

Acknowledgement

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A Parent's Grief

*You ask me how I'm feeling,
but do you really want to know?
The moment I try telling you
You say you have to go*

*How can I tell you,
what it's been like for me
I am haunted, I am broken
By things that you don't see*

*You ask me how I'm holding up,
but do you really care?
The moment I start to speak my heart,
You start squirming in your chair.*

*Because I am so lonely,
you see, friends no longer come around,
I'll take the words I want to say
And quietly choke them down.*

*Everyone avoids me now,
I guess they don't know what to say
They told me I'll be there for you,
then turned and walked away.*

*Call me if you need me,
that's what everybody said,
But how can I call and scream into the phone,
My God, my child is dead?*

*No one will let me
say the words I need to say
Why does a parent's grief
scare everyone away?*

*I am tired of pretending
my heart hammers in my chest,
I say things to make you comfortable,
but my soul finds no rest.*

*How can I tell you things
that are too sad to be told,
of the helplessness of holding a child
who in your arms grows cold?*

*Maybe you can tell me,
How should one behave,
who's had to follow their child's casket,
watched it perched above a grave?*

*You cannot imagine
what it was like for me that day
to place a final kiss upon that box,
and have to turn and walk away.*

*If you really love me,
and I believe you do,
if you really want to help me,
here is what I need from you.*

*Sit down beside me,
reach out and take my hand,
Say "My friend, I've come to listen,
I want to understand."*

*Just hold my hand and listen
that's all you need to do,
And if by chance I shed a tear,
it's alright if you do too.*

*I swear that I'll remember
til the day I'm very old,
the friend who sat and held my hand
and let me bare my soul.*

~Adaptation of Kelly Cummings' Poem



IN *Loving*
Memory
OF

Nykesia Somar
RODGERS

Sunrise:
September 20, 1991

Sunset:
July 7, 2021

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021

Visitation: 9:00 AM | **First Church of God**
Service: 10:00 AM | **3480 Refugee Road**
Columbus, Ohio

To offer condolences to Rodgers Families,
visit www.TheChapelofPeace.com



Kesi's Story

Nykesia Somar "Kesi" Rodgers was born on September 20, 1991 in Mansfield, Ohio to Senita L. Feagin and Robbie M. Hess and passed away on July 7, 2021.

Nykesia was employed as an Accountant at CHS Health systems where Kesi took pride in delivering her best work and cultivated genuine friendships and relationships on and off the job. Kesi was just being promoted into a new position during this untimely loss in which she was extremely excited about.

She received the highest level of high school academics and played sports particularly basketball at a high level of performance throughout all of her childhood in which her father Robbie Hess played a significant role throughout her career. She traveled with other parents and teammates. They shared the love of the sport during her experience at Dublin Scioto High school, AAU Travel basketball team, and Tennessee State University. After graduating, she would play in co-ed adult basketball leagues and took pride in working on her physique to maintain her athletic strength by healthy eating.

Kesi had many hobbies in her life as she had a direct passion for fashion and luxury lifestyle that she curated in her attire, makeup, home and daily lifestyle, in which she shared this love with her mother Senita Feagin of fashion and all things luxury. Organization was a way of life in every facet of the word. She loved cooking and learning new dishes to try with her amazing husband. Kesi was a sought-out influencer on social media in which many looked up to her and followed her. The inspiration that she gave the world allowed her genuine humble light to shine through.

Kesi spent many days, brunching and fellowshiping with her close friends as she considered them individually, her brothers and sisters. Kesi immensely loved the Lord and she exemplified that in her relationships in which she attended the Grove Missionary Baptist church of Nashville, and Franklin Tennessee (Pastor John Faison). Kesi had a special family bond with her in-laws that was deeply embedded in her heart, and it showed when in the presence of her mother and father-in love, Anthony and Angela Rodgers. She loved cooking and enjoyed her mother-in law's salmon croquets and long late TV nights with her father-in love. Kesi adored and loved her additional sister by marriage, Octavia Rodgers and grandmother-in love, Teretha Tullison.

Nykesia exemplified her love within her marriage to her ultimate best friend, Henry J. Rodgers her husband. They shared every day of their married life together, working toward building a foundation, family and life that many may never know, through God's assistance. They traveled together, enjoyed experiences in their marriage that only soul partners could relish in which made this marriage and bond exhilarating to observe. Their ultimate goal was to bring a new life into the world and into their family - Grayson O'Neil Rodgers, to which the excitement with them and for them was overwhelming to all.

