

A C E L E B R A T I O N O F L I F E



GENELLE
NICOLE MARSHALL

S U N R I S E : J A N U A R Y 2 8 , 2 0 0 8 | S U N S E T : J U N E 1 5 , 2 0 2 6

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Viewing: 10AM | Celebration of Life: 11AM

Way of the Cross Church of Christ
8100 Hazelwood Drive
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743



ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant
Evangelist Brenda Harmon

Scripture Reading
Psalm 34:18, Ephesians 6:10-18, Philippians 4:6-7
Khiana Yates-Jenkins

Musical Selection
"High Praise"
The House of the Lord Music Ministry

Reading of the Obituary
Nakisha Yates

Prayer of Comfort
Evangelist Carnetta Benjamin

Reflections (2 Minutes Each)
Family Reflections (First)
Allen
Khiana
Domo

Additional Reflections from
Close Family and Friends

Musical Selection
"Revelations 19:1"
The House of the Lord Music Ministry

Eulogy
Pastor David Harmon, Sr.

Committal
Pastor David Harmon, Sr.

Benediction
Pastor David Harmon, Sr.

Dove Release



REMEMBERING GENELLE

In Loving Memory of Genelle Nicole Marshall

January 28, 2008 – June 15, 2026

Genelle Nicole Marshall was born on January 28, 2008, at 4:48 a.m. at Laurel Regional Hospital to her loving parents, Nakisha Yates and Gavin Marshall. She entered the world weighing 7 pounds, 10.1 ounces and measuring 18 inches long. From the very beginning, Genelle was bright, curious, determined, and full of promise.

On June 15, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with mental health challenges, Genelle tragically took her own life. Though her time on earth was far too short, the impact she made on the lives of those who knew and loved her will endure forever.

Genelle was a remarkable young woman whose intellect, creativity, and adventurous spirit set her apart. She possessed an insatiable love for learning and was deeply passionate about reading, research, painting, children and discovering new things. She was innovative, thoughtful, and wise beyond her years.

Education was one of Genelle's greatest strengths. She attended Glenarden Woods Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School's TAG program before being accepted into the prestigious Science and Technology Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. After attending Roosevelt for three and a half years, she transferred to Bowie High School while navigating personal mental health challenges. Despite those obstacles, Genelle excelled academically, graduating with an outstanding 3.919 GPA, earning a 1520 SAT score, and receiving scores of 4s and 5s on most of her Advanced Placement exams. Her hard work and dedication earned her a full ride scholarship to Hampton University, where she planned to continue pursuing her dreams in the fall studying Computer Science.

A lifelong animal lover, Genelle aspired to become a veterinarian. She pursued this passion through experiences at Waxhaw Animal Hospital in North Carolina and the Tuskegee Veterinary Summer Program in Alabama. Her love and compassion for animals reflected the kindness she carried in her heart.

Though Genelle's life ended at 18, it was filled with accomplishments, adventures, love, and meaningful connections. Her family takes comfort in knowing that her legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched, the dreams she pursued, and the love she shared so freely.

We will forever remember Genelle's brilliance, resilience, compassion, and boundless potential. She will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Genelle's talents and interests seemed limitless. She participated in lacrosse, soccer, basketball, swimming, golf, karate, ballet, tap dance, violin, piano, ukulele, kalimba, skateboarding, snowboarding, skiing, and crocheting just to name a few. She was a proud member of Delta Gems, a member of Science Olympiad and won the 76th Prince George's Area Science Fair Regionals in Physics.. Whether on a field, in a classroom, on a stage, or exploring a new hobby, Genelle approached life with enthusiasm and determination.

She was also a world traveler whose adventures took her to Italy, France, Colombia, Mexico, Jamaica, Canada, and numerous states throughout the United States. These experiences fueled her curiosity about people, cultures, and the world around her.

Genelle's work ethic was extraordinary. She worked as a lifeguard, a barista, operated her own dog-walking business, and ran "G's Babysitter Business". She believed in independence, responsibility, and pursuing her goals with purpose.

A gifted language learner, Genelle taught herself Japanese and Spanish and also studied Italian. Her ability to connect with different cultures reflected her open mind and love of learning.

Those who knew Genelle will remember her beautiful smile, quick intelligence, adventurous spirit, and caring heart. She found joy in simple pleasures, especially spending time with family and friends, reading a good book, creating art, and enjoying her favorite foods—macaroni and cheese, pizza, and pho.

Genelle leaves behind a loving family who will cherish her memory forever. She is survived by her parents, Nakisha Yates and Gavin Marshall; her siblings, Gabby, GiGi, Lil Gavin, Quiniya, Giovanni, and Dawson; her grandparents, Carnetta and Fred Benjamin, Sr., Clarissa and Tony Swann, and Papa David; her Great Aunt Renee; her aunts and uncles, Jasmine and Jamaal Marshall, Khianna and Tony Jenkins, Krystle and Tony Marshall, Parish and Mariam Swann, Uncle Scooby, Uncle Chris, Aunt Lauren, and Aunt Nayna, and her cousins Marcez, Marquis, Jasmine,

Jaeden, Elijah, Jason, Collin, Mari, Issa, Kadance, Kristan, Kannon, Kalani, Milo, her God brothers Khamar(Son) and Nolan and a host of beloved family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her Great-Grandmother Ruth; Great-Grandma Dot & Grandad Furbush; Grandma Barbara; Grandpa James Marshall, Aunt Anne; and her cousin-uncle Chris.





Scriptures



Psalm 34:18 (Old Testament)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Ephesians 6:10-18 (New Testament)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,



Philippians 4:6-7 (New Testament)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Poem from Grandmother Carnetta

I Was There

I watched as you grew in your mother's belly. I was there! Anxiously anticipating the joy of your birth. I couldn't wait to meet you.

When your mother called to tell me you were on the way a grandma that hates to drive (especially at night) left your granddad to be by your mother's side. I was there! As she went through the pain of bringing you into this world I was there! Waiting in anticipation of the joy that you would bring to our lives.

As she pushed through her pain your dad, aunt and I watched. The excitement of the gift that we were about to receive was clear.

Your dad and aunt held your mom's legs as the doctor yelled Push, push, push! Your mom moaned, groaned, yelled and pushed and just like that our gift arrived! The room was filled with excitement!

I was there then and I am here now. I am most grateful to God for the life you lived and although I will not see the next chapter of your life on this side, I will see you on the other side.

Love, Grandma

Tributes from the Siblings

Genelle's Sister, Gabbi's Tribute

To my little sister,

Hey, little sister. It's your big sister, Gabbi. It feels like a piece of my heart is missing without you here, but I understand, my love. I love you more than words could ever express, and I always will. I wish I could have had a lifetime with you. There were so many moments still ahead of us, so many conversations left to have. I miss hearing your voice more than I can say. Please visit me in my dreams and tell me all the things you want to say. Until then, I'll carry you with me every day—in my heart, in my memories, and in the love that will never fade. I miss you so much, and I love you forever.

Genelle's Sister, Gizelle

My Dear Nelly Pooh,

I love you so much and miss you more than words can express. Though this has been difficult, the Lord has given me strength day by day. When I think of you, I think of your beautiful spirit, your kind heart, and your goofy sense of humor. I will always remember your smile that could light up a room, your corny jokes, your sarcasm, and the silly memes that always made me laugh. What I cherished most were our deep conversations and late-night phone calls. You were funny, smart, beautiful, quirky, and unapologetically yourself. I never saw you as just your accomplishments, but for the wonderful soul you were. I will carry these memories with me forever. I pray you are resting peacefully with the Lord babygirl. I love you always and forevermore.

Love, Big Sis Gigi



Genelle's Brother, Gavin, Jr.

I love you, and I always will. You will forever live in my heart. I want to apologize because I wasn't the big brother I could have been. I took our time together for granted, thinking we had forever, but now I realize nothing lasts forever. You really hurt me with this one, Nells. My heart is broken. I wish I had been there more, and I regret not spending more time with you and the family every day, especially after I got locked up. But for real, little sis, you'll live on through me. I promise that. I'll carry your memory, your love, and everything you meant to me for the rest of my life.

Rest in peace. I love you forever. 

Genelle's Sister, Nyny's Tribute

My sweet little sister,

There are no words that can truly express how much I miss you. Losing you has left a pain in my heart that will never fully go away. Life will never be the same without you in it. Every day I find myself wishing I could hear your voice one more time, see your smile, or share one more laugh with you. You were more than my little sister—you were a piece of my heart. You brought so much love, joy, and light into the lives of everyone who knew you. Your kindness, your spirit, and the memories we made together will stay with me forever. Though you are no longer here beside me, your love continues to live on in my heart. I carry you with me in everything I do. I will cherish every moment we shared and hold onto those memories for the rest of my life.

I love you more than words could ever say, and I miss you more than anyone could ever imagine. Until we meet again, I will keep your memory alive and honor the beautiful person you were. Forever loved, forever missed, and forever my little sister.

Love always,- Your joint sister

Genelle's Brother, Khalil's Tribute

I love you and I will miss you.

-Baby Brother





TRIBUTE FROM MOM

1/28/08 4:48 AM Genelle Nicole Marshall...my beautiful baby girl was born, 7 lbs 10.1 ounces, 18 inches long..I'm so sorry for popping the blood vessel in your eye when you were born, lol..Whew chile the pain took me OUT -Love, Mommy

