Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone
away her journey's just begun, life
holds so many facets this earth is only
one. Just think of her as resting from the
sorrows and the tears in a place of warnth and
confort where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing that we could
know today how nothing but our madness
can really pass away. And think of
her as living in the hearts of those
she touched for nothing
loved is ever lost
and she was
loved so
much



Mama was my greatest teacher! A teacher of love, fearlessness and compassion. If love is a flower. Then my Mom is that sweet flower of love.

— Julian Johnson

<u>Acknowledgeme</u>nt

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece; if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we THANK YOU, whatever the part.

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Service

Tuesday, April 5, 2022- 6:00 p.m. 1084 Pacific Street Brooklyn, New York 11238



Order of Service

Words of Welcome

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings:

John 14: 1-3 2 Corinthians 13: 4-8,13

Musical Selections

Poem

Noah Donawa

Reading of Obituary

Christina Donawa

Eulogy/Life Tribute

Brief Informal Tributes

Thank you and Acknowledgements

Final Viewing

Closing/Benediction

Nicole "Nikki" Donawa Johnson got her wings and went on to glory on March 21, 2022. Even though, her illness took her away from this world her loving heart will leave a beacon of light for us all.

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Nikki was born on May 3, 1980, in Brooklyn, she was a gift to her parents Linda Donawa and Haskell Johnson. They loved her dearly. Nikki brought joy to her family and from a young age was very responsible. After losing her mother at an early age her, Nikki and her brother Daru were raised by their grandmother Janet Rogers "Nana", along with their great aunt Delores Pitts "Aunt Dee". They both helped to mold Nikki into an independent and strong woman.

Growing up Nikki attended both Catholic school and then public school until she graduated from High School and enrolled in college. Nikki was a student at Long Island University and for at time took pre-med courses at Megar Evers College and attended EMT school. Over the years Nikki worked at Health First, NYC Corrections Department and MTA.

In August of 1996, Nikki gave birth to the joy of her life, her son Julian. She gave her all to care and provide for her son. This is his tribute to his mother: My mother, Nicole, was a driving force in this world, beating odds and naysayers since she was young. She was intelligent, adventurous, stylish, ambitious, and loving. She was a phenomenal Mother and a phenomenal Woman. The kind of Mother to give all of herself, even if it hurt to make sure her child had and felt unconditional love. The same love she gave her family and friends who describe her as genuine, loyal, protective, stubborn at times, but also encouraging, and real. The type of person to give you the shirt off her back. She was the Angel on the shoulders of many. Always there when you stepped out of order to give you the reality of options. She loved family events and keeping the family together. Often taking "the kids" on multiple trips throughout the summers. Even Airbnb trips during COVID. Anything to keep the family spirit alive.

Nikki faced many challenges, including serious health issues, but she pushed through them all with humble dignity, amazing strength and strong faith. She enjoyed life and made sure those close to her enjoyed it too. She fought the good fight up to her last breath. She leaves a legacy of courage in the face of what many would consider unsurmountable odds.

Nikki was predeceased by her parents, Linda Donawa and Haskell Johnson; her grandmother, Janet Rogers; her great aunt and uncle, Delores and Russell Pitts; and her uncle Thomas Rogers.

Nikki leaves to mourn her son Julian Johnson; brother, Daru Donawa: her sister-in-law Lucille Martinez-Remy; uncles, Robert Donawa(Christina), Leroy Pitts(Jimmylee), Russell Pitts (Renee) and Walter Copeland(Naomi); her "Favorite Five": nephews, Alvan and Noah Donawa; nieces, Lori and Lorraine Donawa; and goddaughter Sabrina Young; cousins, Tancia and Ticia Rogers, Endia Cooper, Ashlei Donawa, Nia Donawa-McDonald and Jermain Robinson; her best friends/sisters-in-love Tamica Jenkins and Natalie Jones; aunts-in-love Deborah Turner, Dawn Bates and Benita Wynn; god brother, Christopher Chapman and a host of other relatives and friends who will cherish her memory.