



Airrica Newsom

August 18, 1975 - March 3, 2024

Airrica Keyon Newsom was born August 18, 1975, to the late Harold Phillips and LaBrena Price in Detroit, Michigan. Airrica, who was lovingly called “Pookie” by her mother, was a fearless child. She spent her childhood days riding her bicycle all over Detroit, embracing new adventures in fearless fashion. Airrica was an intelligent child, testing in the top 10% of the nation for Math and Science as she matriculated through the Detroit Public School systems.

Airrica developed a love for God very early in life, serving as a youth usher at Peace Baptist Church where she accepted Christ and was baptized in 1987 by the late Reverend Dr. Stacey Williams.

Airrica completed her education with Job Corps in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1993 before moving back to Illinois in 1998 where she later gave birth to daughters Alexis and Ashley. As a new mother, Airrica was joyous. Spending only a few years in Illinois, Airrica met and married Eric Bracey in the early 1990’s. Their union led them to Minneapolis, Minnesota where Airrica’s youngest daughter Audrey was born. Embracing their new family, Airrica and Eric spent several years together in Minnesota where Airrica developed lasting friendships with Lisa, Becky and Jeff. Airrica’s truest love was with Bruce Newsom. Their 8-year marriage was a fruitful one until Bruce’s passing in 2020.

With a need to surround herself with family, Airrica returned to Illinois. She engulfed herself in cooking and arts and craft projects, that she took pride in gifting to her family and friends. Airrica recommitted her life to Christ, finding a church home with Caldwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Kankakee. Airrica was soft spoken, with a dry sense of humor, and a smile that could light up any room – being nicknamed “Smiley” by her friends and family for the infectious smile she possessed.

She was preceded in death by, her first husband, Eric Bracey; her second husband, Bruce Newsom and her grandfather, Warren Price.

Airrica leaves to cherish her memory: her mother, LaBrena Price-Woods of Kankakee, IL; her daughters, Alexis, Ashley and Audrey Bracey, all of Minnesota; her grandmother, Dorothy Price of Kankakee, IL; aunts, LaTricia Price-Cranford of Detroit, MI and LaVella Price-Darby of Kankakee, IL; close cousins, Brian Cranford of Detroit, MI, Kyle Cranford of Bourbonnais, IL Reginald Darby Jr. of Washington, DC, Kristina Darby (Mark Woods) of New Orleans, LA and Harper Woods of New Orleans, LA, and a host of other relatives, church members, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church
805 N. Evergreen Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church
805 N. Evergreen Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Michael Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Airrica Newsom*



Michael and Rita Morris - March 14, 2024 at 11:28 PM

CF

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to the family.*



Cherry Malone Marshall and family - March 13, 2024 at 11:46 AM

EE

“ *Eloise Edwards lit a candle in memory of Airrica Newsom*



Eloise Edwards - March 13, 2024 at 01:00 AM

EL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Airrica Newsom. May she rest in the arms of the Father: bouquet: 🙏🙏*



Ethel Lee - March 13, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ Cuz, you already know my prayers are with you and Auntie Dorothy. My buddy who always talked to me on her walks or sometimes she bring me a piece of her art work or crafts . She could always hold a conversation or say girl let me go before my momma get out the car. I would just laugh 😂 Let her tell it she was always helping cooking especially the Jambalaya. Rest in Love my beautiful friend



Mary Gant - March 12, 2024 at 09:23 PM

PJ

“ LaBrena and family, I am so sorry to hear about Airrica. My heart, love and condolences to go out to each of you. I pray your strength in the Lord during this new adjustment in your lives. Rest easy Airrica.



Patricia Jamison - March 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to you LaBrenna and the entire family of Airrica. May God wrap His arms of comfort, peace, love and understanding around you all. Love to the Family.



Mary Price - March 12, 2024 at 07:08 PM

JA

“ Praying for the family of Airrica Newsom. May God comfort and strengthen you during this time.

*In Him,
Dr Rodney & Jackie Alford*



jacqueline Alford - March 10, 2024 at 05:51 PM

AF

“ Annie & Family lit a candle in memory of Airrica Newsom



Annie Johnson & Family - March 08, 2024 at 07:20 PM

CW

“ My Condolences to the family, Sending Prayers.



Cheryl Wilson - March 08, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Airrica Newsom



JOANN FORD-BOX - March 08, 2024 at 01:57 PM

TW

“ *Terry Wilson-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Airrica Newsom*



Terry Wilson-Lloyd - March 08, 2024 at 09:02 AM

RE

Renee Stewart: Sending prayers and condolences.

renee - March 14, 2024 at 07:15 PM