

The Lisa V. Herbert-Cato Memorial Scholarship



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Lisa started working at the local library in Silver Spring, MD at the age of 14 because she loved to read and learn new things. She also attended Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, MD where she excelled academically. Lisa and her family moved to Ladysmith, VA the summer prior to her 12th grade year, where she graduated from Caroline High School. After graduating, she pursued an associate degree at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College. She furthered her education by going to Mary Washington College and obtaining her bachelor's degree in psychology. Afterwards, she started teaching 3rd grade at Smith Station Elementary School, in Fredericksburg, VA. She then pursued her master's degree in education with a concentration in Instructional Design, from George Mason University. When she graduated, she went to work for K-12 Inc. in Mclean, VA developing online curriculum for students. She eventually decided to move on from K-12, Inc after several years and transitioned to Lockheed Martin as a Contractor, where she worked at Marine Corps Base Quantico as a Course Curriculum Developer for the Enlisted Professional Military Education (EPME) Command. After a few years out of teaching, she decided to return to what she loved most and teach 3rd grade again at Lafayette Upper Elementary School here in Fredericksburg, VA. She eventually obtained her 2nd master's degree from Mary Washington University thereby, becoming a Literacy Coach/Reading Specialist at Hugh Mercer Elementary with Fredericksburg City Public Schools. Lisa has been a member of Shiloh Baptist Church New Site for close to 25 years. She was a member of the Healthcare Ministry, Youth Ministry, Prayer Ministry, and the Social Justice ministry, an avid coordinator and teacher in Shiloh's annual Vacation Bible School event and was the President of the Missionary Ministry.

The family of Sister Lisa V. Herbert-Cato is pleased to announce that a \$2,500.00 scholarship has been established in her honor. She accomplished so much in her short life as a great mother to Isaiah, a loving wife to her husband Cato, a treasured daughter, sister, friend, and a devoted Christian. Lisa was an avid learner, an outstanding educator, and an inspirational leader of the Shiloh Baptist Church (New Site) Missionary Ministry. This scholarship will help to continue her legacy, the immense love that she had for education, and fulfil her dream of providing a continuing education to students of the Fredericksburg, VA area.

The \$2,500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a high school graduate that is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church (New Site) who plan to attend an accredited college, university, or trade school. Funds can be used for tuition and books