

## Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles

April 23, 1976 - November 5, 2023

Ms. Africa “Nikki” Nicole Burks-Liles was born on April 23, 1976 in Saginaw, Michigan to Audrey Redeemer (Leslie Jackson) and Michael Burks. She passed away on November 5, 2023 at the age of 47 years.

Africa was a lifelong resident of Saginaw, Michigan, a graduate of Saginaw High School “Class of 1994” and Ross Medical Education Center as a Dental Assistant. She was employed at Morley for ten plus years and later became employed at McDonald Cadillac Dealership. She spent most of her life bowling, traveling and she loved animals. Most of all she enjoyed spending quality time with her grandchild, friends and family.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Adonis Tremayne Liles (Ambria); one grandchild, Adonis Liles, Jr., both of Columbus, OH; special friend, Luther “Pete” Pearson; parents, Audrey (Leslie Jackson) Redeemer, Michael Burks and step-father, Lester Redeemer, all of Saginaw, MI; sister, Asa Thomas, Saginaw, MI; two brothers, Barraka (Jacqueline) Baber of Southfield, MI and Wesumba Redeemer of Allen, TX; aunts, Monica Kellum (Michael Hill) and Renee Burks, both of Saginaw, MI; three uncles, Woodrow and Lance Kellum, both of Saginaw, MI and Robert (Donna) Griffin of Clinton, MI; sister-in-law, Sheila Baber of Saginaw, MI; god-father, Larry Packard of Saginaw, MI; honorary grandparents, Bertha Tellis, Dorothy Harris, both of Saginaw and Josephine Roberts of Lanett, AL; cousins, Tulani Redeemer, Aaricka Clay,

Sandra (Mike) Garcia, LeKeshia Kellum, Terrance (Briana) Kellum, LaCrica (Terrance) Williams, Robert, Jr. (Vanessa) Griffin of Charlotte, NC, and Jennifer Griffin of Detroit, MI; many other relatives and friends including special friends, Renee (Gary) Meitz, Sara Raquso, TaSha Sears, Ms. Gwen, Joy McWright, Brooke (Derek) Hoyt, Emily Zanzakenburg (Peter), Tracey Westendorf, Michelle Anne, Gloria Hoag and Mary Hill.

Ms. Africa “Nikki” Nicole Burk-Liles was preceded in death by her daughter, Zaiiah Liles; father, Leslie Jackson; brother, Leslie “Stomp” Baber; grandparents, Era and Woodson Kellum; aunts, Catherine Carroll-Daniel, and Antonie Hunt; uncle, Marshall Kellum; cousins, Tamisha and Marquetta Carroll and her “Ride and Die Protector, Simone”.

Passed away on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at the age of 47 years. Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 17, 2023 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Rd., Saginaw, ,MI 48602. Bishop Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601 Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

World Outreach Campus  
2405 Bay Road  
Saginaw, MI

## Burial Service

NOV 17 (ET)

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI



# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Sharon Beard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Sharon Beard - February 27, 2024 at 12:32 PM

SB

*I was Africa's Dental Assistant Instructor at Ross Medical Education Center. She had been on my heart for the last few months, I would often try to call her with no success. So I would always try again in after I few weeks. Today I decided to try her job & was informed of the news. My heart goes out to the entire family & everyone that had a chance to enjoy that smile.*

Sharon Beard - February 27, 2024 at 12:36 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Cheryl Cooper - November 25, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Janie Surles-Cork - November 24, 2023 at 10:44 AM

OO

“ *Oona lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Oona - November 20, 2023 at 01:24 AM

EW

“ *You have my condolences. Praying for the family.*



Elaine Welch - November 17, 2023 at 07:40 AM

VR

“ *Veronica Roby lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Veronica Roby - November 16, 2023 at 09:22 PM

AL

“ *Aareale Little lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Aareale Little - November 16, 2023 at 08:43 PM

CT

“ Our family will miss your smiling face sweet cousins. You are with your father in heaven. God bless and keep you forever in his care.  
*The Taylors, and Farmers*



Cynthia Taylor - November 16, 2023 at 08:30 PM

EM

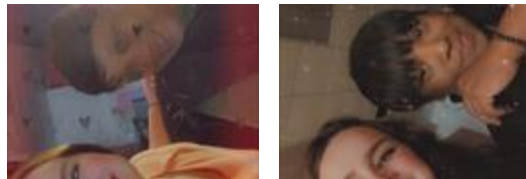
“ Ebony McNair lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Ebony McNair - November 16, 2023 at 06:59 PM

BH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Brooke Hoyt - November 16, 2023 at 04:31 PM

