

Honorary Pall Bearers

Jerome Williams
Charles Gilliam

Demetrius Williams
DeWayne Gilliam

Robert Norris
Antwan Bradley Sr.

A Letter to Ponnie

You never said "I'm leaving"; You never said goodbye
You were gone before I knew it; And only God knew why.

A million times I needed you; A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you; You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly; In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place; That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you; But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you; The day God took you home.

~ Love Always Momma

Family Gratitude

The family wishes with deep appreciation the many expressions of true love, concern and kindness shown during this time of extreme bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted To



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A Beautiful Life To Remember

Tajuanna LaNette Norris

Life

January 25, 1973

Eternal Life

June 28, 2020



"Ponnie"



Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Visitation: 11:00 a.m.

Service: 12:00 p.m.

Alford's Mortuary

1222 Napier Street • South Bend, Indiana 46601

Pastor Hayes Taylor, Officiating



The Obituary

Today we pause to honor the life and legacy of community servant, Tajuanna LaNette “Ponnice” Norris a loving daughter, mother, and grandmother who tragically left this life on June 28, 2020. Ponnice was born on January 25, 1973, to Regina Morrell and Robert Norris.

Ponnice was a lifelong resident of South Bend, Indiana who graduated from LaSalle High School. Ponnice would go on to receive an Associate's Degree in cosmetology from Vouge Beauty College and then became a Certified Medical Assistant graduating from Brown Mackie College.

Ponnice loved and was dedicated to working with youth and young adults. She often volunteered her talents to serving others. In 2012 Ponnice formed a women and children's group The OMEGA Ladies. Ponnice held weekly meeting in her home, but later secured a building for the group to meet. She provided speakers who would teach the group valuable life lessons as well as bible studies taught by the late Joyce Herron. She provided meals for the group and gave them many heartfelt gifts of love. For years Ponnice performed various humanitarian services throughout the greater South Bend area. She organized yearly backpack give-aways, catering different functions, and open her home to many people within the community.

With a giving heart and warm smile, she worked tirelessly helping anyone and all people in need. Ponnice was dearly loved by her family, many wonderful friends, special friends, and people she helped throughout the years.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a mother, Regina (Archie) Morrell; father, Robert (Gloria) Norris; a devoted daughter, Regina Gilliam, of Nashville, Tennessee; three loving sons: Charles, DeWayne and Antwan Sr., of South Bend Indiana; two grandsons: Antwan Jr., Ji'Air Bradley; one granddaughter, J'Nyla Bradley of South Bend; two sisters: Tina and Margaret Norris of South Bend, Indiana; four brothers: Jerome and Demetrius Williams, Robert Jr. and Anthony Norris of South Bend, Indiana; three stepsons: Morrell Jr. and Dontae Jones of South Bend, and Raphael Jones of Florida; two stepdaughters: Joycelyn and Norrella Jones of Texas; grandmother, Pat Herron of South Bend, Indiana; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and godchildren.

No obituary can appraise the life and value of such a devoted servant.



The Order of Service

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 • 12:00 p.m.

Gathering of Family and Friends

- Master of Ceremony.....Elder Chard Patterson
- The Lord’s Prayer Elder Chad Patterson

The Holy Scriptures

- Old Testament Reading Minister Paul Pope
- New Testament Reading..... Elder Rodney Fountain
- SelectionCrumbley Brothers
- Obituary/Letter Reading..... Valerie Cephus
- SelectionBrandy Franklin
- Eulogy Pastor Hayes Taylor
- Benediction..... Pastor Hayes Taylor
- RecessionalClergy, Family and Friends



Please join us for the Repast

Potawatomi Park • Pavilion II
2105 Mishawaka Avenue • South Bend, Indiana
From 4:00 p.m., until