

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
FOR



*Yansenna*

MICHELLE NELSON GALE

Sunrise: October 22, 1958 - Sunset: April 2, 2023

Monday, April 24, 2023 - 4pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Bishop James Kelley Edge, Officiating

# Obituary

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## **A TIME TO BE BORN**

**Michelle Gale** was born to Bertha Nelson and Marvin McDell on October 22, 1958 in Mobile, Alabama.

## **A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN**

Michelle, her siblings and mother relocated to New York City when Michelle was eight years old. Michelle attended P.S. 28, J.H.S. 52 and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School with the Class of 1977.

Michelle married Charles Gale at an early age and had two children from that union. Michelle was a true nurturer. She volunteered her time at Preschool Headstart where she received a certificate for best Parent Of The Year for her services.

She was an avid cook who loved to share her recipes with family and friends. Her most famous dish was her "yellow rice." The children always could look forward to a meal when they came home from school. She also enjoyed braiding hair and crocheting; and she didn't mind sharing these skills with others. She had true love for animals.

Michelle worked for the New York City Human Resource Administration for five years as a Placement Caseworker. She attended computer school and used her skills at Jericka House and Abel House as a Front Desk Receptionist. Michelle also spoke at rehabilitation centers for the empowerment of recovering addicts.

## **A TIME TO DIE**

Michelle departed this earthly life on April 2, 2023 in her home in New York City. Preceding her in death was her sister, Brenda.

## **A TIME TO MOURN**

She is survived by: her mother, Bertha; father, Marvin McDell; sister, Gwendolyn Smith; two sons, Kendall (Laquetha) Nelson and Micael Gale; two daughters, Roslyn Gale and Latia Gale; Louie (fur baby); two nieces, Latasha and Ahleezah; fourteen grandchildren, Fanizha, Kelsey, Kendall, Quanisha, Chris, Andrew, Art, Dwayne, Amiana, Styles, Zymya, Milkala, Aniya, and Jaquan; ten great grandchildren; three aunts, Warceal Foney, Demetra Nelson of Mobile, Alabama, and Ruby (Willie) Nelson-Williams of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Prelude**

**Processional**  
Clergy and Family

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Apostle J. Kelly Edge

**Song**

**The Word of God**  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

**Song**

**Reflections**

**Acknowledgements/Appreciation**

**Obituary**  
Keesha McMillian

**Eulogy**  
Apostle J. Kelly Edge II

**Recessional**

**REPAST:**  
The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
454 W. 155th St., New York, NY 10032

**FINAL DISPOSITION:**  
Rosehill Crematory  
Linden, New Jersey

## SHE IS GONE

You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

- David Harkins

## Acknowledgement

*The Family of Yansenna Michelle Nelson Gale extends sincere appreciation to loved ones and family who found so many tender ways to express friendship, love and sympathy during this period of sadness and bereavement in our lives. Your acts of kindness will long be remembered. ~ Family*

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