

Obituary

Nyeshia Reneé Darden, affectionately known as “Nye,” was born on July 2, 1983, in New Rochelle, NY to Melvin L. Darden, Jr. and Tammy G. Jones. She was raised and received her education through the New Rochelle Public School system, graduating from New Rochelle High School, in the year 2000. In 2002, she received an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration, from Westchester Community College. She also earned a Nurse’s Aide certification in 2008, from Midlands Technical College in Columbia, SC.

In 2008, Nyeshia relocated to Columbia, SC where she would raise her three beautiful children – Anayah (2005), Malakhi (2015), and Marcianna (2019). This was an easy decision for her as she always treasured spending time with her grandmother, Madeline “Bootsie” Darden who moved to SC years earlier. She had a career as a waitress at the Waffle House in Columbia for many years, serving hundreds of regular customers who looked forward to her bright smile and endearing service every day. In 2020, she accomplished one of her lifelong dreams and became a published author of the novel *Played – With and Out* (available on Amazon).

In 2019, shortly after the birth of her third child, Nyeshia was diagnosed with and treated for breast cancer – a battle that she fought and won. Several months later and for the next few years, she would face this battle again and again with grace, courage, strength, and VICTORY – defying the odds against her. She was baptized in 2021 by Elder Kevin Griffith and continued her prominent walk of faith and trust in God until He called her home.

Nyeshia departed this life surrounded by her loved ones on Saturday, December 24, 2022, at the young age of 39. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Melvin Darden, Sr., Madeline E. Darden, and Eugene Jones. She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Anayah Stewart, Malakhi Stewart, and Marcianna Scott, all of Columbia, SC; her father, Melvin L. Darden, Jr. (Lanalle), of Columbia, SC; her mother, Tammy Jones-White (James), of East Haven, CT; four siblings, Monique Holland (Lester), Ashanti Darden, Quincy Darden, and Isaiah Darden, all of Columbia, SC; fiancé, Marcus Scott; one niece, two nephews; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and devoted friends, who will all miss her sorely.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn

Scriptures Reading.....Elder Kevin Griffith, Sr.

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer.....Elder Kevin Griffith, Jr.

Musical Selection.....Kingdom Life Ministries

Remarks.....A Family Member
A Friend

Musical Selection.....Kingdom Life Ministries

Words of Comfort.....Overseer James Rowson
Pastor, Kingdom Life Ministries

Committal and Benediction

Recessional

Postlude



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Nyesha Renee Darden, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support, during this time. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way. A special thank you to Dr. Collins and the Medical Staff at SC Oncology Associates; Prisma Health Hospice Care; and Caretakers, Diane, Melvina, and Monique

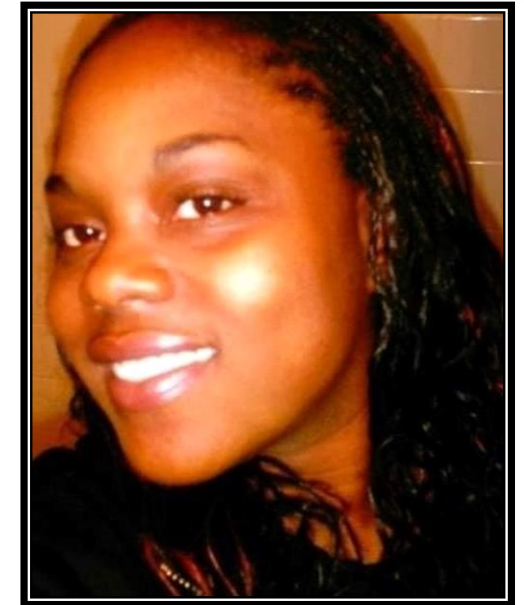
Repast

Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
Fellowship Hall
2440 Atlas Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Homegoing Celebration for *Ms. Nyesha Renee' Darden*



Friday, December 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Overseer James Rowson
-Officiating-