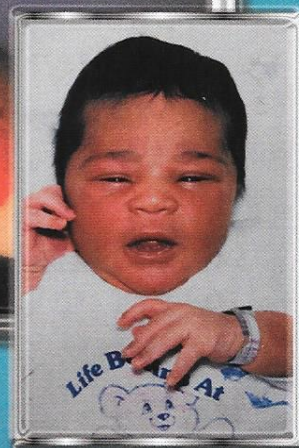


Celebration of Life

Paula Brianna Artis



Orientation to Life: January 31, 1989
Graduated with Honors: May 12, 2017

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
9:00AM – 11:00AM - VIEWING ♦ 11:00AM – FUNERAL SERVICE
REID TEMPLE

12101 Tech Road ♦ Silver Spring, MD 20904

Reverend Russ, Celebrant



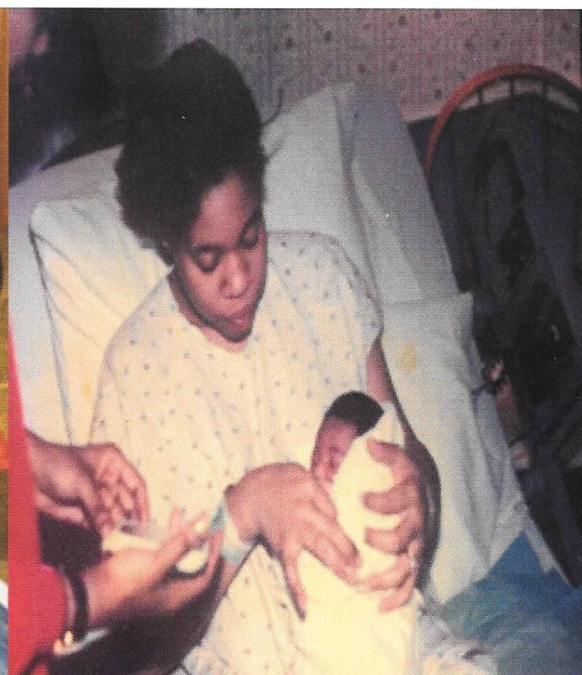
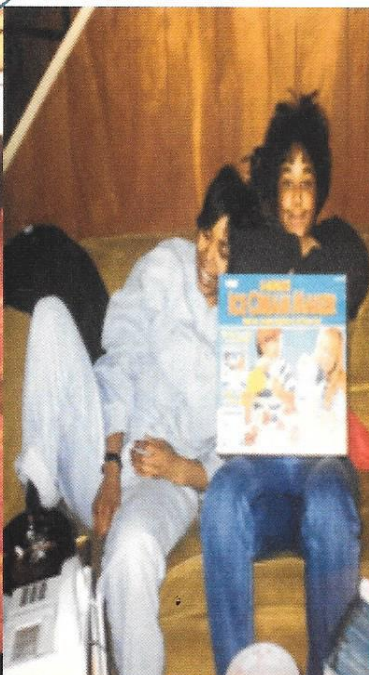
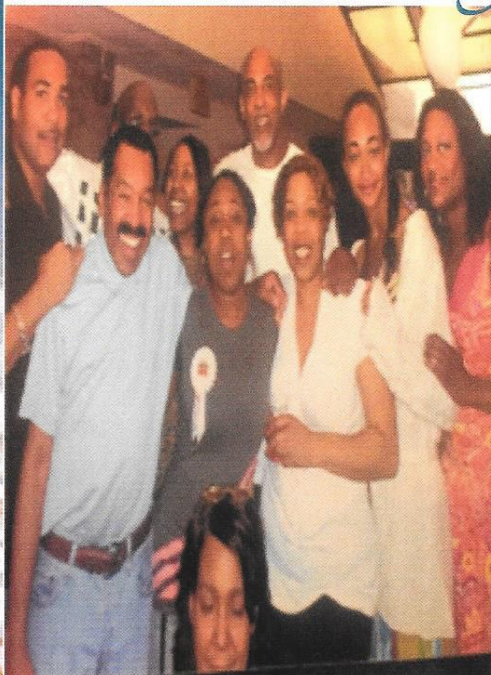
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Blessed by 2 Loving Parents

