

Pall Bearers

Kyndell Constantine
Tracy Guess Jr
Ron Mayes

Don Mayes
Don Mayes Jr
Ruben Gains

Flower Bearers

Ke'Osha Barker
Kiarra Barker
Zhyan Mayes-Griffin

Tiona Mayes
TyRonda Lyday
Kizzy Griffin

Acknowledgment

The family of *Kizzie R. S. Barker* wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the love, prayers, and kindness shown during this time of loss. Whether you sent flowers, shared words of comfort, offered a prayer, or simply kept us in your thoughts, your sympathy has been a source of great strength.
May God bless you all.



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Kizzie **R. S. BARKER**

JUNE 29, 1977 – AUGUST 10, 2026

Kizzie was a beautiful soul whose love touched everyone she met. She lived with faith, loved without limits, and gave her heart to her family and her two sons. Her smile, her laughter, and her love will remain in our hearts forever.

SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY

Her sons, Carvelle Edwards and De'Juan Edwards; her siblings, Ron Mayes, Don Mayes, Lonnie Barker Jr., Syreeta Moore, Shamari Guess, Angie Constantine, Bridgett Barker, Antonio Barker, Ebony Barker, Tashonda Myers, Glennetta Mayes, Kara Barker, and Shanta Mayes; her bonus mother, Ruby Barker; her special friends, TyRonda Lyday and Kizzy Griffin; and a host of family and friends.

SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

her mother, Mary Jo Mayes,
and her father, Lonnie Barker Sr.

*Well done,
good and faithful servant.*

MATTHEW 25:23

*Her life was a blessing.
Her memory is a treasure.
She is loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure.*

“Her Life, HER LOVE, Her Legacy”

On June 29, 1977, Kizzie R. S. Barker was born to Mary Jo Mayes and Lonnie Barker Sr. From the beginning, Kizzie’s life would become a beautiful testimony of love, family, faith, and strength—and of a spirit that those blessed to know her will never forget.

Kizzie spent her early years growing up in the Shawnee Heights Projects, surrounded by her brothers and sisters. They may not have had everything, but they had something money could never buy—they had each other. It was there that Kizzie learned the true meaning of family: to love one another, stand beside one another, protect each other, and open your heart to others as though they were family too. Those lessons stayed with Kizzie throughout her life and shaped the woman she became.

At an early age, Kizzie gave her life to Christ at Nelson Chapel Presbyterian Church. Her faith became part of the foundation upon which she lived. Kizzie believed that love was a gift from God, and she didn’t just talk about love—she showed it. Through her words, her smile, her laughter, and the way she treated people, Kizzie made sure those around her knew they mattered. Kizzie began her education in Head Start and later attended Cherokee Elementary School, West Junior High School, and Muskogee High School, where she proudly graduated with the Class of 1996.

Kizzie had a special way of bringing joy into any room she entered. Her smile could brighten a difficult day, her laughter was contagious, and her personality made people feel comfortable and welcomed. Whether you were family, a lifelong friend, or someone she had just met, Kizzie had a way of making you feel like you belonged. She shared an especially close bond with TyRonda Lyday, who was like a sister to her, along with her best friend Kizzy Griffin. They were more than friends—they were sisters of the heart. Through laughter and tears, good days and difficult days, sickness and uncertainty, they remained by Kizzie’s side morning, noon, and night. Their friendship was a beautiful example of what it means to truly love someone through every season of life.

A Mother’s Love Became a Grandmother’s Joy Of all the people Kizzie loved, there was no love greater than the love she carried for her two sons, Carvelle Edwards and De’Juan Edwards. Kizzie was fiercely protective of her boys, and they were just as protective of their mother. No matter what she was facing herself, she always wanted to know that her sons were okay. Even during her most difficult moments, she wanted better for them than she wanted for herself.

That was Kizzie—a mother whose love always put her children first. Near the end of her journey, God gave Kizzie one more beautiful reason to smile. She patiently and excitedly waited for the arrival of her first grandchild. On July 30, 2026, just days before Kizzie’s passing, Kinsley Edwards was born to Destiny Osondu and De’Juan her son, bringing a new and precious kind of love into Kizzie’s heart. There is something especially beautiful in knowing that before Kizzie left this life, she experienced the joy of becoming a grandmother. As she prepared to say goodbye to one chapter of life, she was blessed to witness the beginning of another. Baby Kinsley became one of the final beautiful chapters in Kizzie’s earthly story—a reminder that while life changes and generations pass, love continues.

Kizzie’s journey on earth ended on August 10, 2026, but the love she gave did not end with her passing. It lives on in her children, her grandchild, her family, her friends, and in every heart she touched.

Her life was a blessing. Her love was a gift. Her family was her heart. And her legacy will live on for generations.

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL
Funeral Directors, Clergy, Family

COMFORT FROM THE SCRIPTURE
Old Testament - Apostle John Smith
New Testament - Apostle Janay Smith

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE
Pastor William Lang

MUSICAL SELECTION
Fire Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS
Elder D’Elbie Walker

MUSICAL SELECTION
Fire Choir

REMARKS
Family and Friends
Please limit remarks to two minutes.

READING OF THE OBITUARY
Read Silently

SPECIAL TRIBUTE
Syreeta Moore

EULOGY
Minister Lonnie Barker Jr.

LIFE REFLECTION TRIBUTE

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Ron & Don Mayes

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