



Nykeetra Alisha Atkins

August 20, 1989 - September 10, 2025

Nykeetra's Journey

Nykeetra Alisha Atkins-Shockley, a resident of Fruitland, Maryland, departed this life at the age of thirty-six (36) on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at Tidal Health Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland. She was born to Alex Atkins and the late Diane Atkins on August 20, 1989 in Pahokee, Florida. Mona, as she was called by family and friends, attended Fruitland Primary and Intermediate Schools, and graduated from James M. Bennett High School as a licensed cosmetologist. She then attended Salisbury University for two years. As a youth, Mona was involved in the Girl Scouts and participated in programs for many years at the Fruitland Community Center,

Mona was employed at Super Cuts in Walmart, later opened her own home day care center, and worked at the Citi Trends Department Store in Fruitland, Maryland for over nine years. There, she made long-life friends with her co-workers whom she adored and shared many experiences. Mona gave her life to Christ as a child at Weeping Mary Baptist Church and later joined St. John's House of Deliverance in Fruitland. She participated in many church activities, and was an usher, pastor's aide society, oversaw youth activities, the youth praise dancers, was a prayer warrior, served on the kitchen committee, often praying and reading scriptures during the services, and was a member of the St. John's Prayer Line for over twenty (20) years. Her HOBBIES included

traveling, especially going on cruises with family and friends, reading, dancing and shopping.

Nykeetra leaves to cherish loving memories: her father, Alex Atkins; her sister, Lakisha Snead Showell (Doug) of Salisbury, MD; brother, Alexander Atkins (Samantha); brother-in-law, Marvin Ames; her children, twins Jermiah and Joseph Gale, and Zynahla Cottman; nephews, Marquis, DaQuantre, Trendon, and great nieces Paris and Kelis; great nephew, Amir grandparents, Diane Atkins Mullins and Leroy Atkins of Ft. White, FL; great uncle, Harry (Margaret Anne) Hunter of VA; aunts, Patricia (James) Butler of Salisbury, Ruby Davis of Eden, Lisa Franklin of Delray Beach, FL, Sonia Booker of Orlando, FL and Sophia (Reginald) Jernigan of Port St. Lucia, FL; uncles, Daryl Carter of Fruitland, MD, Lawrence Carter of Princess Anne, MD, Johnnie (Anne) Carter and Timmy Spence, both of Salisbury, MD, Amos (Chasity) Welch of Texas and Alphonso Carter of Delray Beach, FL; special friends, Kia Cadejuste, Brittany Powell, Patrae Butler, Beverly Dennis, Jr. Jessica Purnell, Adrienne Cannon and co-workers at Citi Trends and godchildren, Kaniah Briscoe, Kylee, Damire, and Betty Cottman, godmother, Rita White, special aunt, Betty Barnard.

In addition to her mother, Nykeetra was preceded in death by her grandmother, Pastor Ollie M. Carter, her sister Trina Lockwood-Ames, brother, Alex Atkins, II and aunts, Jacqueline Carter-Spence and Learleen Mentor.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

SEP **26.** 12:00 PM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 26, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nykeetra Alisha Atkins*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 27, 2025 at 02:26 PM

RP

“ *Condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. 💕💕*



Rebecca & Roland Palmer - September 26, 2025 at 09:04 AM

GO

“ *To the family of Nykeetra Atkins (Mona) my prayers are with you all during your time of loss. I pray 🙏 that GOD continues to bless you all with sweet and happy memories of true child of God.*

*Cousin,
Geneva Owens-Brown*

Geneva Owens-Brown - September 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family and friends. May God give you strength for the days ahead as you cherish her memory 🙏*



Jamie James - September 23, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ *Stephanie Collins lit a candle in memory of Nykeetra Alisha Atkins*



Stephanie Collins - September 23, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *She was such a sweet soul I remember her coming into rainbow to shop she was smiling and always spoke to me my condolences to the family and friends*



Latoya Brown - September 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ *Nykeetra always had a bright smile and a kind heart. I pray that God will hold her kids in his arms let them know that you love them. We will always love you and keep you in our heart. Mrs Yvonne & Terri Armwood*



Yvonne M Armwood - September 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - September 17, 2025 at 07:26 AM

AW

“ *My condolences to the family and friends may
God comfort you during this hard time*



Arnetta Williams - September 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM

BG

“ *On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest
condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this
time. May the loving memories bring you peace and comfort.
Apostle Matthew and Bishop Cora Brown*

Barbara Gumby - September 16, 2025 at 03:19 PM