SR

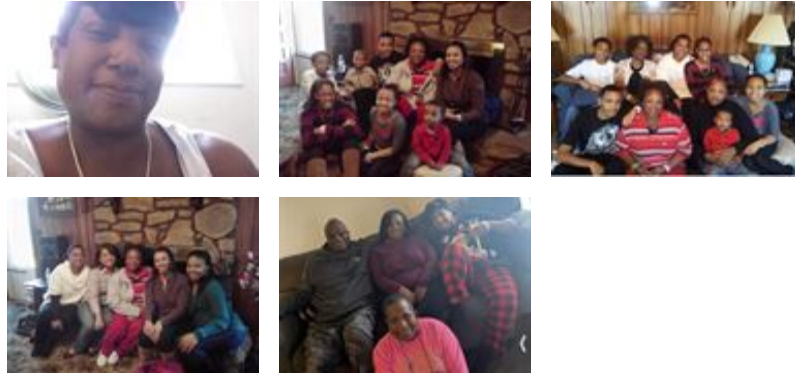
“ Miss you, friend!



Sara Raguso - November 16, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ 78 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

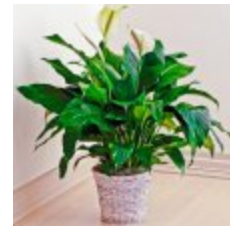


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**Browne's Mortuary** - November 16, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.



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November 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Racquela Gilbert and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.

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**Racquela Gilbert and family** - November 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM

VM

“ *Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Veronica K. McClain - November 15, 2023 at 06:17 PM

SD

“ *Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Stacy Duran - November 15, 2023 at 03:17 PM

HF

“ *Hoyt Family purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.*



Hoyt Family - November 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM

HF

“ *Hoyt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.*

Hoyt Family - November 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM

TR

“ There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will be in our hearts.”~Mahatma Gandh.

*Will miss your wonderful spirit and laughter.*

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**Tasha Redeemar** - November 14, 2023 at 11:51 AM



JS

“ Jamie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles

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**Jamie Sanders** - November 13, 2023 at 10:04 PM



JS

“ Jamie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles

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**Jamie Sanders** - November 13, 2023 at 10:03 PM



TR

“ Nikki I just spoke with you a few weeks ago and we swore we would make plans soon. You reminded me we shouldn't put things off until tomorrow. I have so many great memories of us as crazy teenagers. I will remember those days and pray for your family. Rest easy dear friend.

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**Tracey Westendorf Roat** - November 13, 2023 at 08:45 PM

MM

“ *Moty And Geraldine Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - November 13, 2023 at 05:30 PM

MM

*Praying for the family*

Moty and Geraldine Mckinney - November 13, 2023 at 05:31 PM

BH

“ *Very infectious with her charm, you couldn't have a conversation with her without smiling. I absolutely loved her laugh, I would make her giggle just to hear it. She made a impact everywhere she went and I am grateful to have been part of her life. I am going to miss her terribly. I will cherish the memories you left me. See you later friend, rest easy. 🦋☐💜*

Brooke Hoyt - November 12, 2023 at 08:27 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



Connie Gray - November 12, 2023 at 04:47 PM

TC

“ *The Griffin Family (Hawthorne, Calif.) purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.*



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**The Griffin Family (Hawthorne, Calif.)** - November 12, 2023 at 11:45 AM

TC

“ *The Griffin Family (Hawthorne, Calif.) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.*

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**The Griffin Family (Hawthorne, Calif.)** - November 12, 2023 at 11:45 AM

KG

“ *Karin Griffin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



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**Karin Griffin** - November 12, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JG

“ *Love you cuz*



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**Jennifer Nicole Griffin** - November 12, 2023 at 07:03 AM

RC

“ Praying for Strength for the entire family. Rest on my dear cousin.



Racheal Crump - November 11, 2023 at 04:18 AM

MK

“ Miss you so much□□



Monica Kellum - November 10, 2023 at 09:04 PM

SP

“ Shelaine Parrish lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Shelaine Parrish - November 10, 2023 at 06:41 PM


BB

“ Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Belinda Barlow-Poole - November 10, 2023 at 03:52 PM

JG

“ I will never forget you big cuz. You hurt me with this one but, until we meet again get your rest and kiss  both our granny's for me. Love you always buy cuz.



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**Jennifer Nicole Griffin** - November 10, 2023 at 02:55 PM

RF

“ Rosa Pratt Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



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**Rosa Pratt Family** - November 10, 2023 at 01:39 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



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**Brenda Jones** - November 10, 2023 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ All of my memories of Nikki are all the BEST. Why you may ask? I will tell you why. Because she was simply the best. The BEST personality. The BEST morals. The BEST person all around. The BEST everything. Always making people feel special. Let me give a small example. Every single day I walked in she would ALWAYS ask how I am doing while knowing she wasn't feeling well. Always putting others first! I will be forever grateful that I knew her, and she will be missed dearly. REST IN PEACE Nikki..

