

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends



## *Letter To My Mom*

Dear Mom,

I'm at a crossroads where a world of emotions and a speechless child lie. This is the day where we celebrate your life, a life of endless beauty, a life where you radiated liveliness. The thought of seeing that life go away hurts me more than I can write; however, it's your soul that continues to leave its mark on everyone you've encountered. I've had the blessing of being the byproduct of the most amazing woman I will ever meet... my mom. In search of a way to express my gratitude the only words I can find is "thank you." Thank you for always being the hug I needed, thank you for providing me with a person I could talk to, thank you for taking a million photos that I can now look back at, smiling. Thank you for being my heart, my soul, my motivation, and my why. I owe the person I am today to you because without you, none of this would be possible. I've seen you work tirelessly to provide me with peace of mind and to make sure I had a roof over my head. You've left me with a legacy to protect: a legacy of love, compassion, thoughtfulness, ability to bring all together—a legacy that will never be forgotten. As I enter my adult life, many may say I am a representation of myself and my own values, but deep down, I will always keep in mind that I am a representation of you. I cannot be more thankful for holding that title. I am beyond blessed with the life you have provided me with. I wish that I could get more time in this world with you, but I understand that no time would be long enough. I will always hold on to the memories we shared, the time we had, and the love you gave me. I've shed many tears these past few days, but I understand that you're in a better place. As I like to say, it's not goodbye. It's see you later. I love you, Mom.

Love,  
Your Son

## *Acknowledgement*

We wish to take this opportunity to express our warmest and sincere appreciation to our many friends, for the kindness extended to us in our hour of bereavement.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To:  
**LEEYYS FUNERAL HOME**  
1831 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29201

# CELEBRATION *of Life for* TEMPESTT NICOLE MURPHY

*Sunrise*  
OCTOBER 31, 1986

*Sunset*  
JULY 11, 2025



*Celebration Service*  
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 - 11:00 AM

*Leevy's Funeral Home*  
1831 TAYLOR STREET, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201



# TEMPESTT NICOLE MURPHY CELEBRATION SERVICE



## *Order of Service*

**Family Processional**

**Opening Hymn**  
"I Need You Now"

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Scripture Reading:**  
Old Testament - New Testament

**Solo Selection**  
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

**Resolutions**

**Reading of the Obituary**  
Jacqueline Brooks

**Crowing Ceremony**

**Special Tribute**  
Naeem Newton

**Remarks**  
Immediate Family Only

(Add'l Remarks from extended family and Friends to be done at Repast.)

**Musical Tribute**  
"Before I Let Go" - Frankie Beverly

**Eulogy**  
Pastor Renee Clark

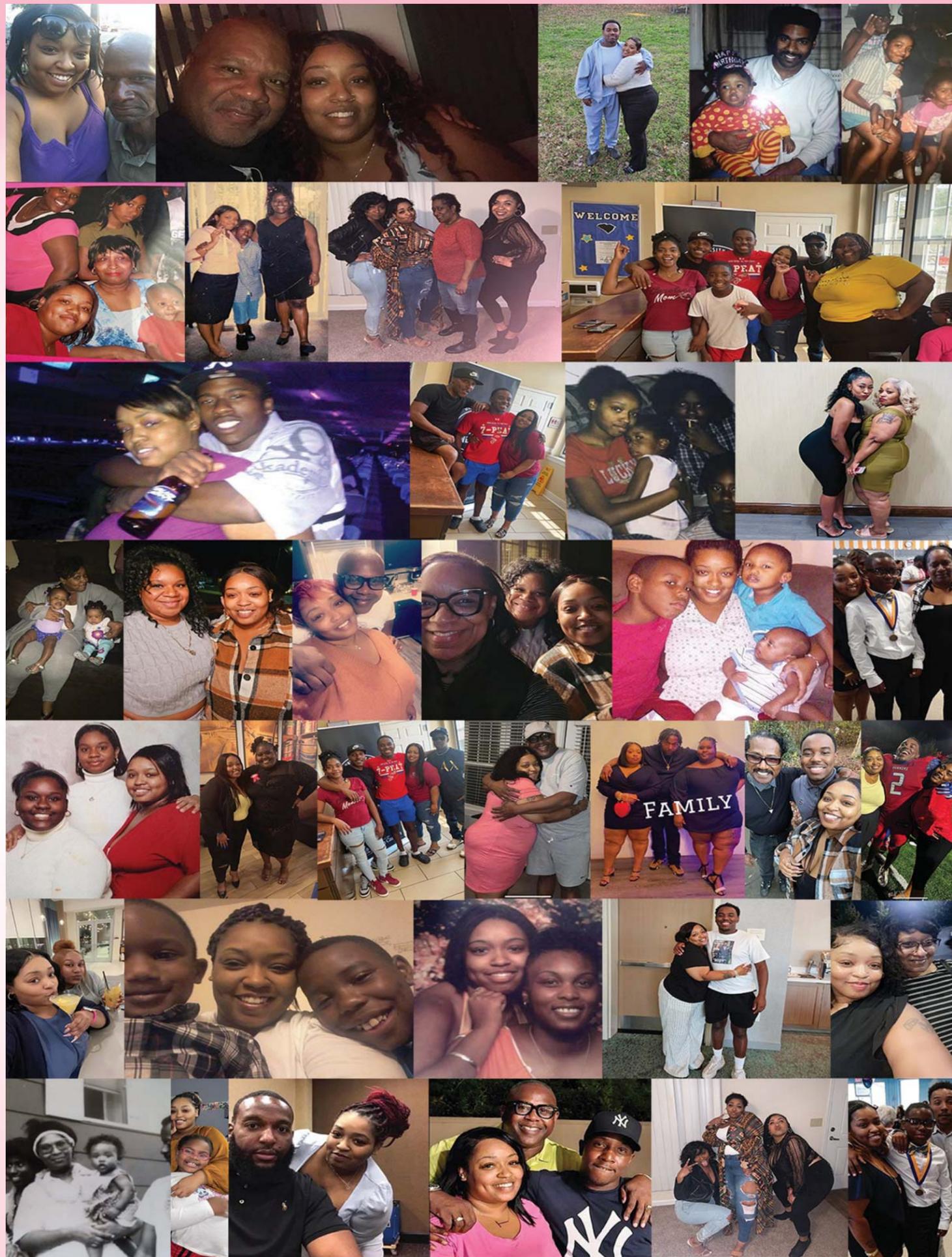
**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Internment**  
Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203

