

### Acknowledgement

The family and friends of Renee N. Morrison would like to acknowledge the staff of OSU East and the Laurels of Gahanna for the tremendous care they provided for Renee. We would also like to give a special thanks to Renee's Kentucky State University family, including Tim Ellis, Anwan Health, Roxlauna "Roxy" Brown, Kenyatta Gibson, and Kristen Branhan. In addition, thank you to Marlan Gary Funeral Home for your assistance with our services.

### Pallbearers

Daniel Whatley - Jordan Scott - Jamar Moton - Cory Stollings  
Brandon Lewis - Taquay Hairston - Mitchell Hamilton - Malik Abdullah  
Edward Steele - Jeremy Glemeau - Loyrendrick "Puncho" Davis

### Honorary Pallbearers

Clarence "JR" Roberts - Yovonn Roberts - Anthony "Little JR. Roberts -  
Christopher Roberts - Kamron Roberts - Tony Montana Roberts  
Josiah Munroe

### Flowerbearers

Massiyah Menefield - Trinity Roberts  
Myla Kendricks - Justice Umbles

### "One True Friend"

As I stop to count my blessings,  
There is one thing which rings true.  
I'll always be so grateful,  
For the friend I found in you!  
Grateful for the special time  
We've shared throughout the years,  
Times that brought us closer,  
Through our laughter and our tears.  
Grateful just to have someone,  
As kind and good as you,  
To share my finest moments with,  
And share my sorrows, too.  
And when I look upon my life,  
What matters in the end,  
Is that I was really lucky,  
To find one, true, faithful friend!

-Melva, Shana, Janai, Dee Dee, Rachaell, Amanda, Carmen, Erica, Hillary, D. Dot and Kiah

To offer condolences to Morrison Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)

# A CELEBRATION

of the *Life* of



*Renee Morrison*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 | VISITATION 1PM | SERVICE 3PM

THE CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST  
5456 EAST LIVINGSTON AVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43232

# Obituary

Renee Nicole Morrison was born in Columbus, OH on January 13, 1988, to Saddika Morrison and Tommy Dixon.

During her early life, she formed a strong bond with her lifelong mentor, Regina Douglas. Renee attended Columbus Public Schools and graduated Marion-Franklin High School in 2005. Renee had many friends throughout her childhood but was especially close to Rachael Holloway and Amanda Hobor.

While in high school, Renee was a member of several student organizations including TAP (Therapeutic Arts Program), Chorale, the mentoring program and served as a youth ambassador for Franklin County Children's Services. Renee always had an infectious spirit, a beautiful smile, and an inviting and warm personality. This combination of traits earned Renee "Class Hottie" and "Best Personality" her senior year in high school. A natural scholar, Renee was able to graduate high school a year early.

Renee was accepted and enrolled at Kentucky State University (K-State) in Frankfort, KY. At K-State, Renee was an active student involved in various organizations and volunteered her services to help others on campus. Renee was crowned Miss Brick House in 2005 by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. She was also a beloved residential assistant on campus. In this position, Renee was able to mentor incoming students and create a safe space for the residents. She also lent her creative mind and fashion senses and initiated the annual homecoming fashion show, along with Brandon Lewis, who was affectionally called "Twin" by Renee. Renee graduated K-State in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and Journalism. Following graduation, Renee was accepted into the accelerated management program at The Kroger Company in Kentucky, where she was hired as a store manager.

Renee joined The First Baptist Church in Frankfort, KY in April 2010. She relied on God heavily through her journey in life. In 2014, she accepted a position with the State of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in Columbus, Ohio. In 2015, she became a child welfare and adoption advocate with Franklin County Children Services and The Dave Thomas Foundation. Through her employment at these organizations, Renee was able to help countless children and families across the state of Ohio. Renee graduated in 2016 with a Master of Public Administration degree from Strayer University.

Renee was a devoted daughter, sister, cousin, niece, and aunt, but more importantly a devoted friend to those around her. Renee took pride in celebrating life and the accomplishments of those she loved. She would travel often to celebrate her friends' birthdays, graduations, promotions, births, and weddings. She would show up at any time we needed her and was never too busy to lend a shoulder to cry on or laugh with. Renee overcame every obstacle placed in her path and was a beacon of light to everyone that she encountered. Renee will be missed by her community, Kentucky State Family, and her Columbus friends, especially Karrenda, Wilfred and Aunt Misty. She was the epitome of a great person. God lent Renee to us to teach us about love, patience, and the importance of having a true cheerleader in your life. In that time, she left a lasting impact on the world.

After being a blessing to this world, God called Renee home surrounded by friends and family on October 13, 2022, at the age of 34.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, her brother, Eddie Cunningham, and niece, Lovely Kendricks.

Renee leaves to cherish her memory: her mothers, Saddika Morrison and Eartha Johnson, brother Clarence "JR" Roberts and sister Evette Cunningham, god-daughter and love of her life, Massiyah Menefield, godson Josiah Munroe, a host of aunts, cousins and close friends from Kentucky State University, whom she referred to as her family: Janai McMillian, Melva Menefield, Shana Darden, De'Andra "Dee Dee" Robertson, Carmen Sneed, Erica Salters, Hillary King, Daniel "D. Dot" Whatley, Latasha Shields, Clarissa Chenault and Kiah Munroe.

## Resolution in memory of Renee Morrison

Kentucky State University presents this resolution in memory of our beloved Renee Morrison. The Thorobred family will forever cherish her memory in our hearts.

**WHEREAS**, Renee Morrison graduated from Kentucky State University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communication and journalism, and a minor in speech and communication; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison was a resident assistant at Kentucky State and also a work study student in the Office of Student Affairs under the supervision of Mrs. Fulvia Longstreet; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison was the first Miss Brick House pageant winner in 2007. She coordinated several fashion shows and student engagement activities at Kentucky State; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison was an active member of the Kentucky State University Columbus Alumni Chapter for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison was employed as a store manager at Kroger in Frankfort, Kentucky She also worked as a case manager for the Franklin County Children's Services; a management analyst at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services; and, an adoption recruiter for Wendy's Wonderful Kids at the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrison was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Frankfort under Pastor Robert Houston.

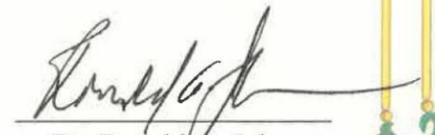
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Interim President Ronald A. Johnson, on behalf of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents, faculty, staff, students and alumni, extends its deepest sympathy to the family and all those who loved Renee Morrison.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be presented to the Morrison family and a copy placed in Kentucky State University archives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Kentucky State University to be affixed.

Presented October 29, 2022



  
Dr. Ronald A. Johnson  
Interim President

# Order of Service

OCTOBER 29, 2022 ~ 3:00PM  
Chapel of Peace East  
5456 East Livingston Ave. – Columbus, Ohio 43232

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Chapel of Peace Music Ministry  
PARTING VIEW..... Immediate Family  
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING ..... Psalms 23:1-6.....Anwan Heath  
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING ..... John 14:1-7.....Kenyatta Gibson  
PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Taquay Hairston  
SELECTION..... Kristen Branhan  
REMARKS ..... Family and Friends  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES.....  
READING OF THE OBITUARY ..... Hillary King  
SELECTION.....“In The Midst Of It All” Yolanda Adams  
EULOGY ..... Rev. Timothy Ellis  
BENEDICTION ..... Rev. Timothy Ellis  
RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family and Friends  
“Going Up Yonder”

*For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.*

*2 Corinthians 5:1*



## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void.  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free*