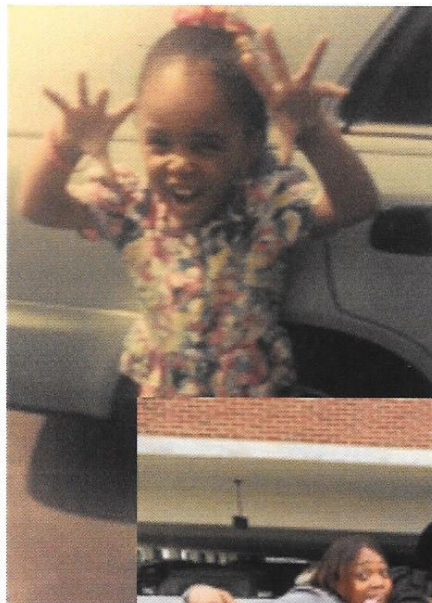
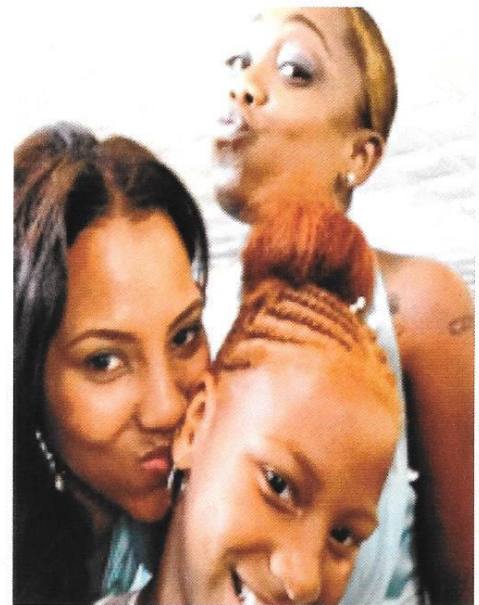
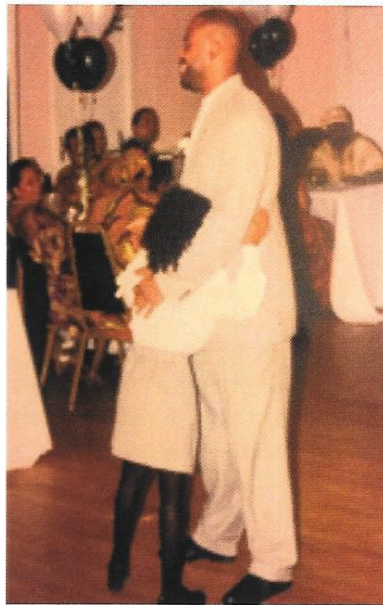


Blessed by 2 More Loving Parents



More Family... More Love!



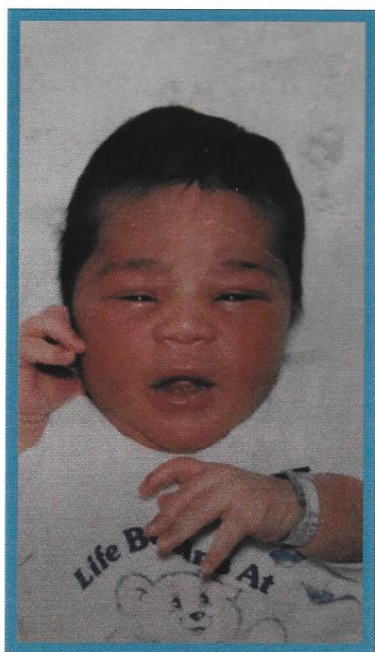


Order of Service

Procession

- ▶ Violin Solo "Oh to Joy" Performed by Aliyah Thompson
- ▶ Prayer of Comfort
- ▶ Scripture Reading: Old Testament: Psalm 91:11 Kenneth Amos
New Testament: Luke 20:35-36 Rebecca Thomas
- ▶ Acapella Solo Performed by Demontre Washington
- ▶ Reflections (Four family members will be speaking)
- ▶ Acknowledgments Richard Washington
- ▶ Reading of Church Letter
- ▶ Silent Reading of Obituary
- ▶ Dance Selection Performed by Nakia Gibbs, "Over Come"
by Ty Tribbett
- ▶ Reading of a Poem from her God Child and Cousin Ashley
- ▶ Eulogy Reverend Russell St. Bernard
- ▶ Closing Prayer & Benediction
- ▶ Recessional "I Am Healed" Song by Donald Lawrence