**Repast**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
1200 Pickens Street, Colombia, SC 29201





## Her Legacy

In Loving Memory of TEMPESTT NICOLE MURPHY. It is with deep sorrow and fond remembrance that on Friday July 11, 2025 we acknowledge the passing of a remarkable individual whose presence and infectious smile touched the lives of many: our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Aunt, and Fiancé TEMPESTT NICOLE MURPHY. TEMPESTT was born in Newark, New Jersey on October 31, 1986, to Sheila Graham and Kendall Murphy. She was raised by Gregory Brooks since the age of one.

Those who know TEMPESTT know she loved to brag proudly that she was the first granddaughter, the first cousin, and the first everything. TEMPESTT was very high maintenance in ensuring her hair was laid and her long nails were done faithfully. She was very, very proud of her son. No matter what he did, he did nothing wrong in her eyes. She cherished their bond and relationship more than anything. TEMPESTT was truly sacrificial, hardworking, and never stopped trying to progress in everything she did.

Education played a central role in shaping not only the mind, but the character of our dearly departed TEMPESTT. Driven by a humble desire to better understand the world, academic endeavors were approached with both diligence and enthusiasm. From the earliest days in a classroom attending 14th Ave in Newark, NJ, to moving down to South Carolina to attend Sandel Elementary, Saint Andrews Middle, which led her in 2004 to graduate a year early after attending Columbia High. She installed this same educational drive into her only son which aided him in achieving a full ride scholarship to University of South Carolina.

With a firmly established foundation, a distinguished career blossomed. Her calling to Hospitality and Hotel Management perfectly aligned with her passionate desire to serve. TEMPESTT chose a career in Hospitality and Customer Service, where she was able to conquer all her career dreams. TEMPESTT has been in the hotel field for over 10 years. She started off this journey working in the hotel kitchen, and after a few years, she became a supervisor. One of her greatest accomplishments in her career was becoming the General Manager of a Hilton Brand Hotel. TEMPESTT's greatest career wish was to one day become the owner of a brand hotel. Prior to her departure, TEMPESTT ended her career as an Assistant General Manager of the Cambria Hotel.

To know TEMPESTT was to love her all whilst witnessing a quiet strength that uplifted others and a steadfast belief in the potential of every person she encountered. TEMPESTT's life serves as a testament to the difference one soul can make through gentle words, steadfast support, and unwavering love.

Though grief may linger and memories may stir, both joy and sorrow, there is comfort in knowing that a life so well lived continues to shine through the acts of kindness inspired and the bonds created. As friends and family gather to reflect, share stories, and honor this legacy, we are reminded that love endures beyond the boundaries of time and space.

TEMPESTT leaves to cherish her memory HER ONE AND ONLY CHILD Mr. Naem K. Newton. Her mother Sheila Graham, her father Gregory Brooks (Tammy), and her biological father Kendall Murphy (Ester). Her fiancé' Keon Smith (her stepchildren Hakeem and Amarion Smith). Her sisters Jacqueline Brooks, Chantrey Murphy, and Shanice Murphy, her brothers Gregory Brooks and Jarrell Murphy. Her best friend and the father of her child Charles Newton. Her nieces Rylei Brooks (whom she called her favorite girl in the world and was a second mother to), Amora Brooks, and Desirae Linder. Her nephews Zy'ier Brooks, Amaury Brooks, Amir Brooks, and TJ Bannister. Her mother-in-law Charlene Whitfield, and sister-in-laws Trina Matthews and Kelly Smith. Her god-brother Christopher Doctor and god-sister Nissan Chisolm. Her best friends Michelle Davis and Deidra Summers. Her special cousins Sierra Clark and Shari Graham. Her special uncle whom she considered a 2nd father Randy Graham. Along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and special friends. We can find comfort in knowing TEMPESTT will be rejoining whom she considered to be her 2nd mother and best friend, her Nanna Mamie Lee Graham. She is preceded in death by her grandfather Swindell Graham Sr., her favorite uncles Michael Graham and Tobias Graham Sr, and her brother Keshon Wright. TEMPESTT's departure comes with a great shock and is gravely felt by her entire family. TEMPESTT will be deeply missed though her love, kindness, and strength will live on in all who knew her.

