

*Celebrating the
Life of*



Morinique L.
WIGGINS

Sunrise

Sunset

MARCH 10, 1966 ~ DECEMBER 18, 2024

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Welcome

Soror Anita Williams

Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Alphonse Allen Jr.

Prayer

Soror Rev. Janis Barnes

Musical Selection

"You Know My Name"

Poem

"Invictus"

Soror Janice P. Walker

Resolutions

Soror Traci Steele

Obituary Read Silently

Poem

"Mother to Son"

Soror Damita Jo Ramsey

Musical Selection

"Every Praise"

Reflections

Maximum 2 minutes per person

Poem

Soror Melissa McGhee

Eulogy & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alphonse Allen Jr.

R E M E M B E R I N G

Monique



Monique LaTonia Wiggins, affectionately known as Nikki, was born on March 10, 1966, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, to the late Arthur Donald and Mary Ann Moyo Wiggins. Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Nikki was a spirited individual with a vibrant personality and an infectious smile. A lover of hip-hop and reggae, she was known for her authenticity, expressing love openly and silence when necessary. After graduating from Norman Thomas High School for Business and Commercial Education in Manhattan in 1984, Nikki pursued higher education at Wilberforce University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1988. During her time at Wilberforce, she was initiated into the Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on March 27, 1986, becoming a dedicated member. She also worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a co-op student and later built a distinguished career with the USACE. Nikki was awarded the Commanders Award, Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service, Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal while working with the USACE. She retired on September 17, 2024 after 37 years of loyal service. Nikki's compassionate nature and nonjudgmental attitude endeared her to many, as she devoted herself to her family, friends, sorority and community through charitable activities and volunteer work. A faithful member of Allen Temple AME Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nikki's life was a testament to love, kindness, and authenticity. On December 18, 2024, she peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home, leaving behind a legacy of cherished memories with her siblings, Tasha Newby and Bradford Wiggins (Kelly), nieces Jacquanda Farmer and Tamia Garcia, nephew Omari Giles, goddaughter Nicolette Sade "Nikki" Jones, sorority sisters and a host of loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Clarence Newby, and grandmother Hazel Barnett.

May she rest in eternal peace

Tributes

Monique we celebrate the life you lived and the blessings that you were to all of us. Our sisterly bond will remain unchanged.

~ *Matressa* #2 SandZ

Moni! Girl, I've picked up the phone at least twice, ready to call you. The fact that I can no longer talk to you and hear your voice on the other end feels like something straight out of 'The Twilight Zone' — so surreal. As I navigate this new reality without your physical presence, I find comfort in another reality: the incredible years of friendship and sisterhood we were blessed to share. From our days growing up together at Wilberforce University and beyond, we created countless memories that I will treasure forever. Rest peacefully, my beautiful 9 Klub Sands. You will always be in my heart. I love you!

~ *Tia* #8 SandZ

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10

I am thankful for the memories we created over the years. Your sisterhood meant so much to me. Your smile, infectious laugh, and bubbly personality will be missed. I am glad you are no longer in pain. Until we meet again...

~ *Janice* #6 SandZ

Moni...All I can say is THANK YOU! THANK YOU for so many good times, THANK YOU for protecting me, and THANK YOU for sharing your beautiful and feisty spirit with me. I LOVE you. Your favorite #4 Sands,

Anita

I was not prepared to say goodbye to my dear friend, so instead I will say, until we meet again. Rest in peace Monie, and know that the memories we shared will never be forgotten.

~ *Michael Rafeal Black*

Monique, from the time you came to live in Cincinnati from November 2014, until God called you home, we made some great memories!! You unknowingly joined Allen Temple AME as your church, not knowing Allen Temple was also my home church. We attended many AKA events together, travelled together supporting WU and Alumni events. You celebrated Thanksgiving with me and my family and then just you and I had a pajama party at my house ringing in the New Year. My dear line sister and friend, there are not enough words to express how much I miss you and our conversations about family and life. May God continue to keep you in his care! Your #14 Sands

~ *Damita Jo Ramsey*



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Today, I honor the beautiful life of my beloved sorority sister, Monique. Although I didn't know Monie prior to our shared sorority experience, her radiant spirit and love was the beginning of a bond I will cherish forever. Her vibrant smile with her signature lipstick, could light up any room.

She always found time to connect, making every visit to New York and Cincinnati special and filled with warmth.

Her hospitality and willingness to share her world and family was a testament to her generous soul. Monique's presence had a way of making every occasion feel like a celebration and what a time we had when we were together. They were moments of laughs and shared stories creating memories I'll never forget. She also had the strength and resilience like no other. She lived life on her own terms. Let's carry Monique's spirit with us, supporting one another as she did. Her legacy will forever inspire me.

Sisterly love, #7 SandZ,

~Debra

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"Love the people that God gave you because He will need them back one day." This truth has been a difficult one for me to accept, and losing you, Monique, has made it even harder. Words cannot express the love I have for you and the love I will continue to carry as I journey through this life. I will miss your beautiful smile, but even more, your incredible ability to accept others as they are—never judging, always embracing with an open heart. You have fulfilled your purpose here on earth, and now you rest in heaven where you are finally free—free from pain, free from worry, free in the presence of God's love. You truly embodied the heart and soul of an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman—grace, strength, generosity, love and service to all mankind. I am beyond grateful to have shared the long days and nights with you and eleven extraordinary ladies, a journey that led us to become ZetaMade sorors at Wilberforce University. The memories we created both then and after college will always hold a special place in my heart. Your unwavering love, kindness and support touched so many lives, and your uplifting spirit will continue to inspire me every day. But this is not goodbye, my #9 SandZ, my Monie in the Middle—only until we meet again. And when we do, what a celebration it will be! I find comfort in knowing you are now one of God's angels, watching over all of us who loved you so dearly. Rest well, Monique. You have earned your heavenly crown.

*Much sisterly love,
#3 SandZ Andrea Y. Massengile*

~Angie

Number 9... Classy, Bougie, Fine®

Always a joy to be around
As my sister you were a treasure that I found
When we bonded, it was something personal between the two of us
Always the glue that held us together and it never needed to be discussed
I'm writing this on our anniversary and it's hard not having you here
But I am grateful to God that you never have to shed another tear
I will always remember our talks and the laughs that made us cry
And I know that you are watching over us from high up in the sky
In your illness I never once heard you complain
Not in your discomfort, not even in your pain
Thank you SandZ for always loving me with no strings attached
You always remained the same and showed me that you had my back
You always did life BIG, day in and day out
And everyone knew you were a true Brooklyn girl without a doubt
When I came to visit you asked, "What are you doing here?"
And my answer always was, "I'm here because I care!"
I will treasure our memories and the sisterhood we shared so long
And I will remember that you were courageous and strong
So I'll stop here and just say goodbye for now
But I know it's not the end, because I never heard you say Ciao
All my love,

Mel #12 SandZ

Melissa McShee
AUTHOR



Farewell, Dear Sister

*Farewell, dear sister, though you've flown away,
In our hearts, you'll forever stay,
Your laughter, your love, a guiding light,
Guiding us through the darkest night.*

*Though tears may fall and hearts may ache,
Your memory, no one can take,
In the tapestry of life, you've left your mark,
A sister's love, an eternal spark.*

We love you!

"Boss Desire" Winter '86

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