3/16/17 11:33 PM The most BEAUTIFUL Baby I'd EVER seen! My HEART! My SUNSHINE! The love, focus, and heart of my life! At this point you are an AMAZING, BRIGHT, INTELLIGENT, BEAUTIFUL, POLITE, SWEET, CREATIVE, POSITIVE, SWEET, GREAT/POSITIVE ENERGY FILLED 9 year old young lady who I am so grateful and thankful for. I am soooooo very proud and pleased with who you are becoming. So I decided that I wanted to start journaling to you because there are so many things I want to tell you, to share with you, to teach you, for you to know, especially in the event something happens to me and I am no longer here. So just know that this journal will be all over the place. I want to talk to you about so many things (love, loving yourself, beauty, perception, school, college and career, money and finances, friends, making decisions, health, dating, hair, make up/hygiene, being accountable and responsible...) I mean and so much more. I mean just letting you know and constantly reminding you how AMAZING and BEAUTIFUL and UNIQUE and SPECIAL you are! And at this point, today is Thursday and grandma Ruth just passed on Monday. So because we never know when our time is, I do not want you to take life for granted and just make sure I take some time to dedicate to talk to you. -Love Mommy

4/30/2017 10:51 PM The two things placed on my heart and spirit to discuss with you tonight are the IMPORTANCE of GOD & the IMPORTANCE of HARD WORK! I've been through A LOT and seen A LOT...but through it all God has always been there and has taken care of ME...of US! God covers us, He protects us, He blesses us, He guides us, He loves us, He shows us...He is EVERYTHING & EVERYWHERE. Having a relationship with God, being connected to him, trusting him, depending on Him, trusting Him, loving Him, putting Him first brings so much joy, freedom, peace, serenity, growth, strength, faith, understanding, success, blessings, victories...and trust me the list goes on! -Love Mommy

5/19/17 7:49 AM My goal/dream for you is to be a PRODUCTIVE, EDUCATED, KNOWLEDGEABLE, RESOURCEFUL, ACCOUNTABLE/RESPONSIBLE, INTELLIGENT, POSITIVE ENERGY/SPIRIT FILLED, LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST, HEALTHIEST, MOTIVATED/INSPIRED/INSPIRATIONAL, CREATIVE, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE IN LIFE BE THE BEST AT IT LOVING, HAPPY, FULFILLED, BEST VERSION OF YOU -Love, Mommy

12/18/17 You are destined for GREATNESS! You are phenomenal and beautifully made. You make me very proud and I think you absolutely rock! I am so happy and thankful God chose you for me and me for you! -Love Mommy

2/23/20 10:15 PM Genelle Nicole Marshall - continue to be great! BE YOU! LIVE YOUR LIFE!!!
LIVE YOUR DREAM! LIVE YOUR TRUTH! YOU ARE DOPE!

-Love Mommy

2/9/21 8:09 AM You are my CHAMP! MY INSPIRATION! MY MOTIVATION! MY PURPOSE! MY REASON! MY HEART! MY EXAMPLE! MY REFLECTION! MY GIRL! KEEP BEING YOU BABY GIRL! IT'S ABOUT TO GO DOWN! -Love Mommy

6/17/26 11:04 AM

My beautiful daughter,

There are no words to describe the pain of losing you. Eighteen years was not enough. You were everything a mother could hope and pray for—a bright light, a kind soul, and a young woman with a future so full of promise.

You worked hard for everything you achieved. You graduated from a gifted and talented magnet school, earned a full scholarship and book scholarship to Hampton University, and were preparing to study computer science. I was so proud of you, not just because of your accomplishments, but because of the person you were.

You loved children and animals with your whole heart. You spent your time volunteering, mentoring younger children, and giving so much of yourself to others. You had a special way of making people feel loved, encouraged, and important. Everywhere you went, you left people better than you found them.

You dreamed big, worked hard, and carried yourself with grace. You had so much life ahead of you, so many goals to accomplish, and so much love left to give.

As your mother, I am heartbroken beyond words. Part of me went with you. But I am grateful to God for every smile, every hug, every conversation, every achievement, and every moment I was blessed to spend being your mom.

Thank you for choosing me to be your mother. Thank you for the joy you brought into this world. Thank you for showing us all what kindness, compassion, and determination look like.

I will carry you with me for the rest of my life. I will speak your name, honor your memory, and love you forever.

Until we meet again, my sweet girl.

- Love Mommy

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Ordale J. Allen
My Sister Village
Best Friends Ciara & Victor
Close Friends Iris & Lyric
Mr. Powell, Genelle's High School Counselor Grades 9-12
Alison Carlew, MHS, PA-C, CAQ-PSYC
Bijone, DBT Therapist
Dunbar, Ballou, Parkdale & Possibility Prep family
Contributors to the Honoring Genelle's Life and Legacy GoFundMe.
Fayson Firm Funeral Home
Way of the Cross Church
Noelle's Event Space
Fort Lincoln Funeral Home & Cemetery

CLOSING



Genelle's story reminds us that even the brightest smiles can hide unseen struggles. In her memory, let us continue to extend compassion, check on one another, speak openly about mental health, and remind those around us that they are never alone.

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, emotional distress, or a mental health crisis, help is available 24 hours a day.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or Text 988
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Confidential support for anyone in crisis or concerned about a loved one.

REPAST

Noelle's Event Space
567 Ritchie Rd. | Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743



Online Obituary & Guestbook

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

Fayson Firm of Professional Morticians, P.A.
18 Irongate Drive Suite 10 | Waldorf, MD 20602
(202) 850 - 0550

Programs By Twanitta

