

## Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett

November 22, 1969 - February 17, 2025

PICKENS-BARNETT, Mrs. Nicole - Age 55, passed away Monday, February 17, 2025, at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, March 8, 2025, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Saturday. Mrs. Pickens-Barnett will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday, March 7, 2025. Nicole Pickens-Barnett, a beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend, was born on November 22, 1969, in New York City to Johnny and Josephine Pickens. She departed this life on February 17, 2025, surrounded by love at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. Nicole's journey was one of love, resilience, and unwavering dedication to family. She grew up in Flint, Michigan, where she attended Merril Elementary and Holmes Junior High before graduating from Northern High School in 1988. Always eager to learn and grow, she pursued further education at Mott Community College and Ross Medical School, becoming a certified Ophthalmology assistant. She found great fulfillment in her career until health challenges led her to retire, but her caring nature never faded. Nicole's greatest joy was her family. She married the love of her life, Shannon Barnett. Together for four decade, they raised their two cherished sons, Shannon and Shalen. She was a devoted mother, ensuring her children always felt loved, supported, and encouraged. She took immense pride in their achievements, beaming with pride as her eldest graduated college and

always tending to her youngest with care and devotion. Nicole's warm and nurturing spirit extended beyond her immediate family. She was a caregiver at heart, lovingly embracing the children of family and friends as her own, especially her beloved goddaughter, Kiara. Her stylish presence was unmistakable—whether through her impeccable fashion sense, signature haircuts, or radiant personality. Though the only daughter among five brothers, she was their treasured gem, often winning every sibling debate with grace and charm. Her close bond with her “sister-cousins” Desiree, Robin, and Donna filled her life with sisterhood and joy. Music was one of Nicole's great loves, with Anita Baker's soulful melodies often filling her home and heart. She had a fondness for life's little pleasures—her favorite Starbucks drinks and meaningful conversations with loved ones. Above all, she was the glue that held her family together, always striving for harmony, offering kindness, and making sure those around her felt cherished. Nicole's legacy of love lives on in her: devoted husband, Shannon Barnett; treasured sons, Shannon L. Barnett II of Washington, D.C., and Shalen O. Barnett of Flint, MI; stepdaughter, Constance Barnett and stepson, Deandre Wright of Flint, MI; and her adored grandchildren, Kimora, Noah, and D'mari. She is also survived by her loving mother, Josephine Randall; brothers, Alphonso, Anthony, and Patrick Pickens of Flint, MI; and a host of extended family, including her in-laws, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends whose lives she touched deeply. Nicole now joins in eternal peace those who passed before her, including her fathers, Johnny Pickens and Henry Wade; father-in-law, Clyde Barnett; brothers, John and Eric Pickens; sister-in-law, Sharon Pickens; and beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins; nephew, Dotwan Combs Sr.; and god-daughter, Kiara Love-Brezzell. Though she is no longer with us, her love, kindness, and vibrant spirit will forever remain in our hearts. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Hurley Medical Center and Dr. Towfiq for their compassionate care. Nicole's life was one filled with love, laughter, and strength. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of warmth, generosity, and

unwavering devotion to those she loved. May we honor her memory by carrying forward the love she so freely gave.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

MAR 8. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - March 08, 2025 at 09:02 AM

PB

“ *PAULA BROYLES lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



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**PAULA BROYLES** - November 07, 2025 at 11:57 AM

BB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Pickens / Barnett family! 🙏*



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**Bill & Shasta Bohannon** - March 08, 2025 at 11:02 AM

KT

“ *Prayers and condolences to the entire family from the Thompson family. May God comfort you through it all.*

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**Kiyuan and Keona Thompson** - March 08, 2025 at 07:54 AM

DJ

“ R.I.P. Cousin Nicole. You will truly be missed.

Dorothy Jones - March 07, 2025 at 07:48 PM

CW

“ Nicole will be missed. Every time we saw each other, it was like we did not miss a beat talking about the good days and how life was a roller coaster. I will truly miss those conversations, smiles, and hugs she would give me. Praying for the family

Chandra Williams - March 07, 2025 at 01:01 PM

BM

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the entire family from Rod and Belinda McAdory.



Belinda McAdory - March 07, 2025 at 12:45 PM

SM

“ Sabrina Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



sabrina morgan - March 07, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CI

“ Clyde Barnett III purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.



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**Clyde Barnett III** - March 07, 2025 at 10:16 AM

EB

“ Earnestine Burnett lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett



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**Earnestine Burnett** - March 07, 2025 at 08:10 AM

GM

“ Greg and Elliott Mathis-Cooper purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.



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**Greg and Elliott Mathis-Cooper** - March 07, 2025 at 08:03 AM

GM

“ Greg and Elliott Mathis-Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.

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**Greg and Elliott Mathis-Cooper** - March 07, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JC

“ My condolences to the family  
I only knew Nicole for a short time  
But when I met her I knew we were going to become friends, she  
was so nice we talked about things and I found out her birthday was  
a day after mine. I'm going to miss her. R.I.H My sister 🌹

Jacqueline Cooper - March 06, 2025 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ Jeanette Cannon lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Jeanette Cannon - March 06, 2025 at 02:30 PM

FT

“ From Oliver, Amanda, and baby Theo. purchased  
the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs.  
Nicole Pickens-Barnett.



From Oliver, Amanda, and baby Theo. - March 06, 2025 at  
11:47 AM

FT

“ From Oliver, Amanda, and baby Theo. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.

From Oliver, Amanda, and baby Theo. - March 06, 2025 at 11:47 AM

YT

“ Your sister Tracy purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.



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**Your sister Tracy** - March 05, 2025 at 08:35 PM

YT

“ Your sister Tracy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.

