

*In Loving Memory of*  
*LaBrenda Ayesha Gillen*

*May 5, 1976 - June 10, 2023*



*Friday, June 23, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

210 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108

*Evangelist Felicia Evans, Officiating*

# Order of Service

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Evangelist Felicia Evans

Selection..... “I’m Tired”

Obituary ..... Diasha Harrington

Selection..... “I Miss You”

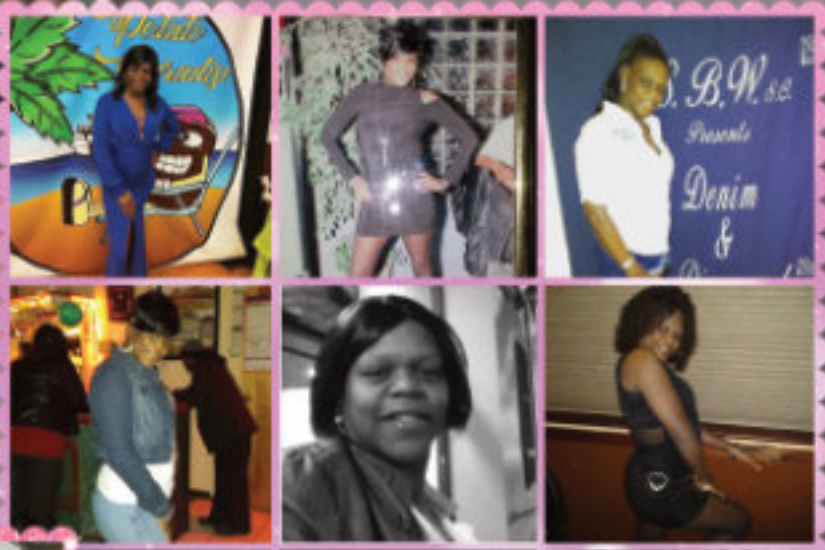
Reflections (2 minutes please)

Solo ..... Evangelist Felicia Evans

Benediction

*Final Disposition*  
Rosemount Crematory  
Elizabeth, New Jersey





## Obituary

**LaBrenda Ayesha Gillen** who loved to be called “Ma” by her children and “Esha” by her family and friends gained her wings in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 10, 2023.

Esha who she preferred to be called was born on May 5, 1976 to Marlene Gillen and raised in the Gillen home along with her Nana Mary Gillen who earned her wings in November 2015.

Esha was educated in the Newark School System and worked several jobs in her adult life providing love, devotion and support for her five beautiful children and grandchildren whom she dedicated time and soul to. If you knew Esha, you knew how much she enjoyed life and having good times with her family and friends. Especially with her right hand, her best friend and sister Lisa Gordon who has always been more than a friend, she’s family. Esha loved spending every moment with her children and when she became a grandmother to two beautiful granddaughters, she was in love all over again. Her love for her family is where her joy is.

Esha is survived by and leaves to mourn her precious memories; her children: Diasha Harrington, Naomi Gillen, Nasir and Ciara Bond and Saniyah Gillen; her grandchildren: Deziah and Laylani Dorsey. She also leaves to cherish her memory; her siblings: Nakiyyah Gillen, Jarrell Murphy, Armad and Kimberly Gillen, Dequan Muhammad and Lisa Gordon; her first niece: Diva Deen-Aigner Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Aside from the children she loved dearly, Esha is survived by her mother: Marlene Gillen; her aunts: Lisa and Leslie Gillen; uncles: Roger Gillen and Craig Mitchell; and close cousin: Corey Gillen.

LaBrenda Ayesha Gillen preceded in death by; her grandparents: Mary and Stacy Gillen; aunts: Arlene Gillen and Delrene Mitchell; uncles: Michael and Aaron Gillen.





## *A Letter To Our Mom*

*With each year that we grow older, we see how much of yourself you sacrificed and gave us. We didn't ask of the things you did. We didn't have to say a thing because LOVE was the fuel that got you through each sleepless night and early mornings.*

*There are times we should have voiced to you the gratitude we felt within but it can be quite hard to say it all when we don't know where to begin.*

*So we want you to know we are grateful Mom for everything you give. We want you to know we are thankful Mom for everything you did. We want you to know Mom that we see every beat of your heart, we see a heart that beats for all of us.*

*We see a heart that will never part.*

*We want you to know we owe it all to you Mom, you made us who we are today. We want you to know we love you more than you've ever known.*

*You always said how lucky you are to have us but we're sure we are the lucky ones. You may have been blessed with us, but we are blessed that God chose you to be our Mother and we get to call you Mom.*

**WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE OUR MOTHER,  
SHE'S OUR FAVORITE GIRL**













## *Sister and Best Friend*

*The moment I realized,  
my sister just died.*

*My hands cradled my face,  
and I frantically cried.*

*Why did this happen,  
and how could this be.*

*She had so much to live for,  
we could all clearly see.*

*My heart simply dropped,  
and felt a sharp pain.*

*My tears fell instantly,  
Like a severe August rain.*

*I was truly lucky,  
to have a sister like her.*

*Countless others,  
nod and concur.*

*I will miss our talks,  
and her comforting voice.  
And those random moments,  
where we'd mutually rejoice.*

*Rest in peace,  
Sister and best friend,  
My deepest love,  
to the sky I shall send.*







# *I Never Left You*

by Melissa McKenzie

## *I Never Left You*

*I watch you every day, I am always very near.  
I know deep in your heart, you realize I am here.  
I watch you while you sleep, in your bed at home.  
I hear you when you speak to me, when you are on your own.  
You cannot understand the reason why I've gone.  
But I will never leave you I am there to keep you strong.  
Talk to me, I hear you, though you may not see.  
We share an unbroken bond that will always be.  
Death will not keep us apart, for our love is forever.  
Just remember me in your heart, and one day we will be together.  
Live your life and live it full, don't waste a single day.  
Remember I am always with you every step of the way.*

## *Pallbearers*

*Corey Gillen • Hassan Fields • Nasir Bond  
Lisa Gordon • Tashi Nicholas • Quaheim Richardson*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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