

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Pallbearers

Devin Smith ~ Clifton Roland ~ Marlon Banks
Dezhan Hodge ~ Terell Mills

A Word Of Thanks

Our family would like to thank all of those who have reached out and showed up during this difficult time. We would like to give a special thanks to Devin Smith, who was a son to Monica and went above and beyond to make sure she was well taken care of. We would also like to thank Brentay Groce and other loved ones who supported Monica and our family during the closing chapter of her life. Another special thanks to the staff and security at Skate Zone 71, we appreciate the love you've shown throughout the years and making sure Ms. Redd always had her chair by the DJ booth. We would also like to thank Chelsea Moore for her contribution in making Monica's homegoing beautiful and always being a phone call away in Monica's final days. . With so many lives touched, we apologize for any unintentional name omissions and ask for your understanding and grace.

We are extremely appreciative for every message, phone call, and expression of your condolences. We ask that you please keep our family lifted up in prayer and protect our wishes to grieve in peace.



Monica Lynn Kirkling

NOVEMBER 29, 1964 — MARCH 23, 2026



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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

2:00PM

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Obituary

“The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.” -Psalm 29:11 NKJV Monica Lynn “Ms. Redd” Kirkling was born on November 29, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio to Mike and Gloria Kirkling. She gained her wings on March 23, 2026 surrounded by her loving daughters who always stood by her side.

Monica lived a life anchored in Christian faith, overflowing with love, and strength. Her journey was a testimony of perseverance and grace. She overcame cancer twice, meeting each battle with unwavering courage and belief that God was with her every step of the way. Monica graduated from Northland Highschool in 1982. She spent her life dedicated to caring for those around her. Working in nursing homes and volunteering in CDC Head start in 1998. She had a special love for skating and eventually became an employee at the rink in 2005.

Monica is preceded in death by her father, Mike Kirkling Jr., and life-long companion, Kelvin Wayne “Bo” Jenkins. She leaves behind her beloved daughters: Lakale, Kelly (Devin), and Joi. Grandchildren: Dellvon, KyRae, KyLynn, Dayilah and Jakobi. Monica is also survived by her loving mother, Gloria, and her brothers Mike, Craig (Drema), and Eric. Her cherished nieces Kyra (Franklin), Maya, and MiKayla and great-nieces Keziah and Kamya.

Monica was a mother-figure to many throughout the course of her life, including but not limited to bonus daughter Keiana (and children), Caring, Chantalle’, and Dejanee. She also leaves behind a host of beloved skate family, who always made sure she was taken care of each Sunday night.

Monica leaves behind her childhood friends, Jackie White, Denise Crowder, Lisa Pimento, and others. Monica was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She loved to laugh and was appreciative for the little things in life. She was a confidant, caregiver, and woman marked by her strength.

She lived a life full of love and devotion for her daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and many more. She was a fighter who fought till the end. Monica was adored by many and leaves behind a lasting legacy of love.



A Place Called Heaven

I have a place that waits for me

A place I love, called Calvary

Where angels sing and rejoice all day

And children laugh, run, and play.

Here the Master holds my hand

As we walk through Heaven’s land.

This is the place I’ve dreamed of for so long

So beautiful, so heavenly like the angel’s song.



Order Of Service

Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.*

*I cannot speak, but I can listen.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,
Remember me.*

*Remember me in your heart:
Your thoughts, and your memories,
Of the times we loved,
The times we cried,
The times we fought,
The times we laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.*



Organ Prelude
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Parting View

Scripture Reading
Clergy
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer
Clergy

Selection
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Acknowledgement/Condolences

Remarks
Caring Stewart

Reading of Obituary
Read silently while playing song selection: Better Days

Selection

Order My Steps In Your Word by GMWA Women of Worship

The Eulogy

Benediction
Clergy

Recessional
Clergy, Family, and Friends
(Play Selection: My Life by Mary J. Blige)
Plague presented by Shawn "Lowkey" Longhorn