Obituary



Paula Brianna Artis, affectionately known as “Baby Girl,” was born on January 31, 1989 at Providence Hospital in Washington, DC to very proud and loving parents Karen Melissa Brown Artis and Michael Hosea Artis. An angel was born that day, one that would walk with strength and character, enhancing many lives.

At an early age, Paula started playing the violin. In middle school, was selected as Violinist First Chair in the Montgomery County Honors Orchestra. At age 10 ½, Paula was suddenly stricken with end-stage renal failure. Although shocked and saddened by her diagnosis, Paula parents took action. Her courageous father, Michael, did not hesitate to donate one of his kidneys to his beloved daughter. As a result of the transplant, Paula’s strong will to get well, and under the wonderful care of our favorite dialysis team and the best nurses in the world Paula broke all recovery records at The Children’s Hospital.

As a teenager, Paula was a cheerleader at Montgomery Blair high school and received a leadership award for outstanding cheering abilities. Then at the age of 17, she unexpectedly rejected the kidney. She began peritoneal dialysis which was a grueling 9 hours a day, seven days a week treatment.

Despite this setback, Paula continued being a great student, a decorated cheerleader, a great daughter, sister, cousin, and friend all while blessing others along the way.

She attended three years at Morgan State University of Baltimore Maryland; later receiving the job of a lifetime with Flavorx Inc. Paula enjoyed her job, for she was surrounded by the best CEO Stewart Amos, the best coworkers featuring Brian Berger and the crew. Paula loved her job and was appreciative of the unconditional care and concern. Paula was a true fighter with years of surgeries, setbacks, and struggles she prevailed with style, grace, and a little bit of swag.

Her spirit was illuminating, bright, and beautiful. Paula’s loving friends, family and anyone who came in contact adored her and she them. One of her favorite things to do besides root for the Washington, Redskins, Paula enjoyed running errands for her Grandpa James Brown when he was alive, also she loved spending time with her family and hanging out with friends.

Someone as special as Paula, we all knew that there has to be someone who was specially sent, made, created for such an amazing young woman. Someone out there that would love and adore her, scars and all, and through her mother’s prayers God sent Paula a cupid, Mr. Kerwin Cupid. Her dog Casper, another addition of love to her life, also brought Paula true happiness and comfort.

She graduated with honors on 5/12/17. The battle was not hers but the Lords and now she in battle with him. Paula is and always will be an example for her family who will truly miss her, but she is set free. Free of her pain, poking, and prodding. She was the best and loved life to the fullest. She had and has many special gifts that have now been honored in Heaven. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord! Her loving family adore her and there’s no words that can express how we feel, but with rejoicing. She is set free!

Paula is survived by her Parents Karen & Len and Michael & Mary, her brother Michael, sisters Makiah and Makayla, Grandmother Elsie Artis, her Aunties, Dayna, Lisa, Wendy, Vivian, and Carmencita, her Uncles, Tony, Jermyah and Omar; a host of cousins, her Godchildren, her Godmothers, her love Kerwin, her precious dog Casper, and a host of several other close family members and friends.

Poems from Fa

*Last night I saw an Angel, she spoke to say, "why me?"
She said "please cry for me ."*

*Don't cry for me in anger, you know that was not me.
Don't cry for me with hatred, one day, I promise,
you will see.*

*Cry for me in love and laughter. Cry for me to ease your
pain. Show me that my struggle, was not fought in vain.
She spoke to say, " be calm, relax, you are always with me.*

*"Take comfort and believe, that now I am free."
Resting in peace, my sweet niece Paula.*

Love,

Auntie Wendy & The Brown Family

Family and Friends

*If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for us,
Place them in Paula's arms
and tell her they're from us. Tell her we love her
and miss her, and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy,
we do it everyday,
but there's an ache within our hearts that will never
go away.*

