The moment that you left me
My heart split in two
One side filled with memories
The other side left with you

I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
and take a walk down memory
lane
With tears falling down my cheek

Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away

I hold you tightly within my
heart
And there you will remain
As our lives go on without you
It will never be normal again

### "LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST WITH NO REGRETS!"

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Friends of the Family

#### FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Ushers of Philippian Community Church

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Monique Denise would like to express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to us during this time of sorrow.

May God bless each of you.

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MONIQUE DENISE ELLIS was born March 1, 1982 in Jacksonville, Florida. She attended local schools before graduating from Edward H. White. From the band to track & field and more, Monique was very active in school. She was selected for National Honor Society, Most School Spirit, and Future Business Leaders of America. School served as one of Monique's first stages on which she stood out as a "Coach's Cho" athlete, a regional- and state-qualifier in track & field, and a multiple metal competitor. After graduating class of 2000, she pursued her education by studying nursing at Florida A&M University, earning her bachelor's in Public Health from University of North Florida and receiving her Master of Business Administration degree in Healthcare Management.

Monique Denise's love for music began at a very young age. Being brought up in the church, Monique's sound is very soulful. From there, her passion for soulful R&B was born. As a Performing Artist, Monique established a portfolio of music that moved the listener through sharing authentic and encouraging words that embody her journey. Musical contributions by Monique Denise have been featured locally since 2017 as well as singing at the Apollo in New York City in Sept, 2019 and several venues throughout Florida. As a 2-time Apollo-winning vocalist and 2022 Battle of Bands winner, Monique grew to see singing as a ministry. Her audiences regularly expressed how deeply blessed they were by her life, her liveliness, and her lyrics.

Monique Denise Ellis went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 7th, 2023. She was proceeded in death by her maternal grandparents, Jimmie and Millie Powell; her bonus grandparents, Kenneth and Helen Stoney; and her cousin, Alisha Hicks (Jones).

Monique leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Christian Alexander Ellis, Audrey Monae Ellis, and Kennedy Simone Ellis; her mother, Loretta Stoney; father, Markeith Stoney, sister, Denisha Williams; brothers, Charles Williams Jr. (Appifani) and Marcus Stoney (Leah); her birth father Charles Williams Sr., and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and many longtime friends.

Much love and sincere thanks to Rashard Lavender who was there for Monique through it all.

Monique's own words encourage friends and family forward. Knowing this is #TheNewNormal, Monique reminds us all, "It's Now OR Never!"



## ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding - Elder Ken Amaro

Processional

"Journey"

Monique Ellis

Solo

Kiyonna Tutson

Monique Denise Band

Prayer

Bishop Eric Ellis
New Restoration Outreach Christian Center

Raleigh, NC

Scripture

Pastor Kevin Lavant
Oasis International Ministries of Jacksonville

Reflections (Two Minutes Please)

Christian Ellis (Son)
Pastor Denisha Williams (Sister)
Elder Loretta Stoney (Mother)

Solo

Angela Perkins

Monique Denise Band

Eulogy

Bishop Virgil C. Jones Senior Pastor

Committal

Dr. Virgil C. Jones, Jr.

Recessional