

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Aleshia "Nina" Ayers deeply appreciates your being with us today and your many acts of kindness you showed to us. Your prayers, words of encouragement, thoughts, phone calls, e-mails, text-messages, cards and visitation all helped to sustain us. You will always be remembered in our prayers, and your kindness shall forever be with us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God bless each of you and keep you in His care.

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Michael Johnson | Michael Wright  
Bridell Barber | John Johnson Jr.  
Anthony Reeves | Carlton W. Reeves  
Anthony Robinson | Maricus Plunkett

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

Derek Jackson | David Starling  
James Epps | Anthony Williams  
Raymundus Turner | Ricky Harris

**FLOWER BEARERS**

Class of 1987

**INTERMENT**

Cypress Gardens  
330 Highway 49 West/Hwy 3 Bypass  
Yazoo City, MS 39194

**REPAST**

St. Matthew Church of God in Christ  
Yazoo City, MS 39194

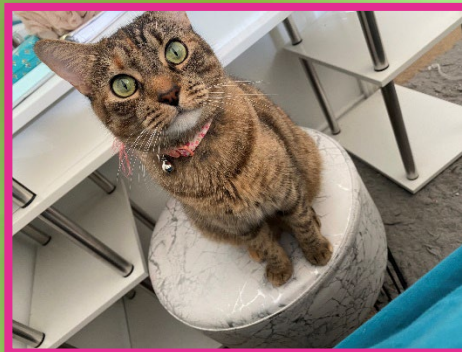
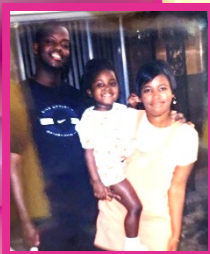
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Forever In Our Hearts



"Nina"

Aleshia Bernina  
**AYERS**

March 3, 1969 – September 29, 2024

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 12:00 p.m.

**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

729 Calhoun Avenue - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Superintendent John H. Scott, Sr., Host Pastor

Reverend Willie E. Smith, Officiating

# LIFE'S REFLECTIONS



Born on March 3, 1969, to Dorothy and Lee, Aleshia Bernina ("Nina") Ayers was reared among several aunts, uncles, and cousins in Yazoo City by her loving and devoted grandparents, Willie and Fannie Johnson. That home brought her much joy and laughter. There, on West Madison, Nina took pride in ensuring that her younger cousins, Bobby, Mitrease, Michael ("Junior") and Bridell stayed on the right path as she helped with homework, provided counsel, disciplined as needed, but mostly showered them with unconditional love. She loved them as her own. It was from that home that she left each morning for the Yazoo City Public Schools. From that home Nina was introduced to Christ and His love, and she accepted Him as her Savior and joined St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

As life would have it, Nina met the love of her life, Calvin Reeves, in the balcony of St. Peter. Nina and Calvin's friendship blossomed into a loving relationship, which produced the joy of their lives, Caitlyn. Nina and Calvin were married September 8, 2001.

After she graduated in 1987, Nina attended college; however, her path diverted and led her to the Academy of Hair Design. She eventually opened her own salon, Glamour House of Beauty, in her grandparents' home. The salon was an extension of her style as she was always fashionable, wearing bold colors, textured prints and trendy purses, which matched her contagious smile and caring personality. Her style influenced others around her just as much as her spirit. There, at Glamour House of Beauty, she would have her weekly clients gathered, not only for their appointments, but for the talks and laughter that radiated the room into the wee hours of the morning.

After several years as a salon owner, Nina decided to return to school. Calvin and Caitlyn encouraged and supported her. Nina received her AA at Hinds Community College. She continued her education receiving her BSW from Mississippi College and her MSW from Jackson State University. These degrees allowed Nina to pursue her true calling. She would serve as a counselor and therapist for many years with Life Help Mental Health Center and Marion Counseling Services. She loved this work, and she did it well, and Calvin and Caitlyn served as a listening ear for her. They were a family. She encouraged, supported, and prayed for them too. They supported one another.

Aside from her work and family, Nina was a dedicated member of the Omega Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was the Ivy Leaf Reporter and Corresponding Secretary, Chair of the Adopt a Family for Christmas Committee, the Co-Chair of the Care for the Caregivers Committee and AKA Assist Committee, and she served on several committees.

More than anything Nina loved her family: Calvin, Caitlyn and her grandson, Jasper. Nina was a very caring, devoted, and protective mother who always wanted the best for Caitlyn. She also was a proud "G-Momma" as evidenced by the affectionate hugs and kisses given to Jasper every day, actually, every hour. Caitlyn has witnessed her mother's love and now will continue to love and be strong for Jasper. Nina would have it no other way. Again, Nina loved her family, and her family loves her.

Nina departed this life on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle in Columbus, Mississippi with family and friends at her side talking to her, praying, reminiscing, and consoling each other. Those left to celebrate Nina along with Calvin, Caitlyn and Jasper; are her special cousins: Bobby Johnson, Mitrease Plunkett (Maricus), Michael Wright (Akela) and Bridell Barber; her brother: Reggie Ayers; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, many friends, and her two cats, Skylar and Cee Cee.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PROGRAM GUIDE

Carlton W. Reeves

## PROCESSIONAL

Clergy & Family

## SCRIPTURE READING

Reverend Steve Dennis

## PRAYER

Reverend Steve Dennis

## WORDS OF COMFORT

Reverend Steve Dennis

## MUSICAL SELECTION

"I Won't Complain"

Dwan Johnson

## TRIBUTES/RESOLUTIONS

Class of 1987

Marion Counseling Services

Omega Beta Omega Chapter of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES

Carlton W. Reeves

## OBITUARY READING

Read Silently/Soft Music

## EULOGY

Reverend Willie E. Smith

## SCOTT MEMORIAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE

## RECESSIONAL

Clergy, Family & Friends

# TRIBUTES

Mom, there aren't any more tears you have to weep!

Prayers are continually sent to you...

With the short life you led.

The family will never forget you, Mom!

There is supreme confidence that God will

surely look after you!

You're beautiful, you're endless,

you're all of the above! Stretch your

wings, and fly Mom! You were and

are loved by so many,

It will never be goodbye!

Close your pretty eyes,

there aren't tears anymore,

Rest upon Heaven,

Let your soul lie peacefully,

We all know you did your best on this earth!

We love you forever, Mom!!

~ Love, Calvin, Caitlyn & Jasper ~



We thought of you today

But that's nothing new

We thought of you yesterday

And days before that too

We think of you in silence

and often text your name

All we have are memories

And your picture on a frame

We thank you for all the great

lessons that you taught us

and how to pray.

We thank you for all the time you

spent with us throughout

your busy days

Your memory is a keepsake

from which we will never part

God has you in His arms,

We have you in our hearts

~ Love, Mitrease, Makenzy and your baby Jayce ~