Love,

Dia & Reggie



KING AND QUEEN

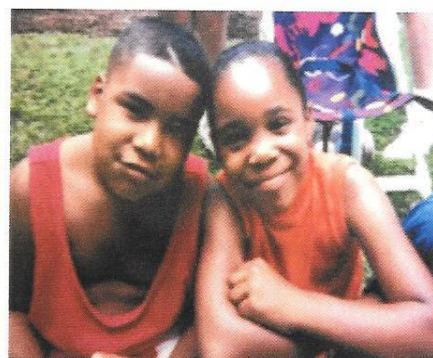
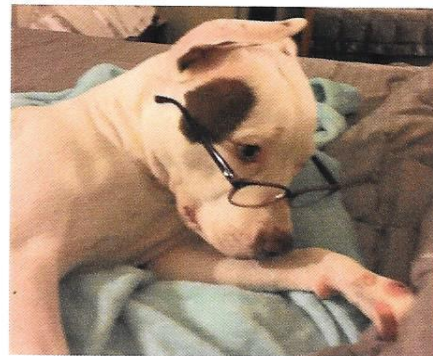
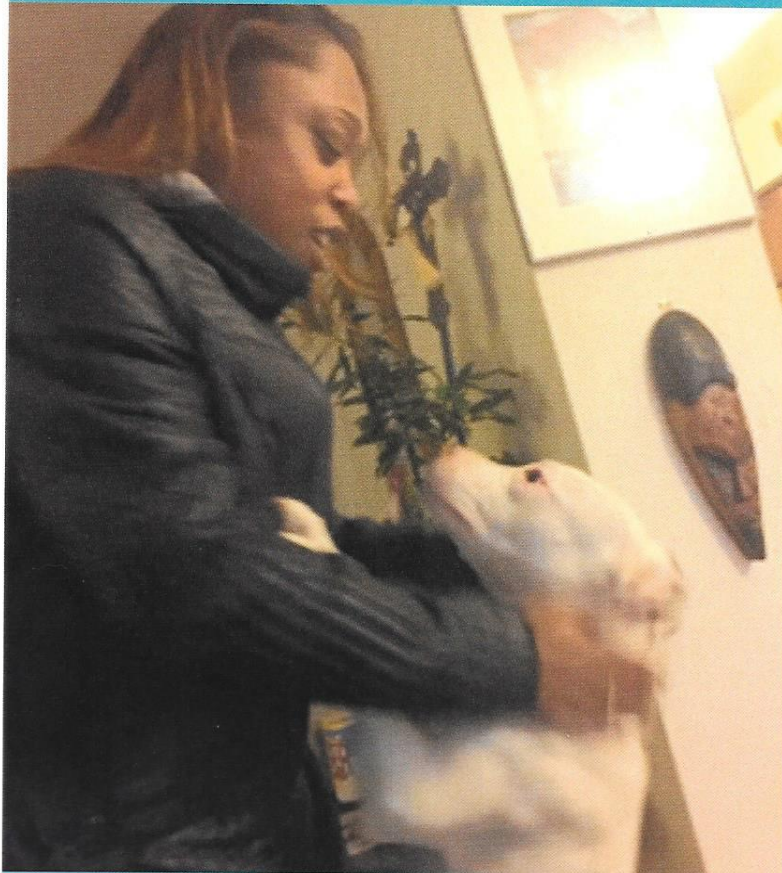
The Happy Couple



