

Celebration of Life



Nikema C. Johnson

August 11, 1994 – October 17, 2021

Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

Maranatha Baptist Church

112-42 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429

Obituary

With deep sadness, **Kikema Claudia Johnson**, passed away in a car accident in Virginia at the age of 27 on October 17, 2021. She left us just as abruptly as she found us.

Kikema Claudia Johnson was born on August 11, 1994 to Claudette Roberts-Johnson and Kenneth Johnson in Manhasset, New York. She lived and was raised in Springfield Gardens, New York. After graduating from Excelsior Preparatory High School in the class of 2013, Kikema immediately attended Queens Borough Community College with a focus in Early Childhood Education. Her bright, nurturing nature gave her an optimistic future working with children. So her goal was to be an entrepreneur in child care services. In the meantime, Kikema's kind and humbling personality moved her to work in sales and customer service, starting in 2016. Some of the businesses she worked for were TJ Maxx, Lowe's, Macy's, Bj's, IHOP, Burlington, and Ava Meats.

Kikema, often called Kema, Kiki, or Coco was attracted to life and entertainment. When not working, Kikema dedicated her time towards social media ,dancing, shopping, dining and always enjoyed spending time with close friends and family. Her style was casual but elegant which complimented her graceful persona. A true lover of fashion, she had a flair for many beauty aspects, such as hair and makeup. Often she would further educate herself by watching tutorials. Which enticed her vivid imagination in experimenting with colors and other extravagant styles.

Kikema had an immense passion for animals and family was extremely important to her too. One of her favorite activities was attending family gatherings or traveling. She was also proud and loved celebrating her culture. She was affectionately known to always rejoice in family celebrations as we were always honored with her presence. Everyone who knew Kema found her to be loving, funny, and friendly. She would always greet everyone with a gentle smile and lots of hugs. A true source of positivity, no one could have escaped her warmth.

Kikema is survived by her mother and father Claudette and Kenneth Johnson. She is also survived by her Great Grandmother, Mabel Dunbar, who is 107 years old. Others that survived her are her Grandmother, Minora Rosenthal. She has two brothers that survived her, Robert and Gregory Johnson, along with her niece, Ava Johnson. Others that survived her are aunts, uncles, and a host of cousins and friends.

Although this is still sinking in and it is hard to accept the reality that she is no longer physically with us, she will always be with us spiritually. Everyday we can find healing in celebrating the gifts she left us with. Those are to smile in all situations, love as hard as you can, and to dive into your passions faithfully. These key things were a part of Kikema's precious personality and we can find peace in these attributes. We will always miss her and she will never be forgotten.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Organist
Processional.....	Pastor and Family
Scripture - Ecclesiastic 3,1-5	DiAndri Roberts-Cousin
Prayer.....	Pastor Andre Baynes
Opening Remarks	Venetia Knight-Cousin
Congregational Hymn.....	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Obituary Reading.....	Carlene Roberts Mott- Cousin
Tribute Remarks.....	(2 Minutes/Person)
Musical Selection	Nickole Webb-Cousin
Congregational Reading.....	Palms 23
Hymn of Comfort	The Strife of Life Is Over: Organist
Solo Selection	Nickole Webb-Cousin
Eulogy.....	Pastor Andre Baynes
Reading: John 14, 1-6,& 27	Chenel Roberts-Cousin
Musical Selection	Amazing Grace
Congregational Prayer	The Lord's Prayer
Message	Pastor Andre Baynes
Closing Remarks	Lenny Campbell-Cousin
Organist	It Is Well With My Soul
Benediction.....	Pastor Andre Baynes
Recessional.....	Pastor and Family

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.[2]

Max Ehrmann, 1948

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.
The Family

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