



Though you are not here in the flesh  
 You are forever in my heart  
 The memories and love that we share  
 Will never go anywhere  
 You've had my back from the very start  
 It's unrealistic to believe that we will be  
 so distantly apart I love you for eternity  
 You'll always be apart of me  
 I protected you the best way I knew how  
 You are not here physically but that will never stop now  
 I'll continue to do my best to make you proud  
 I wish I was able to tell you how much I love you aloud  
 I feel your presence with me every second of the day  
 I'll continue to uplift you every step of the way  
 I just wish I could have spent more time with you  
 Show me what to do  
 Guide me through this journey that we call life  
 I'll remember you as the  
 loving mother, daughter, sister, and wife  
 Be at peace knowing you'll be able  
 to hear your angels sing  
 Rest easy now and gain your wings

We love you ❤️  
 Xoxo, Poodie

### Acknowledgement

*The family of Rakeima Yakima Mitchell acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this hour of bereavement. God bless you for all of your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

# Rakeima Yakima Mitchell

SUNRISE: JULY 21, 1976  
 SUNSET: AUGUST 9, 2024

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 ~ 11:00AM  
**Cotton Funeral Service**  
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# Obituary

Rakeima Yakia Mitchell was born July 21, 1976 in Newark, N.J. to Bernard “Shadeed” Francis and Audrey C. Ratcliffe.

Rakeima grew up in Newark, N.J and was educated in Newark Public School system throughout Elementary School and graduated from Weequahic High School. After high school, Rakeima furthered her education at Drake College and University of Phoenix. She proceeded to work at The Blood Center of NJ, Affiliated Eye Surgeon, and Virginia Eye Institute.

Rakeima was always known to be the life of the party. If she wasn't arguing while playing spades, enjoying karaoke with her kids and family/friends, pinching her mother, engaging in morning video calls with her sister, taking naps with her daughter, enjoying her snacks, and always keeping everyone together, she enjoyed creating her crafts for her business “A Mother’s Love”.

Rakeima was such a sweetheart. She would always make sure that her children knew that she loved them endlessly. Rakeima would make sure that everyone around her was happy and loved. She would give the shirt off of her back if she had to but always reminded everyone to please not piss off this loving Cancer.

Rakeima was preceded in death by her son Deitrick, her father Shadeed, her step-father Weeg, her grandparents Ann and Melvin Brown, her mother and father in law Elaine and Gene, her sister in laws Malika and Monique, her uncle Fatty, her cousin Ish, and an abundance of other loved ones.

Rakeima leaves to cherish her memory: her husband Deitrick, her daughter Kiazsha “Poodie” (D’Sean), her mother Audrey, her sister Rasheedah, her grandchildren Zahir and Dei’Ziya, her nephews Rashaun, Jaylin, AJ, Joshua & De’Vonte, her nieces Destiny and Zani, her step-father Hassan, her cousins Shakeil (Ayesha) and Sakinah, her best friends, Jovonni, Monique, Latoya, and Arelis. Her “babymother” Sarina, her godchildren CiBreyia, Ontario and Ontasia, the women of Sprucester Place and a host of cousins, extended aunts/uncles, and loved ones.



# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading (Old & New Testament)

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements/Cards/Resolutions

Obituary Reading (Sarina Bostick)

Poem Reading (Sarina Bostick)

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey