




Palbearers

Sherridell Knox | Michael Jeffries, Jr. | Marquis Jeffries
 Montrice Jeffries | Shondell Knox | Jumaine Cline, II

Honorary Palbearers

Michael Jeffries, Sr. | Clayton Clement | Marquies Davis
 Dominique Smith | Hajier Rodriguez | Eric Knox

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The Jeffries family would like to express grateful thanks to family, friends, and community members for the overwhelming love and support given during this time. Your kindness in honoring our wife and mother will never be forgotten.



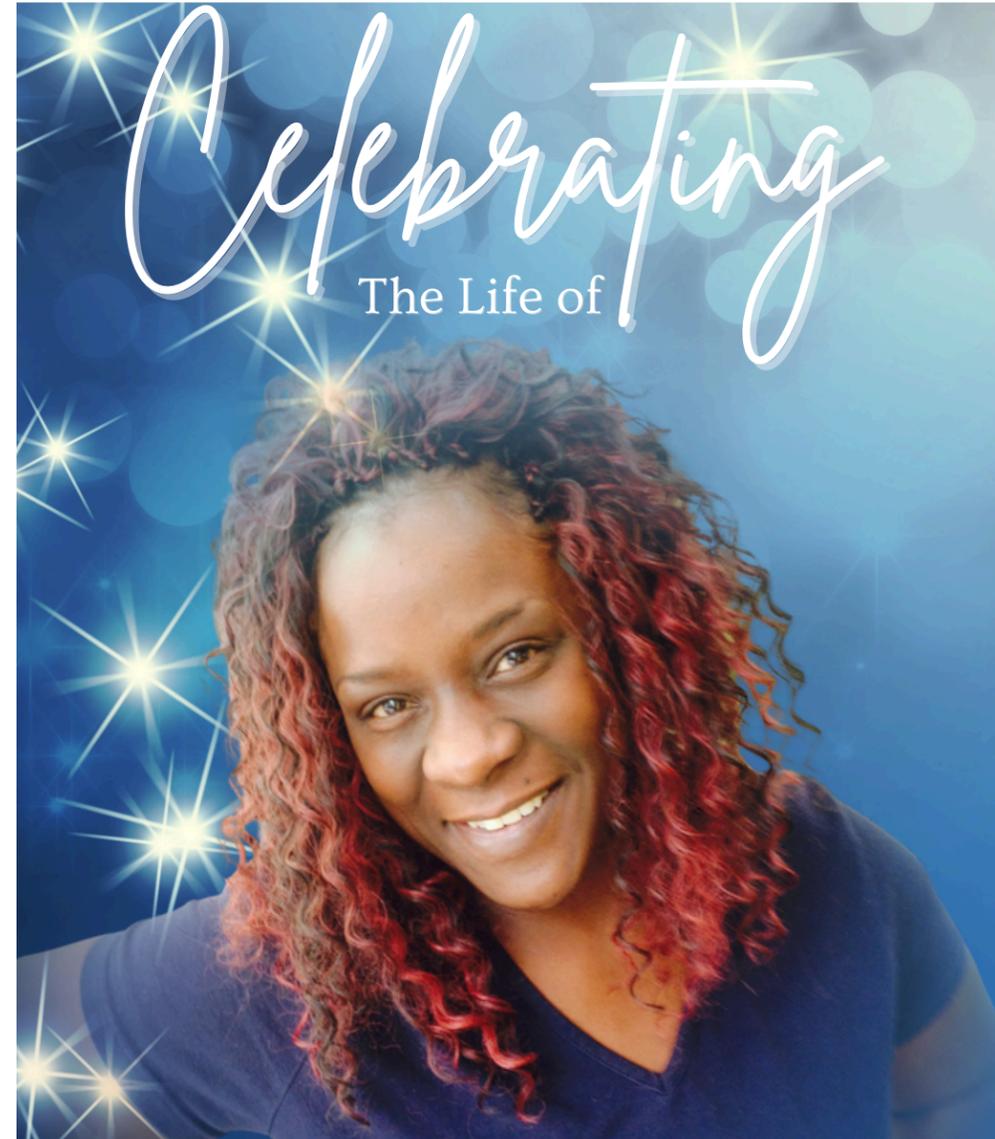
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Celebrating
 The Life of



Vanessa
 Jeffries "Nessa"

Sunrise: May 10, 1972 - Sunset: December 1, 2025

Celebration of Life
 Saturday, December 20, 2025
 11:00 a.m.