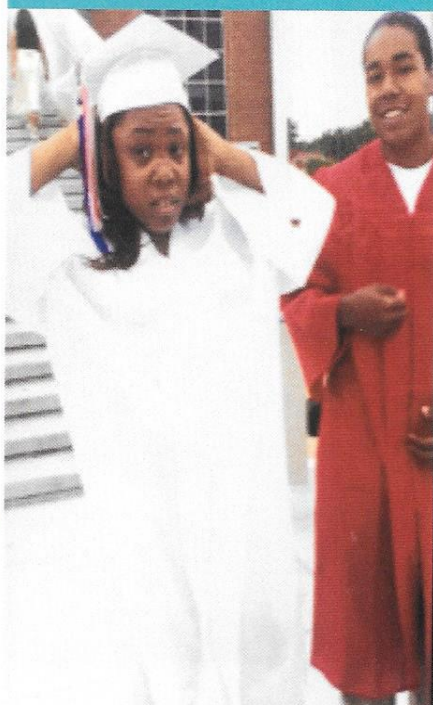
Best Couple **Paula & Kerwin**

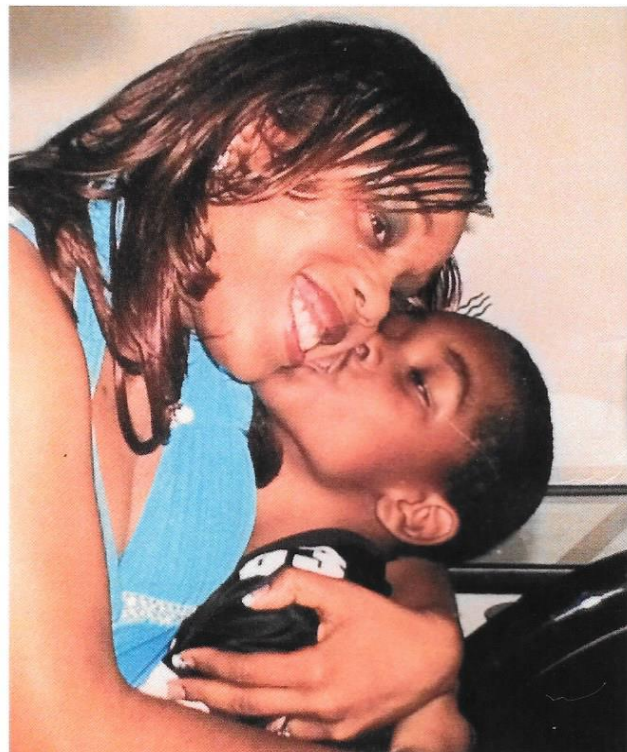
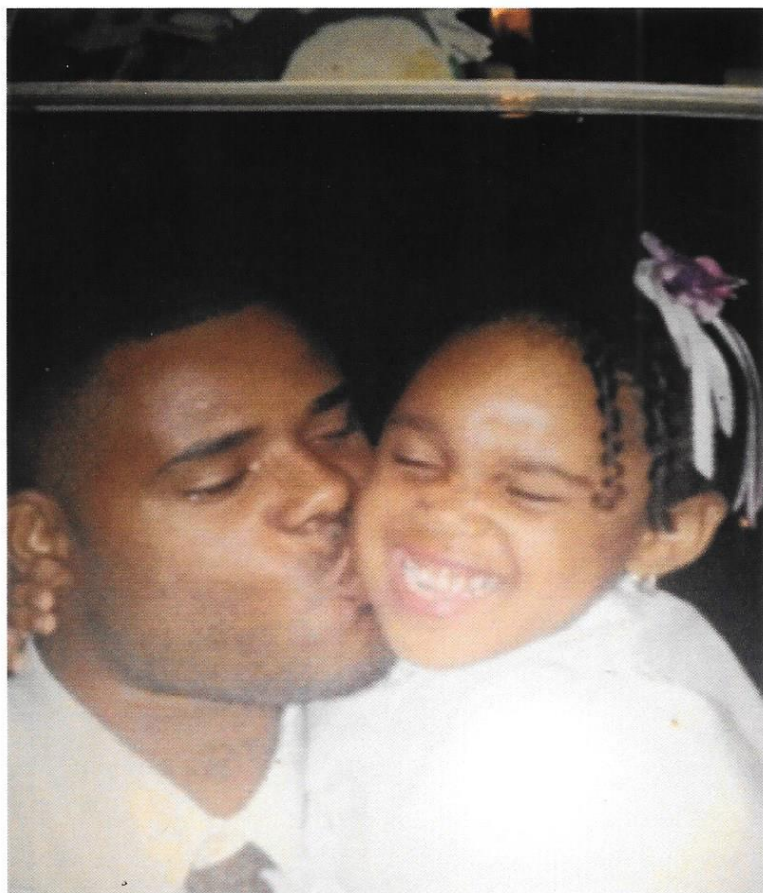


LOVING MOTHER Casper the Best Pup!

