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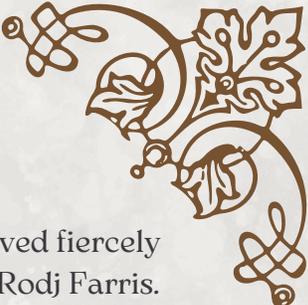


Michelle Clark

October 13, 1975 - February 4, 2026

Beloved Daughter, Mother, Sister & Friend





Obituary

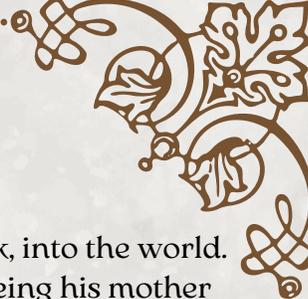
Michelle Nicholle Clark was born in Kansas City, Missouri, a city she loved fiercely and represented proudly. She is the only daughter of Karen Clark and Rodj Farris. She never knew her father because he passed early in life, but Michelle came to understand a father's love through the steady devotion and guidance of Wayne Mason, Sr. and Leon Slaughter, Sr., who showed up for her in ways that mattered. Most significantly, having accepted Christ at an early age, she knew and embodied God Our Father's sustaining Love throughout her life.

From childhood, Michelle embodied uncommon strength. She was fearless, the kind of girl who would climb higher, run faster, and roll down hills in cardboard boxes without hesitation. When that led to a broken wrist, she endured a night of pain before anyone knew the severity. Physical pain simply did not have power over her. She absorbed it, walked through it, and kept moving.

Affectionately called "Nikki," "Chelle," or "K.I.," Michelle is the younger sister of LeeAnn Slaughter and Leon (Lisa) Slaughter, Jr. She is the everyday hero and oldest sister to Tiffany (Stanley) Makupson, Vanessa (Herbie) Lewis, Wayne (Kristen) Mason, Jr., and Victoria (Doug) Henderson. From the moment they could walk and talk, she shepherded her younger siblings. As the ring leader, she carried the burden of accountability for their collective mischief, hard choices, tough lessons, and endless fun. She set the tone early, fostering an unbreakable bond among the "Fab 5." To this day, they laugh over the shenanigans of growing up on 27th & Olive, summers and holidays with cousins (Mason's and Clark's), childhood friends, and her Job Corp Crew who fill their stories with life. She was blessed to connect with paternal family members during her teenage years. She immensely valued the relationships she built with them, especially with her cousins Eric, Staci, B.J., Taha, Ms. Tee, Joel, and Latrice.

Michelle understood her role as the eldest. She led not with control, but with example. She gave more than she asked for. If something needed to be organized, she organized it. If something needed to be cooked, she seasoned it. If someone needed encouragement, she offered it. She was the in-house beautician, cook, event planner, mediator, and mood-setter. The energy shifted for the better when she entered a room. Her humor was legendary. Quick-witted, sharp in timing, and flawless in delivery, Michelle could land a one-liner with surgical precision. She danced in the kitchen. She started the party. She made moments memorable.



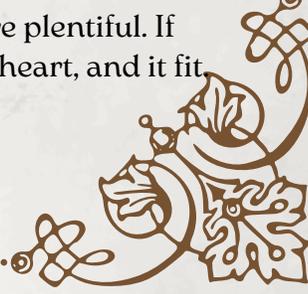


Her proudest accomplishment was welcoming her son, Dominick Clark, into the world. As a young mother, you could say they grew together. In her words, being his mother was what kept her going. In recent years, he became her purpose. She loved him with everything in her soul. It was both her duty and privilege to prove that to him through her final days. Their bond was layered with laughter, growth, and deep devotion. She was eternally proud of his accomplishments and was beyond excited to share his music, sometimes even without his permission. What she wants most for Dominick is happiness, stability, and one day maybe even a family of his own. Though she longed for grandchildren, she poured that affection into her great-nieces and nephews, ensuring they felt her presence, pride, and protection.