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Minister Randy Jackson, Officiant

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard His call,
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I've found that peace at the close of the day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My Life's been full, I savored much,
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me,
 God wanted me now, He set me free!



Montrice's Monologue

"Growing and glowing" were your favorite lyrics by me. I don't have to ask why you left me, my only question is why so soon? I hope you know that nothing in life compares to the love I have for you, my beautiful angel, and only queen. Feel no more pain and sleep at ease, for I'm making plans to see you in my dreams. I know that you're watching me from above. I can't explain how much I'm hurting. If anybody should have you it should be God, he deserves you. Do your dance and skip your feet mama, God needed you far more than me. Tell auntie Empress that I miss her, tell auntie Donna that I love her, and fill granny with hugs & kisses. I wish you knew how bad I want to. My heart is broken, and as I write this for you, I can't stop crying. I'm grieving deeply, and being stuck in prison only makes everything that much harder. There are no goodbyes only "see-you-later" the last time we spoke that was what you promised. I promise to stay out of trouble; in your words I promise to "stay my butt at home." Deep down... I wish I had listened to your advice before you left me all alone. For now, I'm living with purpose, everything I do is for you mama.

Also does heaven have poker?
 If so, bet everything on your baby boy Montrice!



Vanessa Jeffries, lovingly known as "Nessa", a devoted mother, grandmother, wife, aunt, and friend, passed away in Lansing, Michigan, on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the age of 53, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Wednesday, May 10, 1972, in Lansing to Mary Knox and Roosevelt Chairs.

An avid reader, she thrived in academic settings. She graduated from Eastern High School in 1991 with honors. Soon after, she began a lifelong career rooted in service and connection. She spent many years in the hospitality industry, where her warm personality and hard work ethic consistently propelled her into management positions. Over the years, she managed several restaurants, forming lasting friendships with coworkers and customers who cherished her welcoming spirit. Later, Vanessa brought those same strengths to her family's environmental service business. She took great pride in contributing to a company rooted in service and community, helping guide daily operations with the same dedication she had shown throughout her career.

On May 3, 1998, Vanessa married Michael Jeffries, Sr. in Jackson, Michigan. Together for 27 years, they raised their family in Lansing and later worked together in the family's environmental service business.

She had a deep love for animals, especially her beloved Rottweilers. Music was another source of joy in her life; she could often be found singing and dancing. A notorious foodie, you could often find her cooking, and more importantly, eating, and above all, she cherished the time she spent with her family and friends, especially her sons. Her loving smile warmed the hearts of everyone she encountered.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Jeffries, Sr.; children, Sherridell (Ashley) Knox, Michael Jeffries, Jr., Marquis Jeffries, and Montrice Jeffries; stepdaughter, Malaysia Estes, whom she loved as her own. Grandchildren, Mo'Nae Estes, Mon'Tay Estes, and expected grandson, Ashar Knox. Siblings, Phillip (Yulawenda) Hicks, Orlando (Ava) Knox, Ralph Knox, Mae Knox, Tony (Terina) Knox, Eric Knox, Verness Knox, Haja Knox, Carletta Chairs, Delois (Chris) Campbell, Diane Chairs, Debber Chairs, and Carolyn Chairs, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Vanessa is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Empress Knox-Perrault and Donna Haymon; and brother, Michael Chairs.

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 deserves a special place,
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Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional Family
- Prayer Minister Randy Jackson
- Scripture Reading Minister Randy Jackson
- Musical Selection
- "Deliver Me" by Donald Lawrence & Le'Andria Johnson
- Acknowledgements of Cards,
- Condolences & Obituary
- Expressions
- (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends
- Musical Selection
- "Better Days" by Diane Reeves
- Eulogy Minister Randy Jackson
- Committal Benediction Recessional