

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Ebony Nicole Jackson

Sunrise
June 12, 1990

Sunset
October 25, 2023



Service

Friday, November 3, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

111-10 Guy R. Brewer Blvd • Queens, New York 11433

Rev. Victor T. Hall, Sr., Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Congregational Selection “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Psalm 23 Satara Richards

New Testament: John 14:1-6 Dorothy Gist

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Victor T. Hall, Sr.

Congregational Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Resolution

Family Remarks Minister Grace Smythe-Young

Reflection Mr. Alan Pope

Obituary Nyika Hollis

Reading Kevin Hollis

Congregational Selection “When We All Get To Heaven”

Eulogy Rev. Victor T. Hall, Sr.

Recessional “God Be With You”

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York

Repast

Following the Internment, please join the family at:
Linden House, 200-21 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, New York

Obituary

Ebony Nicole Jackson was born on June 12, 1990 in Queens, NY, to parents: Diana Jackson and Johnny Hollis. On October 25, 2023 Ebony peacefully answered the Master's Call, at age 33, as she was lovingly surrounded by her Mom (Diana) who was always with her on life's journey.

Ebony was baptized in 1995 at Calvary Baptist Church, Jamaica, by Rev. Hall and was a member of the Girls Scouts - Brownie, Children's Choir, Angelic Youth Ministry and the Imani Youth Ministry with her cousin/brother, Aaron Jackson-Kent. Her illness interrupted her service on the Junior Usher Board where she served as Past President.

She enjoyed her educational studies and graduated from Martin Van Buren High School in Queens, New York. To pursue her creative goals, Ebony enrolled at Nassau Community College for poetry and journalism and wrote for the College newspaper. She felt "locked in her body" and used the writing channels to express her deep feelings about life ...and living. She produced several poems that were written from the heart and she asked her Mom to ensure they were published. To expand her writings, she inquired about the use of a camera to capture the beauty of flowers and landscapes...and to possibly join the local camera club. Ebony joined an International Zoom group that focused on journaling and creative writing. There were twenty attendees and Ebony was the only participant from the United States. She was willing to take risks and enjoyed exploring new geographical areas as she traveled with her Mom and her brother, Kevin Hollis, that included a family reunion and visits to: France, Italy, Spain, St. Lucia, Belize, Aruba, Mexico, and Haiti. Dubai was on her bucket list.

In spite of Ebony's health challenges since birth she pursued each day as a blessing and didn't dwell on the challenges. Her love of life and determination brings to mind the words of the Church hymn: "Your Grace and Mercy brought me through. I'm living each moment because of you. I want to thank you and praise you too. Because it was: Your Grace and Mercy that brought me through."

Ebony enjoyed New York City's cultural opportunities including Broadway with its shows and the excitement of exploring the cafes in Greenwich Village. Gantry State Park in Long Island City with its promenade on the East River that provides spectacular views of Manhattan's midtown skyline was always a joy. Arts and crafts were a strong interest and she loved attending basketball games: her favorite teams were: Brooklyn Nets and the Long Island Nets. With Ebony's transition, the Long Island Nets sent condolences. The colleagues at Nassau University Medical Center, Chemical Dependency Unit, where Diana is employed, have been superb in relating to Ebony on her journey - especially during the last hospitalization - and she referred to some as aunt and uncle. Accolades to the staff at Mt. Sinai Hospital, NYC, Adult Congenital Heart Unit who provided long term care for Ebony for 20+ years through Dr. Zaid, Dr. LaCorte, and Dr. Pass.

Diana's love was always evident as she provided the support to enable Ebony's pursuit of numerous interests. Aaron Jackson-Kent - her cousin/brother - also provided love, support and transportation. Ebony's life was short...and so full of new ventures. She loved life and lived it to its fullest. She loved her family for the joy, love and support they provided. She amazed her Mom as she expressed herself way beyond her young years. We know it's not the number of years we live. Rather it's how we live ...and love ... and how we spend our years on this journey. We're thankful for Ebony who will forever be admired and loved for her ability to move forward in spite of life's challenges. She taught us so much about life ...as she lived each day to its fullest. She was an amazing and loving young woman and has left so many beautiful memories for us to cherish.

Ebony is survived by: her loving mom, Diana Jackson, Queens; father Johnny Hollis, North Carolina; grandmother Sarah Hollis, North Carolina; siblings: Lisa Hollis, North Carolina, Kevin Hollis, Orange County, NY, Nyika Hollis, New Jersey; cousin/brother Aaron Jackson-Kent, Queens. Aunts: Edwina Jackson, Queens, Curley Manning, Queens, Darria Brown, Brooklyn, Connie Emery, North Carolina; niece Shaquasia Hollis, North Carolina, nephews: Kameron Hollis, Orange County, NY, Hunter Endemano, New Jersey; and a host of cousins, Church family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be sent to: Adult Congenital Heart Assoc., 280 North Providence Road, Suite 6, Media, Pennsylvania 19063, in memory of Ebony Nicole Jackson.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me now, I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the dawn 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 has been full, I've 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.*

Humbly Submitted, The Family

Acknowledgements

The family offers our sincere gratitude, appreciation and thanks for your attendance and participation in this Celebration, for the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy, acts of kindness and the love shared during our time of bereavement as we remember our beloved Ebony Nicole Jackson. May God continue to bless you.

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