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**Your sister Tracy** - March 05, 2025 at 08:35 PM

LB

“ To my dear sister you will be missed from our family your smiles and warm hugs love you always. To my brother Shannon and family I will continue to pray for you all ❤️ love Lisa Betts-Webb & Husband Alan

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**Lisa Betts-Webb** - March 04, 2025 at 08:24 PM

LB

“ Lisa Betts-Webb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



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**Lisa Betts-Webb** - March 04, 2025 at 08:14 PM

TV

“ Tonya Veale purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.



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**Tonya Veale** - March 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM

TV

“ Tonya Veale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.

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**Tonya Veale** - March 03, 2025 at 08:17 PM

KM

“ Kevin Mclaurine lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



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**Kevin Mclaurine** - March 02, 2025 at 11:42 AM

TC

“ Tevya Cheatham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



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**Tevya Cheatham** - March 01, 2025 at 11:42 AM

SM

“ *Sonya Wilbon McCloud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



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**Sonya Wilbon McCloud** - February 27, 2025 at 01:32 AM

SH

“ *Rest In Peace*



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**Stafford Howard** - February 26, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RP

“ *MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS NICOLE WAS A BEAUTIFUL CARING LADY MY FRIEND AS WELL FLY HIGH ANGEL HEAVEN GATES ARE OPEN FOR YOU CONDOLENCES*



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**Reco Powell** - February 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

AG

“ *Continued prayers to you all.*



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**Amy Givens** - February 26, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JW

“ Jean Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



jean willis - February 26, 2025 at 07:04 AM

JA

“ What a sweet angel...condolences to the entire family. Shannon, we are praying for your strength, peace and may GOD comfort you all.



Joi Copeland Askew - February 26, 2025 at 06:16 AM

MN

“ CONDOLENCES 🌹



Missy Buena Nichols-Thomas - February 26, 2025 at 05:58 AM

TM

“ Nicole was always a nice and sweet young lady. Nicole u will be missed.



Tim McKay - February 26, 2025 at 02:43 AM

LK

“ *Loletta Knapp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



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**Loletta Knapp** - February 26, 2025 at 02:35 AM

TG

“ *Nicole will definitely be missed by many. Every time we would see each other she was always give that beautiful smile followed by a warm loving hug. She was always the same. Sending my prayers and condolences to the entire family and to all that knew her.*



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**Travis Givens** - February 26, 2025 at 12:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett.*



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February 26, 2025 at 12:36 AM

RL

“ *Rory Lee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



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**rory Lee** - February 25, 2025 at 12:50 AM

TW

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to Moochie and Christine and the entire family of Nicole. Longtime friend of the Milum family. May God comfort and strengthen you during your loss



Tamera Wade - February 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SW

“ Rest in Heaven Nicole

Shauna Wilson - February 24, 2025 at 09:15 AM

TG

“ Nicole will definitely be missed. Every time I seen her, she would encourage me that we both will be alright. And we always had good laughs. The news saddened me when I learned of her passing. She loved her family and close friends. Anyone reading this, let's keep her family lifted up in prayer.

Tim Givens - February 23, 2025 at 09:54 PM

KO

“ Keya Overton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Keya Overton - February 23, 2025 at 04:09 PM

GS

“ *Gwendolyn Shakelford-Greene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



**Gwendolyn Shakelford-Greene** - February 23, 2025 at 01:48 PM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



**Tresia Givens** - February 23, 2025 at 11:00 AM

GP

“ *Gloria Pascal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



**Gloria Pascal** - February 23, 2025 at 10:52 AM

KB

“ *Karla Bowen lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett*



**Karla Bowen** - February 22, 2025 at 12:52 PM

TR

“ Tammy Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Tammy Richard - February 22, 2025 at 06:31 AM

RM

“ Rhonda Mitchell-Benton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Rhonda Mitchell-Benton - February 22, 2025 at 12:46 AM

NB

“ Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Nellie Bacon - February 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM

KM

“ Kendra Lynne Morgan lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Kendra Lynne Morgan - February 21, 2025 at 02:56 PM

RF

“ R Furlow lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett



R Furlow - February 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TG

“ Tracey Gay lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett




Tracey Gay - February 21, 2025 at 10:55 AM

LR

“ I was so shocked to see that Nicole had passed. She was our neighbor on Proctor Street for years! All of us were close! All of her brothers were just like mine. I just ran into her at the library last summer and one of her sons went to school with my daughters. I send my condolences to the family. Rest well Nicole!



Liz Roper-Franklin - February 21, 2025 at 07:01 AM

 Mychelle BlackDian

“ Mychelle BlackDiamond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Mychelle BlackDiamond - February 20, 2025 at 08:32 PM

GG

“ Nicole you'll most definitely be missed. Thank you for always being you. You had such a sweet spirit and always greeted me with a smile. I'm praying for the entire family. 🙏❤️



Gerrold Givens - February 20, 2025 at 08:28 PM

EW

“ Elder Charles Woods lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Elder Charles Woods - February 20, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SP

“ Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Nicole Pickens-Barnett



Sandra Payne - February 20, 2025 at 12:45 PM

MG

“ Nicole always had such a warm smile with those pretty dimples. Whenever I would see her, she would greet me with that beautiful smile along with a hug. Nicole always been the same towards me and my siblings. One thing is for sure, She truly loved her boys and Shannon. I pray that God help you get through this difficult time

Monica Guardado - February 20, 2025 at 10:49 AM

DS

*I love my cousin. She was so beautiful with an infectious smile. She has much strength. She was my first friend. I'm going to miss you Nicole. Keep everything in order up there as you do. ❤️*

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**Donna Seay** - March 07, 2025 at 11:24 PM