect, solving problems patiently, and serving our mission wholeheartedly. Thank you, Larken, for your friendship and contributions. You are deeply missed and warmly remembered.



Darnell Crenshaw - February 09 at 03:32 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 09 at 03:12 PM

DD

“ Department of Labor/OSHA - DEP planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Department of Labor/OSHA - DEP - February 09 at 03:12 PM

EF

“ Evann Winfield & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Evann Winfield & Family - February 09 at 03:06 PM

EF

“ Evann Winfield & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Evann Winfield & Family - February 09 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ The Agyarko Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



The Agyarko Family - February 09 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ The Agyarko Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

The Agyarko Family - February 09 at 02:46 PM

MC

“ Michelle Marsha Greg Dana MS Cousins purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Michelle Marsha Greg Dana MS Cousins - February 09 at 12:19 AM

MC

“ Michelle Marsha Greg Dana MS Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Michelle Marsha Greg Dana MS Cousins - February 09 at 12:19 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 08 at 03:11 PM

AR

“ AKA Sorority Inc. Central Region planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

AKA Sorority Inc. Central Region - February 08 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ Sending my love. My Soror loves you so baby girls.



Ms. My - February 08 at 01:05 AM

AB

“ Azizi B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Azizi B. - February 07 at 10:48 PM

AL

“ Angeline Loftus purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Angeline Loftus - February 07 at 06:49 PM

SO

“ Soror G. Rainie Notice - ST.L. OTO purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Soror G. Rainie Notice - ST.L. OTO - February 07 at 05:07 PM

SO

“ Soror G. Rainie Notice - ST.L. OTO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Soror G. Rainie Notice - ST.L. OTO - February 07 at 05:07 PM

LC

“ Love Always, Soror Sheila and Celeste purchased the Memorial Trees for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Love Always, Soror Sheila and Celeste - February 07 at 08:58 AM

OR

“ OSHA San Francisco Region purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



OSHA San Francisco Region - February 06 at 07:37 PM

OR

“ OSHA San Francisco Region planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

OSHA San Francisco Region - February 06 at 07:37 PM

CD

“ *Larken, my dear friend, mentor, and colleague. So sorely missed. Always the voice of reason and right when i needed to hear it most.*
❤️💔



Christina Dragon - February 06 at 05:36 PM

SS

“ *Stephen S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.*

Stephen S. - February 06 at 03:10 PM

DS

“ *This still doesn't feel right to me! My heart and mind just won't accept it! It's like I am patiently waiting for you to let me know you're back from one of your trips and we need to catch up. My heart is so broken and sad! Thank you for being a genuine, authentic sweet friend!*

I know we had plans to workout and keep each other accountable on our health fitness journey! I know we had plans to hangout and do some good things in the world! I will miss you my dear friend! May you rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏🙏💔



Denise Simmonds-Barnes - February 06 at 02:38 PM

AL

“ Andrew L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Andrew L. - February 06 at 12:45 PM

MH

“ Mekia H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Mekia H. - February 06 at 11:16 AM

ME

“ This is still truly unbelievable. I miss you LoyalLovingLarken. Who else is gonna let me call them at 4am and say “what you doin”? You always saw the glass half full and were intentional about your family, friends and loved one’s. I know heaven has gained an Angel. Until I see you again.....



Mekia - February 06 at 11:11 AM

JK

“ With a heavy heart I express my deepest condolences on the untimely passing of Larken. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with Larken at OSHA. I'll fondly remember our warm conversations, often laughing about how we were like the show "The Office." Larken's work ethic was something I deeply admired; striving for excellence and committed to meeting her goals. May Larken rest in eternal peace. She will be deeply missed. Jennifer Kim



Jennifer Kim - February 06 at 07:43 AM

SG

“ Soror Lenita Gipson purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Soror Lenita Gipson - February 05 at 10:44 PM

SG

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Soror Lenita Gipson - February 05 at 10:44 PM