Michelle is the oldest granddaughter of Ruby Berry and at times she was Gran-Gran's right hand and trusted support. Loving granddaughter to Rachel Slaughter. She is niece to Sharon (James) Thompson, Cassandra (Dwayne) Jones, Jennie (Arnette) Alexander, and Nadine Farris. She is the coolest aunt to Michael Revels, Jr., Randolph 'Von' LaBarrie, Raven LaBarrie, Mykalia Mason, Myles Mason, Mayes Mason, Kirk 'Tre' Delaney III, Gianni Henderson, Alani Henderson, Colton Makupson, Kennedy Makupson, Sha'Juan (Kelvin) Alexander, 'Birthday Twin' Herbie Lewis Jr., Jalen (Cierra) Lewis, and Lay'aleon'e Slaughter. She is best friend of Aisha and Nicole. And shared a special friendship with Michael Walton, Winston Hardy, and Brandon Thornton. Many leaned on Michelle for advice, for listening, for laughter, for the warmth she brought into every space. Countless friends, family members, and co-workers benefited from the light Michelle carried.

Educated in the Kansas City School District and at Penn Valley Community College, Michelle was both a logistical thinker and a people person. Her professional journey reflected her adaptability and excellence. At DST, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City, United Health Group, and most recently the Kansas City Water and Health Departments, she consistently exceeded expectations. Whether serving as Claims Specialist, Process Analyst, Supervisor, or administrator for the Key Coalition, Michelle led naturally. She found purpose in connecting community members to needed resources and took pride in following her mother's example of service.

Her heart was enormous. Empathetic, loyal to a fault, self-sacrificing. She often absorbed pain rather than disturb someone else's peace. She was the cry-in-private, show-up-strong type. Complex in her depth, she felt things profoundly and loved even more profoundly. If funds were limited, she still made sure gifts were plentiful. If someone needed support, she showed up. Her personal symbol was a heart, and it fit



We can't say for sure who she loved more – her family and friends or the Kansas City Chiefs. By all accounts, nobody went harder for the team than Michelle. She knew football well enough to coach. Victory Sundays were sacred. It's nearly impossible to think of her without hearing her enthusiastic **"CHIIIEEEFFFFSSSS!"** echoing somewhere nearby.

Michelle was preceded in death by her father Rodj Farris, paternal grandmother Dolly N. Sargent, maternal grandparents Rev. Dr. D.L. & Daisy O'Neal, grandfather Ivory Berry, grandparents Arnold & Gloria Mason, great-grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Willie Lee Clark, Sr., her aunt Jacqueline Clark, and special friend 'Dinky'.

To know Michelle is to know loyalty, strength, resolve, love, and joy in the most wonderful packaging you could want. To know Michelle is to know an uncommon heart that gave something that exceeds any definition of love and joy.

Her legacy lives in the bonds she strengthened, the laughter she sparked, the meals she prepared, the community she served, and the son she cherished.





Order of Services

Master of Ceremony.....Pastor Adrain Howard
New Rising Star MBC

Processional of Family

Prayer/Scripture "Old Testament" Pastor Nathan Buie
Greater St. Matthew MBC

Scripture "New Testament" Pastor Adrain Howard

Song "Open My Heart"..... Simone Roulette-Allen

Acknowledgements Cassandra Jones

Remarks (2 minutes)

Obituary & Video Tribute

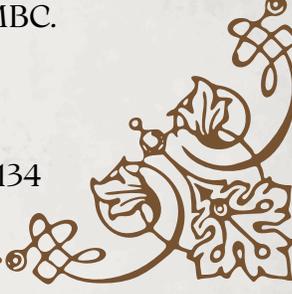
Sibling Tribute

Song "The Blood"..... The Family

Eulogy..... Rev. Elijah Clark
Mt. Sinai MBC.

Recessional

Repass to follow at 6800 E 116th St. Kansas City, MO 64134













The family of Michelle Clark wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!



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