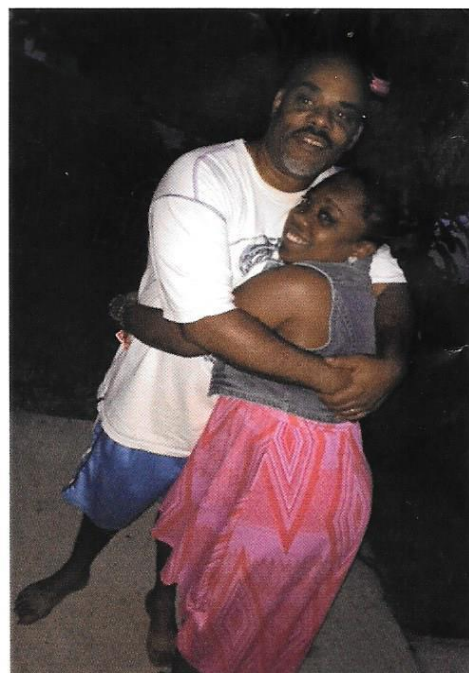


SCHOOL DAYS Fun with Friends! Cheerleading





*Family
and
Friends*





Paula's Message

Love, encourage, and pray for
one another, and know that
heaven and God is real.

I love you all!

Your guardian Angel,

Paula

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Words from Flavorx

From Brittany Carpenter:

Dear Paula—

You were my best work-homie friend! And a close second to the real MVP! LOL. I will remember your laugh, and smile, as well as your kind and giving spirit. You always came in the clutch with your drawer of sauces, condiments and even pancake syrup! You listened to all my baby-daddy, child raising and all other drama in between! You will truly be missed! Rest easy lady!

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From Val McGuire:

Paula was one of my favorite co-workers here at Flavorx! She had a laugh that was infectious and a smile in her eyes and on her lips, that was friendly---and you sensed a genuine happiness about her which she wore like perfume. She was also a sweetie-pie! For one so young, she dealt with life head on and managed to find the best in everything. Strong in a quiet way. I will miss her and her laughter and I know that she will never be forgotten at Flavorx. She was a part of our family here too. Wishing everyone that knew her peace, as we celebrate her life. Val McGuire

Kerry Moran:

Paula had such a sunny disposition. Whenever we crossed paths, she always smiled, looked me in the eye, and said hello. Being around and working with her with joyful, fun, and positive. I didn't know her on a deep level, but she was approachable and always helped me out when I needed it. If she was having a bad day, I wouldn't have known it, which to me is a true warrior. Paula gave me compliments and made me feel pretty when I was nine months pregnant; her many acts of kindness shined through, and she'll greatly be missed.

From Syreeta Smoot:

Paula –

I will miss our daily/weekly, random, spur of the moment dance breaks in the office around lunch time. You with your robot and me with my 2 step. I'm going to miss your Casper stories and goofing off. Going to miss your "YO YO" and "WHAT-UP?" as we passed in the hallway. Keep on dancing and smiling!!

From Brian Berger:

P-Sneezy! -

To say I am going to miss you will be an understatement. I have never met such a caring, supportive, fun loving, and positive person in my life. I have always been so proud of you. I can't wait until we meet again and for you to utter my favorite words "What-up B?!" You will forever be in my heart.

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From CEO Stu Amos:

Paula-

A lady of positive energy and auras! She always made you happier and was a gift to us all!



Pall Bearers

Janelle Fuller

Nalaisha Walker

Rebecca Thomas

Kennat Washington

Dewayne Royal

Kia Mixon

Ashley Smith

Marisa Goodman

Phi-Thi Thach

John Douglas

Thanks and Acknowledgements

The Artis and Brown families wish to express their sincere gratitude to each of you for your expressions of sympathy, your prayers, love and encouragement during this time of our bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

She is Free!

Arrangements

Robinson Funeral Home, Inc.
John E. Robinson, Director

*The family requests to have a private repast.
A candelight vigil will be hosted at a later date.*

*In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the
National Kidney Foundation in Paula's honor at:
<https://www.kidney.org>*

