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FOR

Kimberly
HARGROVE



Sunrise: October 22, 1965

Sunset: September 2, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 11:00 am

Israel Memorial AME Church
54 Lincoln Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103
Rev. Douglas Williams, Officiating Minister

Obituary



Her story was more than the years she lived—it was the love she gave, the lives she touched, and the memories she left behind.

We honor the life and memory of **Kimberly Yvette Hargrove**, born October 22, 1965, in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Cheryl Anne Thomas and the late Gerald L. Burks.

Kimberly was a woman of style and grace. She carried a heart that spoke for itself and a light that had a way of carrying others through. She was lovingly raised by her grandmother and her two uncles, the late Pauline Thomas, the late Raymond “Buster” Thomas, and her uncle, Allen “Skipper” Thomas Jr.

Kimberly spent her early years in Newark before relocating to East Orange, New Jersey, where she spent many years creating meaningful memories and forming genuine connections with friends and members of her community.

While attending Clifford J. Scott High School, Kimberly met Ronald L. Hargrove. The two would later marry and welcome four children: Tempestt M. Colter, her eldest daughter; Ronald L. Hargrove Jr., her first son; Kion G. Hargrove, her second son; and Isaiah M. Hargrove, her third son. Together, they shared a chapter of life from 1986 to 1994.

Throughout her journey, Kimberly briefly pursued studies in the medical field while raising her fifth and final child, Khailah N. Beasley, alongside her former partner, Derrick D. Beasley.

Kimberly found joy in life’s everyday moments—music, long phone calls with friends, laughter, and time spent with her children. In 2007, Kimberly began a career as a Garde Manger at Kent Place School in Summit, New Jersey. She was deeply devoted to her work and took great pride in doing it well. Her dedication and work ethic were a reflection of the care she brought into everything she did.

That same year, Kimberly entered another cherished chapter of her life: grandmotherhood. She welcomed her first grandson, De’Vaughn J. Colter, in 2007. Her family continued to grow with the arrival of her second grandson, Kior Z. Hargrove, in 2011, followed by her granddaughters, Jordyn A. Colter in 2013, Mya R. Hargrove in 2015, and Kailani E. Colter in 2017.

Her grandchildren were among her greatest blessings, and she treasured the moments she shared with each of them.

Kimberly leaves behind her siblings, Lawanna Burks, Gerald Short, Sharif Spencer, Karim Burks, and Fatima Short, along with the memory of her late sibling, Clinton Dawkins. She also leaves behind lifelong high school friends, cherished loved ones, and the many genuine connections she made throughout her life. Kimberly will be remembered for her warmth, her devotion to family, her laughter, and the love she poured into those fortunate enough to know her.

Her story does not end with her passing. Her light lives on in her children, her grandchildren, her family, her friends, and in every heart she touched.

May her memory forever be a blessing.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

“Blessed Assurance” (Organist)

Scripture Readings

Old & New Testament

Read By Derrick Beasley and Toya Beasley

Prayer

Song Selection

“Order My Steps In Your World”

GMWA Women of Worship.

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

(Read Silently)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave., Clifton, New Jersey 07014

Repast

The HUUB, INC.

35&37 Cleveland Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050

Time 1:00pm-4:00pm.

"To be Free"
Sam Smith

*Pray your heart be lighter
Brave and free like mine
Floating like a feather
Hope waits down the line
To be free*

*Like the river tends to be
To be free*

*Wings of freedom, fly to me
Shake off all your burdens
Shame's no friend of mine
Lost my faith in perfect
Will be home in time, oh
To be free*

*Like the river, oh, tends to be
To be free*

*Wings of freedom, fly to me
Fly, Fly
To be free
Like the river, oh, it tends to be*

*To be free
Wings of freedom, fly to me*

*May your heart be open
Let no one change your mind*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation
all acts of kindness extended to them during this
bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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