FOREVER LOVED...





In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today. But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday. And days before that too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have is memories.

And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake. With which we'll never part.

GOD HAS YOU IN HIS KEEPING.

We have you in our heart...



CUNNINGHAM MORTUARY CHAPEL

3809 Raeford Road • Fayetteville NC 28304

Thursday, March 30, 2023 • 12:00 Noon

Order of Service

Pastor C. David Stackhouse, Presiding Processional Clergy & Family Hymn of Praise Minister Will Harris Minister of Music, Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Fayetteville, North Carolina Scriptures: Old Testament Rev. Willie Nixon Pastor Retired, Kinches Chapel Christian Church Franklinton, North Carolina New Testament Pastor C. David Stackhouse Site Pastor, Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church-Raeford Prayer of Comfort Rev. Perry B. Irby Pastor, Restoration Missionary Baptist Church Fayetteville, North Carolina AcknowledgementsSister DeLynda Handshaw Obituary (Read Silently) Senior Pastor, Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Favetteville, North Carolina Recessional

Xcknowledgement

The family of late Andréa Nicole Gibbs would like to thank you for your prayers, support, words of encouragement, acts of kindness, and love expressed to each of us during this difficult time.

Andréa's Life

In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there may be also.

JOHN 14:2-3

NDRÉA NICOLE GIBBS was gifted to the late André Leon Gibbs (father) and Viola Delores Malloy (mother) on November 18, 1974 in Queens, New York.

She attended schools in the Bronx, NY, Latta, SC and graduated from Douglas Byrd Senior High School, Fayetteville, NC in 1994. Andréa earned an event planner, childcare worker and tile worker certificate.

Over the years she was employed on Hunters Air Force Base, attended Job Corps, Brunswick, GA, day care centers and finally Holiday Inn Express, Hope Mills, NC.

ANDRÉA had a quiet spirit and was all about help others. She never had much but was always sharing whatever she had.

ANDRÉA was saved at an early age and had such a sweet spirit. She was shy and had a melodious voice if you were fortunate enough to hear her. Over the years Andréa developed health issues and was on dialysis for years, but she didn't let that stop her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Simeon (Camille), Isaac; mother, Viola Delores; other mother, Stephanie; brothers, André, Julian, Daniel, Stefan and Ashton (who preceded her in death); aunts, Cheryl (Reginald), Shawnette (Anthony), Clara (Rob) and Tara (Shawn); uncles, Ronald and Dana; great uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and a host of cousins.

SHARED MEMORIES

My memory is being able to see how happy mommy was at my wedding, the joy she had in seeing me grow up and becoming the best man I could be. Being able to share such a beautiful moment with her was a blessing and honor and wouldn't have wanted it any other way. When she came to one of my awards ceremony when I was in school.

I remember growing up, and hearing Andréa sing. Those were some of the best times. I thought she would make a living singing. But I remember one day after school, I came outside because I heard Andréa yelling. Not sure why but I was ready to do what was necessary. But it was only to see Andréa running like an Olympic athlete away from our neighbor's dog (Sandy). She dropped all her books and tore up the asphalt trying to get away. I don't think the dog was even really chasing her, but it was funny none the less.

Andréa and I celebrating her birthday weekend in Charlotte. We enjoyed eating out and attending the Universal Soul Circus. Tent sang Happy Birthday Stevie Wonder style. Birthday people went to center ring. She had a great time!

Because I didn't have the typical aunt/niece relationship with Andréa, I have so many special memories. However if I had to pick one, it would be this last Thanksgiving. It was the first time most of us had been together like that in a very long time. If you knew her like I did, you knew she was the ringleader of cutting up at family gatherings. She did not fail to disappoint and kept me laughing the entire time.

Hey sister. When I met Andréa, I believe she was 7 and she reminded me of a mini classy lady. I know she was kind and I never seen her loud or boisterous. I'm sure there was some things she did back then that tickled me but my memory isn't what it used to be.

When we were children we would always laugh about how she was my niece and I was 3 years younger than her.

Our birthdays are exactly one month apart.

If she had any trouble with her boys she would threaten them that she would call me. She knew that I would.