OI

“ Omicron Eta Omega Chapter of AKA, Inc. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Omicron Eta Omega Chapter of AKA, Inc. - February 05 at 10:29 PM

OI

“ Omicron Eta Omega Chapter of AKA, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Omicron Eta Omega Chapter of AKA, Inc. - February 05 at 10:29 PM

AM

“ Larken was a beautiful, fun, and caring young lady. She came out to walk with the Conqueror’s Crew and kept right in step with the sisterhood. Her big, bright energy quickly made her a part of our GirlTrek family, and we truly loved her spirit. We will miss her deeply, but we will forever hold close the memories we shared with her. Our heartfelt prayers and condolences go out to her family— may you find peace and comfort in the memories you cherish together. 💙 GirlTrek Conqueror’s Crew...



Aletha Mills - February 05 at 09:06 PM

TM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Taunya Martin - February 05 at 04:59 PM



“ Larken's smile could light up a room. Her warmth and caring spirit will truly be missed by all those that she touched.



Aesha Binion - February 05 at 12:12 PM

NR

“ Nelson R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Nelson R. - February 05 at 08:41 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 04 at 10:06 PM

TW

“ Tanya Woodson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Tanya Woodson - February 04 at 10:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 04 at 09:08 PM

W(

“ Whitney Hymes (soror/colleague/friend) purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Whitney Hymes (soror/colleague/friend) - February 04 at 05:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 04 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *The Hinton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.*

The Hinton Family - February 04 at 05:11 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Patterson-Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Larken Sharon Akins*



Barbara Patterson-Porter - February 04 at 01:45 PM

AK

“ *Twenty-one years wasn't long enough. Soror Larken Akins was a beautiful soul whose kindness knew no bounds. As the glue of our line, she held us close with her radiant smile and her even bigger heart. My life is better because I walked this path with her. Rest in Power, my dear line sister. Soror Andrea Kellum*



Andrea Kellum - February 04 at 01:28 PM

MC

“ *My prayers and condolences to Larken Family. RIH my friend, you will be missed. Funny I just came across a picture of you in 2016 when you was leaving Milwaukee OSHA Office.*



Markesha Carter - February 04 at 01:19 PM

FS

“ From your line sisters purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



From your line sisters - February 04 at 11:53 AM

FS

“ From your line sisters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

From your line sisters - February 04 at 11:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 04 at 11:14 AM

NR

“ Nikki Ray & Sierra Ray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Nikki Ray & Sierra Ray - February 04 at 11:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.*



February 03 at 10:37 PM



“ *Shawn, Karen and Jacob Hughes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.*

Shawn, Karen and Jacob Hughes - February 03 at 10:37 PM



“ *Larken, to know you was to love you because you were such a light. A beautiful, deeply thoughtful and kind human. I still cannot believe that our last time together is really our last time. Every opportunity I have to choose kindness and care, I will do so with you in mind, and send love up to the heavens.*



Tiffany - February 03 at 08:23 PM

LB

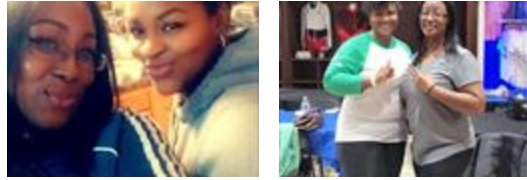
“ Love Malaun Yuille, Tiffany Brantley purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Love Malaun Yuille, Tiffany Brantley - February 03 at 07:49 PM

TW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tanya Woodson - February 03 at 07:27 PM

TW

“ Larken carried the kind of light that doesn't just shine, it heals. Her presence felt like sunlight breaking through clouds, warm, steady and impossible to ignore. She moved with the grace of angels, gentle yet powerful, spreading peace wherever she went. There is a quiet strength in her spirit, the kind that lifts others without asking for recognition, the kind that restores hope simply by being near. Like the strongest and most beautiful flower in full bloom, Larken stands resilient through every season. She has weathered storms, yet her petals remain open, still offering beauty, still offering fragrance, still offering life. Her heart overflowed with love, and she gave it freely to her family and friends, nurturing them with compassion, loyalty, and unwavering care. To know Larken is to experience kindness in motion. She loved without limits. I love you and I will miss you 🌸🕊️🙏❤️



Tanya Woodson - February 03 at 07:22 PM

CO

“ Soror Larken, your beautiful spirit of peace, love and patience will last a lifetime. You were the epitome of a Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc. who truly cared about people and service all the while giving credit where it was due. Can't believe you are gone.

