



## Leneshia "Neshia" Wilkins

June 3, 1993 - July 8, 2024

Leneshia Wilkins, age 31 of New Brighton, passed away unexpectedly on July 8, 2024.

Our Neshia was a bright light in our lives from the moment she came into this world. Her smile and laughter could fill any room with joy, and her kindness touched the hearts of everyone she met. She had a way of seeing the good in people, of lifting them up when they were down, and of making every day a little brighter.

She was a dreamer, with aspirations that knew no bounds. Whether it was her passion for swimming for hours in many bodies of water pools, lakes, and oceans, her curiosity about the world around her, she approached everything with a sense of wonder and enthusiasm that was contagious.

Her spirit was one of resilience and courage. Even in the face of adversity, she faced challenges head-on with grace and determination.

Though she may no longer be with us physically, her memory will live on in our hearts forever. We will carry her laughter, her love, and her spirit with us always.

Neshia was preceded in death by her mother, Jenny Johnson; and

grandparents, Elizabeth and Bill Johnson. She will be deeply missed by her father, Norman (Nicole) Wilkins; brother, Blake Wilkins; grandparents, Flossie and Arie Phillips; uncles, Pat (Lori), David, Paul, and Mike; aunts, Ruby and Vanetta; cousins, Nickie and Kiya; godfather, Eric Blair; many other loving family and friends. Funeral will be Saturday July 27 at 11 AM with visitation at 10 AM at Speak the Word Church, 515 Jersey Ave. S., Minneapolis. Interment Monday July 29 at 11 AM, Union Cemetery, Maplewood.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Speak the Word Church International  
515 Jersey Avenue South  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Speak the Word Church International  
515 Jersey Avenue South  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Charlene & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leneshia "Neshia" Wilkins.*



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**Charlene & family** - July 26, 2024 at 07:29 PM

TO

“ *Neshia is my cousin, we spent most of our childhood together. There are so many memories, from going to pick out Christmas trees with Nana Liz and Papa Bill to creating our “delicious” meals that we would have everyone try and our lemonade/kool-aid stands. Neshia and I loved to choreograph dance routines and do them for Nana in the living room. On rainy days we would get our coloring books and crayons and sit in the bay window and just color for hours. I cherish the time that I had with my cousin and will forever be grateful to have such an amazing person in my life. Love you forever Nina Nina Ballerina*

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**Tony** - July 26, 2024 at 09:40 AM

 Martha Sanders

“ *Leneshia and I met at dance when we were pre-teens, she was working on her homework and needed a calculator. I immediately pulled out mine from my backpack and handed it to her, immediately we were friends. Throughout middle school, high school and beyond. A true shining light in every room she entered, a heart like heaven and a truly wonderful woman. Gone way too soon, rest easy beautiful soul ❤️*

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**Martha Sanders** - July 20, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leneshia "Neshia" Wilkins.*



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July 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ *Uncle Pat and Aunt Lori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leneshia "Neshia" Wilkins.*

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**Uncle Pat and Aunt Lori** - July 18, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ *Leneshia used to come over to our house, along with some other kids in the neighborhood, Matt, Greg, Jasmine, Taylor and my daughter Martha loved to hang out, jump on our trampoline and eat 'cookies from a cake mix' and drink koolade. Such a lovely young lady❤️gone way too soon.*

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**Paula Chirpich** - July 18, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ *We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*-Claudice Mayes and the Mayes Family (Como, MS)*

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**Claudice Mayes** - July 17, 2024 at 06:59 PM

FS

“ As we bid farewell to Leneisha, let us carry forward the love and laughter she brought into our lives. Though she may no longer be with us in body, her spirit will forever echo in our hearts, reminding us to cherish each moment and hold tight to the bonds of family. We love you!

*Faye and Johnny Sands (Southaven, MS)*

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**Faye and Johnny Sands** - July 17, 2024 at 06:47 PM

RW

“ Leneisha is our cousin and we first met her in 2008 when we came to Minneapolis. She is one of the most special young ladies, so smart and beautiful. She will definitely be missed. Our last talk was when she shared she couldn't wait for her father to walk her down the aisle one day! She will be forever in our hearts and we love her. Our prayers are with our family.

*Ruth, Marvin and Belinda  
Los Angeles, CA*

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**Ruth Wilson** - July 14, 2024 at 09:56 PM

AN

“ I met Leneshia over 15 years ago, All the Encounters I've had with her was Amazing, She was a very Respectful young lady and had such a Beautiful Smile, I'll forever cherish the time I spent around her, Such a loss, Gone Too Soon.....AnitaJacksonMiller



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**AnitaJacksonMiller** - July 13, 2024 at 09:47 PM

CM

“ *Damn I remember you from just about birth cousin Neish, and seeing you grow up over the years into the beautiful young woman who we all came to know & love...it hurts me to find out about your sudden and untimely exit from us and to know I will not see you again in this life...May you Rest in Paradise & to please along with other family & friends up there, keep guiding us down the righteous path. I Love you family & you will be forever missed!* ❤️

Cousin Mike - July 12, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JA

“ *Neisha I know people wouldn't know the half  
🕯️🕯️ rest in roses beautiful*



Jassssssss - July 12, 2024 at 04:27 PM

LM

“ *LaJuan McIntyre lit a candle in memory of  
Leneshia "Neshia" Wilkins*



LaJuan McIntyre - July 12, 2024 at 08:17 AM

LO

“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of Leneshia  
"Neshia" Wilkins*



Lori - July 11, 2024 at 09:52 PM

LO

*You touched us all with your beautiful smile, which I believe in some way, is God's way of showing us that we'll see you again.*

Lori - July 11, 2024 at 10:03 PM

FE

“ *I meet this beautiful young lady throw my friend it's her little cousin. I remember nikkie had made this big breakfast and about a hour later she wanted something to eat I looked and said you still hungry lol nikke said that'd Norman's child I said lord and smh. Rip honey*

Feleshaw.knox - July 11, 2024 at 02:33 PM

CH

“ *So many memories and yet my heart aches for more! I've known you since you were in your Mommy's tummy and watched you grow into the beautiful woman you became! From you getting my white outfit full of spaghetti while eating at Donatelli's with your mom and Christi to floating down the Apple River with Kiara when you lost your car keys. I could go on and on! Never a dull moment and so many laughs!!! I will miss your voice and our deep conversations! Halloween haunted houses will not be the same or swimming at beaches, the river, lakes, and/or pools! Life won't be the same without you but I know you are at peace! Give Tosha and Jasmine kisses for me and I'll see you when I get there! I love you!*

Cathy Hansen - July 11, 2024 at 02:09 PM

SP

“ Leneshia...

*I remember the day I met you at CPHS. We were besties at first sight. I would always come over to your Grannys! When I moved back from Dubai, we moved in together into that little duplex in St. Paul. You witnessed many firsts for me, and you were like the big sister I never had. I love you man.. and I am so sorry. I am thinking of your dad and Granny right now! You are with your mom and Tosha so I find peace in knowing that I love you dude!*

*- Siobhan*

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**Siobhan Pisupati** - July 11, 2024 at 01:35 PM