

Tribute

Dear Family and Friends,

If you don't know me by now, you will never know

me. I want you to know that I have moved!

I received a call from the Chief Architect, who informed me that my new house was ready and that I could move immediately. Well, my new home is finished, and it is such a beautiful sight to behold. It is in an exclusive estate area and sits behind a beautiful pearly gate.

There is peace, joy, and happiness here, with no more pain to bear, no strife, and no discontent. I could go on exploring around my new home, but I have to get fitted for my wings.

Pallbearers

Donald Ward, Jr.	Sheldon Griffin
John Ward	De'Angelo Ward
James Epps	Chauncey Ward

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Michelle S. Ward Benson wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement.



*I am my best friend.
No one loves me, more than me!!
Always love yourself first!
Love them that Love YOU!!
-Michelle*

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A Service of Remembrance
Celebrating the Life
of
*Mrs. Michelle S.
Ward Benson*



Sunday, August 9 2026
11:00 a.m.

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

Ms. Ivasheva Nix
-Officiating-

Obituary

The Rising of the Sun:
Mrs. Michelle S. Ward-Benson, affectionately known as “*Sexy Red*” to many, was born May 25, 1973, in Columbia, South Carolina to James Sims, Jesse and Anne Beatrice Ward, Sr.

Life’s Departure:
On Saturday, August 1, 2026, Michelle, the baby of eight siblings, answered the Lord’s call, “come and rest.”

The Gleaming of the Sun:
Michelle attended Columbia High School and graduated from Dreher High School, in Columbia, SC. She was employed as a bail bond agent and a SC Government employee. Michelle was the #1 party host and always the life of the party with her Jello shots! She was also a mother figure to many. She was a member of New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church. Michelle met and married John Benson in 2019, in Columbia, South Carolina.

The Shining of the Sun:
She was preceded in death by her parents, James Sims, Jesse and Beatrice Ward; and her brother, Jesse Ward.

Mrs. Michelle S. Ward Benson leaves to cherish her loving memory: her husband, John Benson; her children, whom she lovingly called her “six pack”; Nichelle Ward, Nadia Jenkins, Nichole Ward, Nyla Ward, Nicholas Jenkins and Nasir Ward; one stepdaughter, Ebony Benson; stepson, Tarin (Tasha) Benson; sisters, Demetrice Ward, Lisa (Troy) Adams, Vivian Ward (John), Octavia Sims, Teresa Sims; four brothers, Jesse Ward, De’Angelo (Vivian) Ward, Donald Ward (Sita), Gerald Ward; nine grandchildren; her closest, dearest friends; Lakiska Rose Sims and Heyward Greene; a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Mr. Robert Ward
- Old Testament.....Minister
- New Testament.....Minister
- Prayer of Comfort.....Ms. Cynthia Greenevcx
- Solo.....Mr. Heyward Greene
- Words of Comfort.....Ms. Ivasheva Nix
- Reading of Psalm 91.....Mrs. Chakendra Gladden
- Closing Words.....Ms. Renee Brown Sims
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina