



Mothers Prayer For Her Children

FATHER GOD, YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND STRENGTH AT PRESENT HELP IN TIME MY OF NEED. LORD, I NEED YOU RIGHT NOW. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THE LOSS OF MY CHILDREN. I FEEL SO LOST IT IS LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD HAS CRASHED RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO PUT MY NEXT STEP. MY HEART HURTS, AND NOTHING MAKES SENSE TO ME. BUT I KNOW YOU LOVE ME TOO MUCH AND YOU'RE PROTECTING ME. BE MY REFUGE NOW MORE THAN EVER. HELP ME TO ACCEPT WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND TO HOLD ONTO THE FOND MEMORIES THAT I SHARED WITH MY CHILDREN INSTEAD OF THE PAIN, FOR I KNOW I WILL SEE THEM AGAIN WHEN I COME INTO YOUR PRESENCE. IN JESUS' MIGHTY NAME, I BELIEVE AND PRAY. AMEN.

Acknowledgements:

WITH WARMEST REGARDS AND LOVE, THE FAMILY OF THE LATE KENITA TILLS WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR DEEPEST AND MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOU LOVE, CARE, CONCERN AND COMMITMENT DURING OUR BEREAVEMENT. OUR PRAYER IS FOR YOU TO CONTINUOUSLY EXPERIENCE GOD'S BLESSINGS AND INFINITE LOVE.

THANK YOU CUNNINGHAM AND SONS FOR HELPING OUR FAMILY IN OUR TIME OF SORROW.



Kenita & Deshai TILLS

DECEMBER 1, 1981 - MARCH 17, 2024

Services: MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 | AT 1PM
 CUNNINGHAM AND SONS MORTUARY
 3809 RAEFORD RD. FAYETTEVILLE NC 28304
 MINISTER HORACE GORDON - EULOGIST

Celebrating the Life of Kenita Deshai Tills

KENITA DESHAI TILLS, 42 of Riviera Beach, Florida passed away peacefully on March 17, 2024. Kenita was born on December 1, 1981 in Norfolk, Virginia.

Kenita attended Norview High School in Norfolk VA and finished at Seventy-First High School in Fayetteville, NC, graduating June 11, 1999. After graduating high school, she joined the U.S Army in October 1999. While serving in the Army Reserve, she enrolled in Methodist University in 2000 to pursue a degree in Bio-Medicine. During her attendance at Methodist, she was called into active duty. During her activation in the military, she decided to continue her education and attended Excelsior College obtaining her Bachelor of Science in February 2007 and Master of Business Administration in May 2013.

During her tenure in the Army Reserves from 2001 to July 2004 while stationed at Fort Liberty, she was attached to the 327th US Army Hospital from 2000 – 2004. In 2004 she was assigned to active duty with the 7222nd Medical Support Unit First Cavalry in Fort Hood, TX as a patient administration specialist until 08/2007. While stationed at Fort Hood, she was promoted to Sergeant where she received many accommodations serving her country. Also, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Kenita worked as a Healthcare Specialist in the US Army from May 2000 - Mar 2008. She worked as a Medical Administrative Specialist for the Fayetteville VA Healthcare System (2008-2013). She later moved on as a Program Support Assistant for the Research Service at the Durham VA Healthcare System (Mar 2008 – Sept 2013). Served as a Public Affairs Specialist from 2013 – 2015 while at the Durham VA. She was offered the opportunity to serve as a Public Affairs Specialist and Congressional Liaison at the Hampton VA (2015 – 2016). She was later promoted as a Public Affairs Officer for the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center (2016 – 2021). Her last and proudest accomplishment was when she was promoted as the National Communications Specialist for the Veterans Health Administration's Media Relations team. This where she with the Under Secretary for the Veterans Health Administration in Washington from 2021 to her passing.

She is survived by her husband Brian Tills of Riviera Beach, FL, stepchildren Hannah, Jacob, and Malachi Tills of Phoenix, AZ, God daughter Ezabella Davis of Fayetteville, NC. Her mother and father Muriel and Warren Garrison of Lumberton, NC, step brother Joshua McKenzie (Angela) and children, step sister Taylor McKenzie and children all of Fayetteville, NC, her niece Aniyah Everett of Lumberton, NC, grandmother Annie Pettway, a special aunt Annette John (Kevin), (uncles Roderick Pettway, Calvin Ricks (Diane) William Garrison (Talisa) NC aunts Cecilia Morrison, Carolyn Ricks, Camillia Perry, and Brenda Garrison of NC Cousins Micheal Robinson (Maria), Adrian Robinson, Derrick Pettway and Raven John, Steve Gordon (Melissa) and a host of other family and friends.

She is predeceased by her brother Antonia Everett, great-grandmother Bessie Gordon and grand-father Cecil Perry Jr, other grandparents William Sr and Cloria Garrison.

Kenita's Life

Kenita was a loving wife, stepmother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, aunt, niece, counselor, and friend. When Kenita was about 17, she kept a journal in which she wrote long entries about her days, the things she loved and all her random, deep thoughts. She wrote an entry in 1996 about what she thought happens when you die. "I guess I'll have to be a good person while I'm living and see when I get to my destiny." Kenita embodied these words; she lived her life with her loved ones to the fullest and always made them feel treasured. This is who she was. She was the light in our darkness, she brought us together. She was the planner of family get-togethers, the one that sent birthdays and holiday gifts. She made us all feel like we were her favorite. She made all her friends feel like they were her best friend. She was thoughtful, loving, and easy to talk to. She traveled, shopped, pampered herself and had fun doing so. If she loved you, she loved you with her whole heart, which made it easy to love her back. Her passing has left a hole in our hearts. Kenita accomplished everything she set out to do. She had so much more to do in this world, but now her time had come to an end. God has called her home to his loving arms, and she will be deeply missed.



Order of Service

Prelude	Frank Rhodes
Processional	Minister and Family
Opening Hymn	Jan Gordon Blessed Assurance
Scripture Readings	Minister Horace Gordon
Old Testament	Psalm 23
New Testament	Revelation 21:1-7
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Horace Gordon
Musical Selection	Amazing Grace
Reflections	2-minute limit per person
Acknowledgements	Jan Gordon
Music Selection	Precious Lord
Eulogy	Minister Horace Gordon
Recessional	