



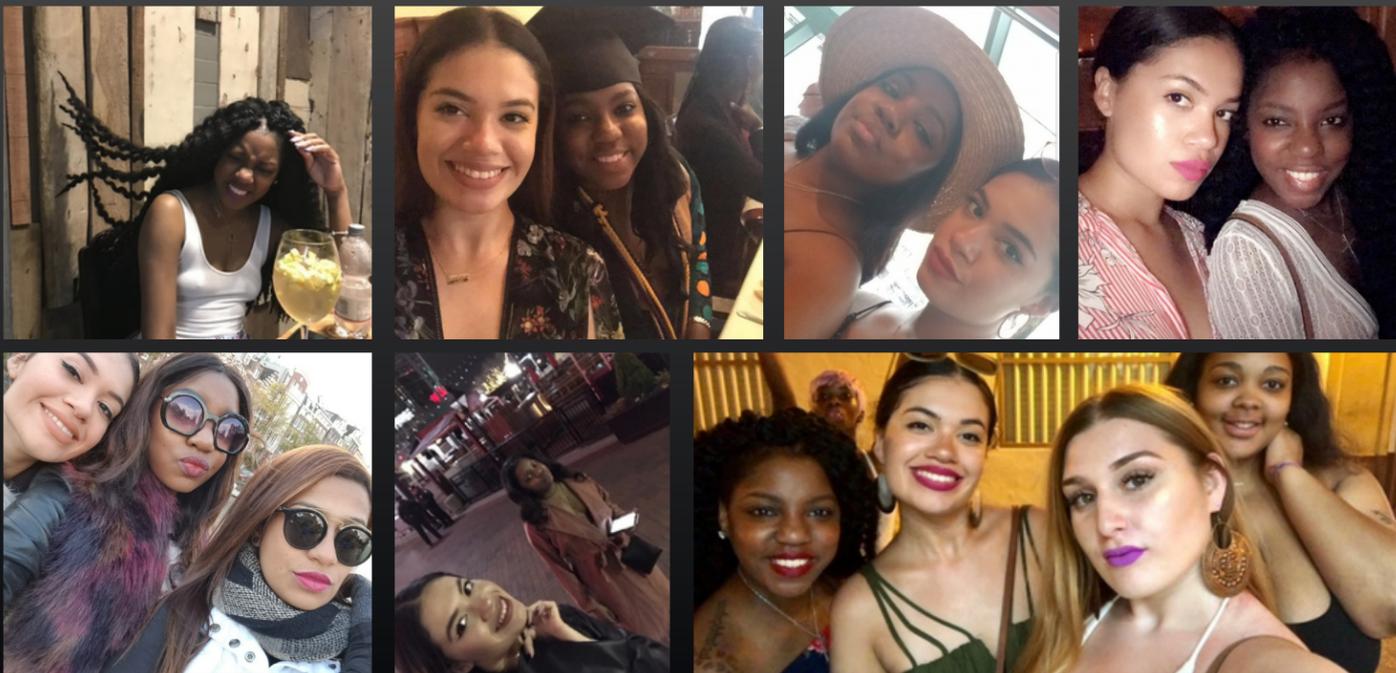
Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to express our deep appreciation and sincerely thank you all for your kind expressions of sympathy. Your prayers, generosity, gifts of time and talent, support, and care have sustained us during this difficult time. May God bless each and every one of you as you have been a blessing to us.

Do not stand at my grave and forever weep. I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift up-flinging rush of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the day transcending night.

Do not stand by my grave, and cry - I am not there.

~ Mary Frye



In Loving Memory of

Erika Lynette Isler

November 9, 1987 - May 7, 2023

 **FRI** May 19
11AM 

Professional Services Entrusted to:
Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home
2140 North Fulton Avenue, 21217

Interment:
Arbutus Memorial Park
1101 Sulphur Spring Road, 21227



The Lasting Memory



Erika Lynette Isler

Erika Lynette Isler, affectionately known as Wootie, was born on November 9, 1987 in Baltimore, MD to Elisha Isler and the late Vickie Lynn Isler. She went home to be with the Lord at the age of 35 on May 7, 2023 surrounded by her family and friends.

She attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from the Baltimore City College High School in 2005. Erika matriculated at New Jersey City University (NJCU) and graduated in 2017 with dual majors in Finance and National Security Studies. While at NJCU, she was one of five students that traveled to India to represent the school and present on how corporations could become more socially responsible.



Over the course of two decades, Erika worked in the service industry in a multitude of capacities including acting as a team leader, production coordinator, and assistant restaurant manager. In 2021, she began to serve the public as a grant specialist for the Mayor's office in Baltimore City. In her capacity as a public servant, she was able to fuel her passion for contributing constructively to the enhancement and encouragement of marginalized communities, specifically in the city she loved.

An enthusiastic and curious traveler, she took every opportunity to venture out, experiencing the people, food, and cultures of South America, Europe, Asia, and her beloved Africa. Of all the places she visited, Africa, more specifically Kenya, always felt like home. While traveling the world, she learned to speak several languages including Spanish, French, and Kikuyu. Erika was an avid reader and had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and education. She was a certified notary and also received her project management certificate from Google.

With love and devotion, she leaves to cherish her memory: her father Elisha Isler, Esq.; her dog Rowan; her siblings Lt. Torran "Mikey" Burrus, Mrs. Brandis Savage, Dr. Teyrra Crawford; her nieces and nephews Brandon, Brianna, Benjamin, Braylin, Kamden, and Leighton; her brothers-in-law Bariki and Luther; her uncles Eric, Darryl, and Kevin; and a host of cousins, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances, and friends who became family.

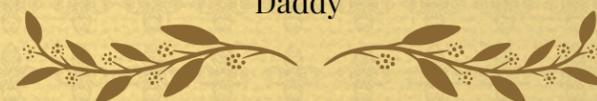
All who loved her dearly will never forget her tenacity, wit, charm, grace, and undying love for them.

Tributes



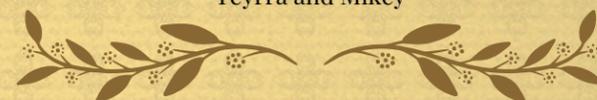
I will miss you forever. You made the world a better place.

Love,
Daddy



We have decades of inside jokes, card games, meals, vacations, and stories between us. We were more than siblings; we were friends. There is a void that you left behind in our circle that we can never fill. You poured so much of yourself willingly into not just us, but anyone in need of encouragement. That encouragement was likely accompanied with some 90's R&B or hip hop, but it always came from the heart. You will be missed more than you know, but your legacy of love will live on. Make sure when you are playing spades in Heaven, that you count your books. Love you sissy!

~Teyrra and Mikey

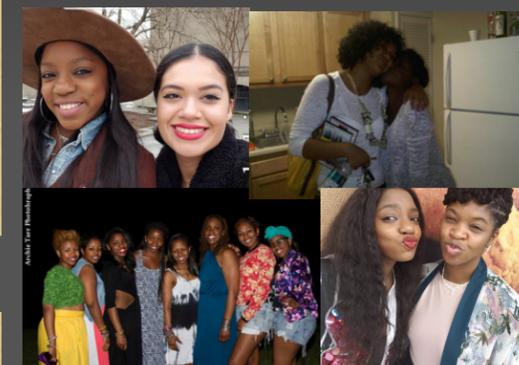


For those who live with passion, make your own rules. Build your own legacy. Be one step closer to excellence.

~Erika Lynette Isler



Dear God,
I thank You for giving me a little sister in Erika. She was strong, fiercely passionate about everyone she loved, and genuinely wanted the best for family and friends. There is truly no other like her. I thank You for sending this angel to bless us and show us what Your love feels like. I am truly grateful for the late nights, deep conversations, and laughter she has brought into my life. I know she is with You with no cares about this world and she is now in heaven reaping Your promise everyday. In Jesus name I pray, Amen. ~Brandis



Erika, for being so tiny, your energy filled every room you walked into to the brim. You filled it with your fiery candor, your flyness, your intellect (you had half of us dusting off dictionaries), your infectious laughter but above all, your blind kindness and empathy. My love for you now transcends this world baby girl. I hope the signal works up there, because I know all of our lines will forever be open. ~Val

E - energetic, R - resilient, I - intelligent,
K - kinetic, A - affectionate
To our Fly Girl, our Therapist, Secret Keeper,
Chatter Box, Proof Reader, and Tiny Thug...

Thank you for being the glue that holds us all together! Even death can't weaken the bond we all share. Your energy is not lost, it will now live within each one of us. We'll always carry your memories and outpouring love in our hearts. Your beautiful smile and infectious laugh will be missed greatly. And let's not forget how much we'll miss you talking our heads off and then saying, "Well, I ain't want nothing." Can't wait to hear from you! It's not Goodbye, it's see you later! ~Your Girls

To The Best Aunt



Aunts have no wands or wings,
So they work with wisdom, love, and things.
Having taken on this role,
You loved me right down to my soul.
You offered greetings with a hug and kiss,
Each freely out of love which I will miss.
I chose a twinkling star in the sky at night,
To say a prayer for you to it's bright light.
You're in God's Heavens now and no longer in
pain,
In my thoughts, you'll always remain.
How lucky I was,
How blessed I've been,
You were more than my Aunt,
You were also my friend.

We love you and miss you Auntie Erika!
Kamden, Leighton, Brandon, Brianna,
Benjamin, and Braylin

To The Best Dog Mom

From Rowan



When you rescued me, you did more
than just give me home; you gave me
love. You showed me patience when I
was too frightened to let you hug me. You
showed me strength when you stood tall
as I jumped into your arms for a hug. You
showed me selflessness when you would
give all you had to make sure I had what I
needed. You were my safe space and my
joy. The days are longer and the nights
are colder without the warmth of your
love. I know Pop-Pop will take great care
of me, but I will always love you Mom!



Order of Service



PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN
AMAZING GRACE

SCRIPTURES

PSALM 23
REVELATION 21:4

PRAYER

REVEREND REGINA KARANJA

WORDS OF COMFORT

REVEREND DR. STANLEY KARANJA

MUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY READING

MS. CYNTHIA GATHUNGURI

TRIBUTES

MRS. BRANDIS SAVAGE
DR. TEYRRA CRAWFORD

MUSICAL SELECTION

THE PREACHED WORD

REVEREND DR. SHEILA DAVIS

BENEDICTION

REVEREND DR. SHEILA DAVIS

RECESSIONAL

GOING UP YONDER

Pallbearers



Eric Williams	Domonique A. Graham
Darryl Williams	Mike Opiacha
Kevin Brooks	Harrison Moore



A great soul serves everyone all the time. A
great soul never dies. It brings us together
again and again.
~Maya Angelou



