

LIFE STORY

La'Toya Konica Lewis, daughter of Lonnie and Brenda Lewis Sr. was born on May 21, 1983, in Jacksonville, Florida. La'Toya was affectionately known as "Nikki". This nickname came from the fictional character Nikki Abbott from The Young and The Restless.

At an early age, La'Toya joined her maternal grandmother's church, New Redeem Missionary Baptist Church.

As a child growing up, a pastime on Saturday mornings was watching wrestling. This led to performing wrestling moves with her siblings, Ronrica and Rontrez. On many occasions it led to her getting injured, telling on her brother, and after 10 minutes saying, "Let's do it again". Following this Saturday morning routine, she could be found at her grand aunt and uncle's house, Shirley and the late Cornelius Shields. Then on Sunday afternoons, she cried because she was not ready to go home. She attended local schools in Jacksonville, Florida, graduating from First Coast High School.

La'Toya worked various jobs throughout her adult life. When the opportunity became available, she worked the last 2 years of her life at Oceanway Elementary School. She was able to see her 2 younger children during the school day. This brought her so much joy.

La'Toya's 1st love was her children. Whenever you saw her, her children were right behind her. If she was out with friends, her daughters would call to find out when she was coming home. She lived her life surrounded by the love of her family and close friends.

After a courageous 4-year fight with Stage 4 Breast Cancer, she transitioned to her new life surrounded by family on Tuesday February 20, 2024. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Lorene Carter and paternal grandmother, Alice Lewis.

She will truly be missed by her loving daughters; Ayanna Lewis, Henna Gamble, and Carlee Gamble; her devoted and loving parents; Lonnie and Brenda Lewis Sr, her brothers; Lonnie Lewis Jr and Rontrez Pinkney (Tonya); her sisters, Barbara Brown (Gregory) and Ronrica Troy (Daniel); aunts, Shirley Shields, Mary Douglas, Geraldine McNair (Benjamin), Joann Tyner (Travis), Marilyn Laidler (Kim), Tara Greogory (Andre), Mary Jones (Shakeem); uncles, Herman Phoenix (Sonya) and Jimmy Lee Lewis; childhood friend, Ketra Barnes and a host of relatives and friends.



ORDER of SERVICE

Reverend Stephanie McGhee, Presiding Union Community AME Church

Processional

Invocation

Pastor Willie Addison, Jr.

Christ Church Intown

Scripture(s)

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

Dr. Faydia McGhee Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Pastor Willie Addison, Jr.

Christ Church Intown

Selection

Pastor Phillip Mercer Thankful Missionary Baptist Church

Reflections (Limit 2 minutes)

As a church member As a friend As a daughter

Binder Lawrence Ketra Barnes Ayanna Lewis

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Dionne Deas

Reading of Obituary (silently to soft music)

Selection

Pastor Philip Mercer Thankful Missionary Baptist Church

Words of Comfort

Reverend Stephanie McGhee
Pastor Union Community AME Church

Recessional