You shined so bright here on earth, know you're shining even brighter from above. See you on the other side...

Ceola Oware

Ceola Oware - February 03 at 07:11 PM

CA

“ Larken had the nicest smile and laugh of anyone I've met. Her heart showed through every time I needed a friend or had something to talk with her about. She confided in and trusted friends making me feel like we knew each other for ever. 20 years may feel like a long time to know some people and for others, like Larken, you just wish you had more time with them.

Carlos - February 03 at 05:53 PM



“ Your memory will live on forever. Love you dearly friend/soror! Get your rest ☐♥
#ISURedbirds #AKA



Jay Lew - February 03 at 04:56 PM

FA

“ From Old National Bank (Brandon Akins) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



From Old National Bank (Brandon Akins) - February 03 at 04:43 PM

FA

“ From Old National Bank (Brandon Akins) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

From Old National Bank (Brandon Akins) - February 03 at 04:43 PM

SG

“ Sorors Winnie and Gernise purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



Sorors Winnie and Gernise - February 02 at 09:51 PM

SG

“ Sorors Winnie and Gernise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larken Sharon Akins.

Sorors Winnie and Gernise - February 02 at 09:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larken Sharon Akins.



February 02 at 01:53 PM

CR

“ Larken Akins, this is so hard to process. I'm going to miss our talks and giggles. I was just over the moon, when Curt Roberts brought you home the first time. I remember at Grandpa's 90th Birthday party, when they called for photos with the grandkids. You stood over to the side, and the whole crew turned around and said LARKEN GET OVER HERE! LOL! CHILE, yes we already knew you would be our sister in love. I was so excited for everything to come for you and my brother. I loved you from day one. I remember when you came down to SC without Curtis, and we had a blast. You had Tanishia Ketani trying frog legs and all kinds of different foods. I was not interested at all 🤢🤢🤢🤢😭😭😭. It was a blessing to have you in our family. I loved chatting and giggling with you, knowing good and well we both should've been working. You would always say Chris, are you on break yet? Sometimes, I would be and sometimes I wouldn't, but either way I was going to talk to my sister in love. I would throw that Bluetooth in and flip my hair around. The girls loved you so much, and thank you for loving my baby and nieces just like your own. I wake up out of my sleep crying and thinking about you. I'm so glad I was able to love you and tell you how much I loved you during every talk and visit. Curtis and I were supposed to be planning something for our Birthday coming up this Saturday. Last year we shut that karaoke bar down, and a time was had. You came to our family through the love shared between you and my brother. We fell in love with you too. To know Larken was to absolutely love her. She was kind, loving, intelligent, beautiful, God Fearing, classy, a hustler, and so much more. She love her nieces beyond the moon!!! She loved her family and friends. She loved my brother so much, and for that I'm forever grateful. Rest in Jesus my Sweet sister in Love Larken. We drove straight to Virginia to pray over and love on you, standing boldly in faith for your miracle. You were made whole. We will forever love you and your legacy speaks volumes. 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀 ~LSA~🙏🙏🙏 EVERYTHING WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE I'M WORKING TRIPLE TIME TO GET IT ACCOMPLISHED.

Chrislon Roberts - February 01 at 07:49 AM

LS

“ I was lucky to work with Larken at OSHA. She was such a professional, always going out of her way to do more, help more. But I also enjoyed just talking to her because she was such a warm and caring person. She will be remembered and missed.

Laura Seeman - January 31 at 06:49 PM