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CELEBRATION OF *Life*



Trisha NICHELLE JACKSON

February 14, 1980 - September 16, 2026

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 | 2:00 P.M.

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YRISHA NICHELLE SMITHSON JACKSON

History

Yrisha Nichelle Jackson was born on February 14, 1980, in Danville, Virginia, and made peace on September 16, 2026, in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was the beloved daughter of Carnell and Mattie Smithson. Yrisha lived a life filled with fun, caregiving, and love. She touched many lives, and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her knew just how special she was.

As a child, Yrisha was an intelligent scholar. She excelled in every subject in school, though she always expressed that she struggled with math. She loved to read and read many books repeatedly throughout her childhood. She was also an excellent writer and often told stories of writing successful pieces and helping others with essays and reports of their own.

Yrisha had a deep love for animals. She would sneak cats and dogs into the house at night and feed stray animals whenever she could. She was adventurous and loved the outdoors, but she strongly disliked the cold.

Yrisha graduated from Bluestone Senior High School in 1998 at the age of 17. It was then that she left her childhood home in Chase City, Virginia, and set off for school at North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina, where she pursued a bachelor's degree in English.

College was a place where Yrisha continued to grow, discover herself, and find her way. In 1998, she met Nicholas through mutual friends, Sherri and Darius, while they were playing cards. From that time on, Yrisha and Nicholas were inseparable.

Yrisha worked many jobs across several career fields, but her absolute favorites were working in nonprofit organizations and being a full-time mother. On January 25, 2005, Yrisha married the love of her life, Nicholas Jackson. Together, they nurtured their bond and built a family.

Yrisha was blessed to become a mother, and she was incredibly proud to have raised her two daughters, Moniah and McKenzie, who were unquestionably her everything.

She loved spending time with her family, helping others, enjoying the places that brought her peace and happiness, and making memories with the people she loved. She had a special love for San Francisco, a place that held a meaningful place in her heart. She found joy in the simple moments of life and in being surrounded by the people who mattered most to her.

Yrisha is fondly remembered by her loving husband of 22 years, Nicholas Jackson; her two beautiful daughters, Moniah Jackson and McKenzie Jackson; her brother, Carnell Smithson Jr. (Chase City); her birth mother, Cora Leaks; and her sisters and brother, Rashaunda Pinchback (Adrian), Jovita Edmonds, Jerelle Henry, Tia Coles and Latrella Bates (Danville).

On Nicholas's side of the family, she is remembered as a beloved sister-in-law to Edward Jackson (Sandra), Regina Edwards (Brent), Jamie Matthews (Fred), Cacy Manalili, and Shawnquez Jackson.

She is also lovingly remembered by her nephews, Jamal, Demetrius, Donte', Kamari, Brandon, Caleb, Gavin, Rashad, Tyshawn, Devontae, Omari, Cameron, and Jayron; her nieces, Dominque, Diondra, Alexis, Kalie, Kiana, Amiah, Sanaa, Genesis, Imani, Tiana, and Nyasia; and her great nephew, Akari Townes.

She was a caring, generous, and free-spirited woman who believed deeply in helping others. She often described herself as a “helper,” and she believed that money was never the most important thing in life. She was willing to give her time, energy, and kindness to anyone who needed it, simply because she believed people should help one another.

She had a beautiful and vibrant spirit, much like a butterfly—free as can be, full of life, and always believing in the people she loved. She also had a wonderfully quirky sense of humor and personality. She was an “ostrich” at heart, often preferring to stick her head in the sand rather than deal with a big crowd or something uncomfortable. These qualities, both the funny and the beautiful, made her uniquely herself.

She found joy in the people and things she loved and in the memories, she created with her family. Those memories will continue to be treasured. The places she loved, the things that brought her happiness, and the moments she shared with those closest to her will remain an important part of the story of her life.

Above all, her greatest legacy is the love, kindness, and belief she gave to others. She taught those around her the value of helping people without expecting anything in return and reminded them that a person's worth is not measured by money or possessions.

Her generosity, free spirit, humor, and unwavering belief in the people she loved will live on through her family and everyone fortunate enough to have known her.

YRISHA JACKSON’S

Celebration of Life / Memorial Service

Musical Prelude .....Prerecorded Music

Processional.....Family and Friends

Song ..... *“Thy Will”*…… Hillary Scott & The Scott Family

Welcome & Opening Words

Scriptures:

Matthew 10:40 *“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”*

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dis honor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, al ways hopes, always perseveres.”*

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Song Recorded by Moniah and McKenzie
– *“American Honey”* – Lady A

Acknowledgments

Memories of Her Life

Family & Friends Tribute (3-5 People/Two to Three Minutes)

Special Music Selection..... *“Greatest Love of ALL”*
– Whitney Houston

Eulogy .....Moniah Jackson

Closing Prayer

Recessional ..... *“Heaven”*…….. DJ Sammy
& Yanou ft. Do (Candlelight Mix)