Nykesia spent many hours with her only sibling they were truly inseparable; speaking daily and keeping each other close. Kesi looked out for her younger sister Natajshia, as she was her prized possession and protégée as her big sister. She and her aunt Cieryra, oftentimes refer to each other as her soul child because although she was her aunt they were raised as sister/aunt and they had a bond that today is unbreakable. Kesi loved family near and far and had a personal love for her aunt Gilia Hess and most importantly, her grandmothers, Serena Feagin to which she enjoyed her sense of humor and candidness, Bennie Hess (Nanna) to which she raved about her cooking. Her great grandmothers, Catherine Feagin which she admired for her strength to keep the family strong and Edna Elizabeth Brown for her undeniable attachment to family integrity. She dearly missed and often spoke about each of their memories. She gave to each and every one of her family members, aunts, uncles, and cousins, near and far, a love unsurpassed while with them, no matter how long or short; and for that we are forever grateful.

Kesi cherished her teammates and all of her coaches, sports families and definitely her spiritual family and pastors, such as Daddy Brown. She would say "You know who you are". Kesi had an amazing relationship with her niece, Laya Noelle Perry, in which she spent many days enjoying her love. Kesi loved and adored her first niece, Nori Hess, in which she reveled in her smart abilities, smiles and beautiful ways. She also loved her great big hugs and kisses.

Nykesia leaves behind to carry on her legacy, her loving husband; Henry Rodgers, son; Grayson Rodgers, father; Robbie Hess, mother; Senita Feagin (Brian), sister; Natajshia Hess, aunt; Cieryra Feagin, aunt; Gilia Hess, first niece Nori Hess. grandfather; Robert Hess, in-laws-in-love; Anthony Rodgers (Angela), sister-in-love; Octavia Rodgers, grandmother-in-love; Teretha Tullison Including a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Nykesia is predeceased by both maternal and paternal grandmothers Serena Feagin (maternal), Bennie Estelle Hess (paternal), Catherine Feagin (maternal great grandmother) Edna Elizabeth Brown (paternal great grandmother) Theresa A. Feagin (aunt) Damar Ezekiel Feagin (first cousin).

My Love, My I Vow's

Nykesia it's been a journey getting to this day, but because of you I stand here a man who is now whole and full of love. You've awakened my soul and brought peace into my heart. Falling in love with you was the easiest thing I've ever done. Here today, in front of God, our friends and family I promise to choose you every day for the rest of my life. With you I feel the softness of your heart. I feel the commitment of true love. I feel the sharing of your strength to support me and pick me up. With you I feel valued as a human being. With you I have an inexplainable trust, a connection I've never experienced before. You are truly my best friend. If no one else celebrates you, I always will. I vow to allow you to feel the benefits of a praying husband. I vow to fill our home with prayer, love, and security for you and our children. I vow to protect you from all harm even if that means giving my life to save yours. I vow to always protect you in public and respectfully handle our differences amongst each other behind closed doors. I vow to put family peace over personal desires. When if you're having one of your days, I will give you the grace to ramble, but as your protector, I won't allow you to pull me into your storm, instead I will pull you into my peace. I vow to never put my hands on you. I vow to communicate and compromise. When things get rough and rocky, I will revert back to this day and remember our WHY. Honey, Marriage is forever, and forever is a long time, but with you forever isn't long enough. Always remember, Henry without Kesi is just Henry looking for Kesi... I love you.

Took trust to a whole
new level today

Order of Celebration

REV. DONALD FITZGERALD, OFFICIANT
BISHOP TIMOTHY J. CLARKE, EULOGIST

- PRELUDEMusic Ministries
- PARTING VIEW Immediate Family
- HYMN OF FAITH..... “Blessed Assurance”
- SCRIPTURE READING.....Clergy
 - Old Testament.....
 - New Testament
- PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Clergy
- MINISTRY OF MUSIC Tina Thompson
 - “The Battle Is Not Yours”
- WORDS OF COMFORT.....Clergy
- OPEN LETTER “Fly High 22”Former TSU Head Coach Tracee Wells
 - Teammate Friend Simone Hopes
- FAMILY TRIBUTE2 minutes
 - Natajshia Hess, Cieryra Feagin, Dante Crumbley
 - Pastor John Faison (The Watson Grove Baptist Church Ministry)
 - Pastor Brown
- SILENTLY READING OF THE OBITUARY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- MINISTRY OF MUSIC Tina Thompson
 - “I’m Going To Be Ready”
- PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
- BISHOP TIMOTHY J. CLARKE
- BENEDICTIONClergy
- RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

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A Sister’s Love

Together we shared a child’s world
We talked... we disagreed
We shared many hurts and joys
The older we grew, the stronger
The bond between us became.
I was always so proud to have you as my sister
Now life has taken us down separate paths,
But your well being and happiness
Will always be foremost in my thoughts
Neither the span of miles
Nor years between us
Can ever change the feelings I have for you
I love you Kesi and I always will
~Love your sister Tae~



Is Forever...