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**Scott Beeckman** - November 10, 2023 at 10:07 AM

WG

“ William Robert Griffin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



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**William Robert Griffin** - November 10, 2023 at 09:57 AM

MH

“ Mary Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



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**Mary Hill** - November 09, 2023 at 09:55 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



**Brenda Jones** - November 09, 2023 at 05:28 PM

RS

“ *May my beautiful neice Rest in Heaven. Audrey I pray that God see you and your family through this time of need. God bless you all.....Reenay Burks Smith.*



**Reenay Burks Smith** - November 09, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JB

“ *Jacqui Baber lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



**Jacqui Baber** - November 09, 2023 at 02:45 PM

WG

“ *Missing you Nikki!*

**William Robert Griffin** - November 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM

DM

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Africa Liles. We worked together at Morley for 4 years and will be missed greatly.*

**Dee McKinley** - November 09, 2023 at 12:21 PM

BH

“ Brooke Hoyt purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.



Brooke Hoyt - November 09, 2023 at 10:33 AM

BH

“ Brooke Hoyt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.

Brooke Hoyt - November 09, 2023 at 10:33 AM

VG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Vitaliana Griffin - November 09, 2023 at 09:57 AM

VG

“ 3 files added to the album cousin love



Vitaliana Griffin - November 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



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**Mary Hill** - November 09, 2023 at 08:37 AM

EV

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Emily VanValkenburg** - November 09, 2023 at 08:20 AM

EM

*Remembering the good times with my bestie </3*

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**Emily** - November 10, 2023 at 10:55 AM

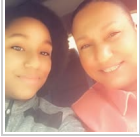
EV

“ *Emily VanValkenburg lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



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**Emily VanValkenburg** - November 09, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Laura Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



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**Laura Jackson** - November 09, 2023 at 07:17 AM

KE

“ *Thank you so much for being such a great friend to me. You will be missed tremendously!! And to the family, I am so very sorry for your loss. She was such a wonderful person with the most beautiful soul. My heart is broken. I love you so much Nikki!*

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**Kelisha** - November 09, 2023 at 06:08 AM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill-Hollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles*



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**Jacqueline Hill-Hollins** - November 09, 2023 at 05:55 AM

SB

“ *Praying for the family and friends I use to work with Africa at cac headstart so sweet great personality*



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**Sabrina D Brittain** - November 08, 2023 at 11:07 PM

DS

“ *We love you Nikki.*



Debbie Scott - November 08, 2023 at 08:56 PM

WG

“ *Missing you Nikki!*

William Robert Griffin - November 08, 2023 at 08:39 PM

DS

“ *Debbie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles.*

Debbie S. - November 08, 2023 at 08:36 PM

DS

“ *My heart and prayers goes out to Audrey and Nikki son. I will miss you Nikki ! Rest in peace. Love you cousin's*



Debbie Scott - November 08, 2023 at 08:32 PM

JF

“ Jenny Flunder sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Jenny Flunder - November 08, 2023 at 07:38 PM

IH

“ Ida Helton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Ida Helton - November 08, 2023 at 07:19 PM

SD

“ Stacy Duran sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Stacy Duran - November 08, 2023 at 07:05 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Brenda Jones - November 08, 2023 at 04:54 PM

LM

“ Leonard Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Leonard Moore - November 08, 2023 at 03:52 PM

EV

“ Emily VanValkenburg lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Emily VanValkenburg - November 08, 2023 at 09:58 AM

EV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Emily VanValkenburg - November 08, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SW

“ Sanora Woodard-Lee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Sanora Woodard-Lee - November 08, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SW

“ Sis. I still can't wrap my mind around this!! All I can say is you with Zoey. God knew you tried over an over. So when he seen you were tired, we called you home. I'll always carry you with me forever. Love you boo. Sandy

Sanora Woodard-Lee - November 08, 2023 at 09:54 AM

WG

“ Love you Nikki!

William Griffin - November 08, 2023 at 09:21 AM

KP

“ Kenyetta Parker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Kenyetta Parker - November 08, 2023 at 06:21 AM

DJ

“ Detrena G & George Redeemer Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Africa Nicole Burks-Liles



Detrena G & George Redeemer Jr - November 08, 2023 at 01:17 AM

WG

“ *Dear Nikki I am so heartbroken! I wanted you all to myself, but God had other ideas. I will live by his decision for he is the Almighty! Really gonna miss that big hug. Until we meet again...sleep well my angel!*



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**William Griffin** - November 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM