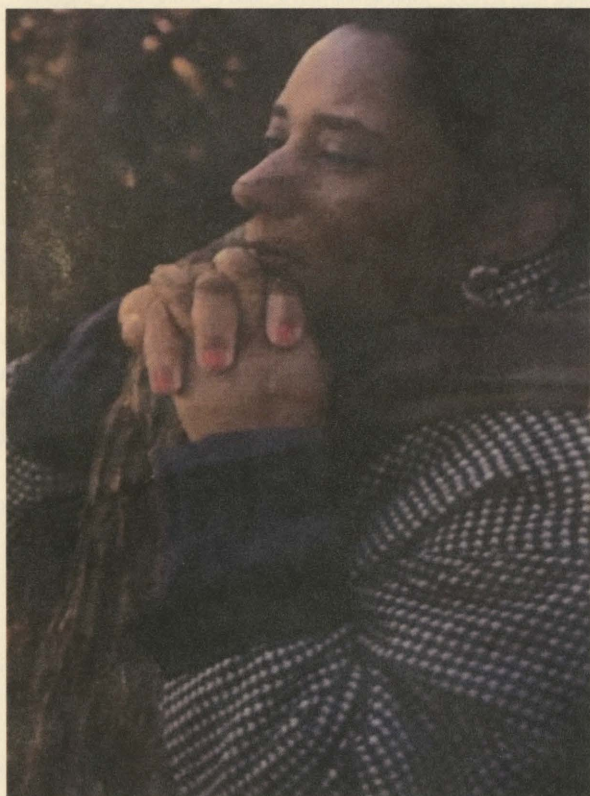


In Loving Memory
Of
Johnnie Mae Khalida Lovell



Saturday, December 17, 2016
Twelve O'clock Noon

Lovell's Chapel United Methodist
317 N Depot Street
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

Obituary

Johnnie Mae Khalida Lovell was born in Mt. Airy, NC on December 12, 1950 to the late John Lovell, Jr. and Yvonne Williams Lovell. She transitioned from this world on December 10, 2016 in K.B. Reynolds Hospice Home after a period of illness. Johnnie graduated from East Surry High School where her vibrant personality was on display as a varsity cheerleader and popular student among teachers and peers. Johnnie attended North Carolina A&T State University where she was once again a cheerleader and avid dancer. After dating since high school, Johnnie married Khalid (Spurgeon) Griggs on September 4, 1971 and transferred to Howard University in Washington, DC where they lived for the next 7 ½ years.

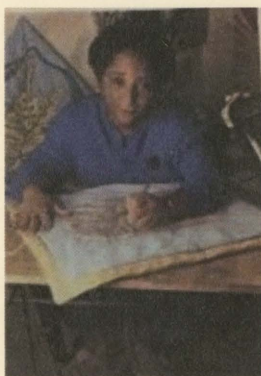
Johnnie had many interests and pursuits, but none were more important to her than her "girls," Atika, Aneesa, and Aqila. She wrote plays and organized other productions for her daughters and other children to "voluntarily" participate in. Johnnie was constantly seen, with her daughters in tow, energetically involving herself in activities for young people and exposing them to enrichment events.

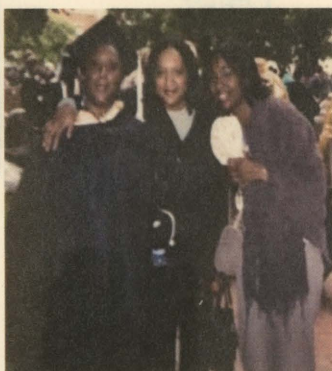
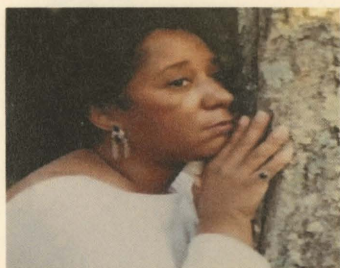
Johnnie had a passion for teaching children. Upon moving to Winston-Salem, she immersed herself in tutoring youth and organizing creative opportunities for their self-expression and educational development. She organized the Kitabú Book Club at the East Winston Library, a young readers book club that focused on reading Black heritage books. Johnnie was a life-long learner so it came as no surprise when she decided to complete her undergraduate degree at Salem College. She received a master's degree in Special Education from Salem College and another masters from Wake Forest University. Johnnie was also pursuing a Doctorate's degree.

Johnnie was the consummate multi-tasker before the term became popular. Those who knew her well witnessed how she organized and regimented her life and theirs too if they stayed in range long enough. In addition to being a Special Education teacher at North Forsyth High School for almost 13 years, Johnnie found time to make abstract cloth pictures and special occasion cards. She appeared to find greater satisfaction in making her creations than selling them for profit. Her walls were adorned with her handiwork.

Johnnie leaves behind to cherish her memory, her mother, Yvonne Lovell, three loving, devoted daughters, Atika Griggs Hall, Aneesa Shereen Griggs, and Aqila Tasleen Griggs, three sisters, Dianne Lovell King, Deborah Lovell, Yvette Lovell, one brother, John JB Lovell, III, three grandchildren, Makayla Joi Hall, 10, Kennedy Nicole Griggs, and Eli Alexander Garrison, 5, a special friend, Sheila Beverly, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Celebrating...





~ Order of Service ~



Processional

Scripture Readings Pastor J.K. Best

~Old Testament

~New Testament

Prayer

Minister

Reflections

Sheila Beverly

Family Tribute

Yvette Lovell
Aneesa Griggs

Song

First Lady Doris Best

Eulogy

Imam Khalid Griggs

Committal

Pastor J.K. Best

Benediction

Imam Khalid Griggs

Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun.
And when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.