

*Pallbearers*

Silas Frazier

Eric Frazier

Vincent Mosley

Vincent Mosley, Jr.

Floyd Griffin

Zahir Muhammad

Lakayla Odom

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Emanuel Baptist Church Deacons

*Acknowledgement*

*The family of Kymberley Lynette Griffin would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.*

*May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.*

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Kymberley Lynette*  
**GRIFFIN**

*Sunrise*

January 25, 1993

*Sunset*

November 13, 2023

## Obituary

**Kymerley Lynette Griffin**, affectionately called “Kym” by family and friends, was born on January 25, 1993, at Trident Medical Center in North Charleston, South Carolina, to her loving parents Ronnie and Madlyn (Laboo) Griffin. Being a military child, she traveled from South Carolina to Virginia, Japan, Hawaii, Texas, and back to South Carolina, supporting her father and mother in his 22 years of faithful service in the US Navy.

Kym was educated in schools all over the world but completed her high school education in Dorchester County Public school system, where she was a 2011 graduate of Summerville High School. Upon completing high school, she attended Job Corps where she obtained certifications in Scaffolding, Facility Maintenance, and Forklift Operation. She also attended Tender Care Training Center where she obtained her Phlebotomy certification.

Kym has always known who God is and experienced what he was capable of doing. In October of 2010, she became a member of Emanuel Baptist Church and put her faith and beliefs to work.

Kym was everyone’s little comedian and enjoyed mentoring with Lupus Warriors, as she was one herself after being diagnosed at the age of 10. She loved cooking, swimming, dancing, laughing, and playing sports. She was an employee at several places during her life, including Emanuel Baptist Church Blessed Generation Day Care, Bi-lo Grocery Store, Walgreens, and Cintas Corporation.

Kym was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Mildred W. Griffin and Elijah “Jack” Jackson, and daughter, Genesis R. Griffin, whom she lovingly called “Peanut.”

Kym leaves to cherish fond and never-ending memories to her parents, Ronnie and Madlyn (Laboo) Griffin; maternal grandparents, Dennis and Betty Laboo; sisters, Victoria Griffin and Kiona Baker; one niece, Shamiah Dickerson; special friend, Ronnie “JR” Stephens; and a host of uncles, aunts, godparents, cousins, and loving friends.

Kym’s parents started a non-profit organization in light of her diagnosis by the name of Lupus Outreach and Awareness. This platform is named in Kymerley’s honor to inform and educate others about the chronic disease that Kym tackled with bravery.

To see Kym, you wouldn’t have known she was battling a chronic disease such as Lupus. She lived her life and refused to let a life with Lupus live her! We will always love and miss you, Kym. Until we see each other again...

***Love, Your Family!!!***

## Precious Memories



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# Order of Service

Saturday, November 18, 2023  
1:00 PM

Emanuel Baptist Church  
106 Boone Street | Summerville, South Carolina 29483  
John T. Miller, Sr., Pastor

Pastor John T. Miller, Sr., Officiating

- Prelude..... Musicians
- Processional..... *I Pray We'll All Be Ready*
- Celebratory Selection ..... *He Never Fails*
- Prayer..... Deacon Bryan McDonald
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament ..... *Psalm 61:1-4 - Evangelist Sha-Kella McDonald*
  - New Testament ..... *I Corinthians 15:51-55 - Evangelist Pamela Harris*
- Remarks ..... Deacon Jack Whack, Family Deacon  
Mr. Kevin Adams, Godbrother  
Lakayla Odom  
Minister E'lisha Simmons Hobson  
Victoria Griffin, Sister  
Deacon Ronnie and Deaconess Madlyn Griffin, Parents
- Solo ..... Sister D'Nita Adams
- Resolutions and Acknowledgements..... Deaconess Patrice Williams
- Selection..... EBC Combined Choir
- Words of Comfort ..... Pastor John T. Miller, Sr.
- Committal
- Benediction
- Viewing and Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Hill Crest Cemetery  
Summerville, South Carolina

# Lupus

*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
 With Lupus hanging like a shroud  
 A host of golden daffodils  
 A stomach full of rotten pills  
 A disease so common, yet so rare  
 I'm glad I have my family there  
 We never know just how we are  
 A time of calm so near, so far  
 GP's come and GP's go  
 We wonder what they really know  
 To get through it all, we make amends  
 But couldn't manage without our friends  
 Ten minutes up then back to rest  
 We don't know what to do for best  
 The pain puts us in such a bind  
 We ask ourselves, "Are we sound of mind?"  
 I've written this and brewed a pot  
 And for today I've done my lot  
 And now I lay me down to lie  
 Should I laugh or should I cry?  
 "It will not beat me," that I say  
 Respite will come, it will one day  
 Although with Lupus we may see no ends  
 We can visit this MB and make new friends  
 I wandered lonely as a cloud  
 With Lupus hanging like a shroud...*

By P. Stainburn

## Living Beyond Lupus

Hi,

My name is Kimberley and I have Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. I was diagnosed with this form of lupus at the age of 10. There are several types of lupus, but my type affects my blood, attacking my body; good and bad cells alike. Here are some of the things I went through since I was 10 years old. I got sick in Japan, that's where my family and I were, due to my father being stationed there while in the US Navy. My parents noticed I wasn't eating, running a fever, losing weight, vomiting, and sleeping a lot. I had no energy. Since we were in Japan and they didn't have a major care facility, I had to be sent to a location that could determine what was going on. The doctors thought I showed the symptoms of a person with lupus, but they could not fully determine a diagnosis. So they flew my mother, my eldest sister and I to Honolulu, Hawaii to get more tests and diagnoses done, to determine if I truly had lupus. The doctors determined that I did have Lupus.

Once I returned to Japan with this horrifying news, the Navy gave my family and I six months to find a major medical facility on or close to a military base that could take care of me and my disease. Within a few months my family was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Once in San Antonio, Texas I knew things would be better because of the care facility and the expert doctors that specialized in lupus. I met the most amazing doctor, Dr. Row (Colonel in the Army). She taught me to embrace Lupus as my disease and the importance of knowing everything about it. She would say, "This disease is going to be a part of your life for your entire life, so learn how to live with it and keep it under control."

many dialysis treatment, stating that I need to pack my bags and be at the hospital on October 4, 2014 at 6:00 am (the next day) because they have found me a kidney. After hanging up with my nurse I didn't know if I should be in shock, happy, or cry for joy because these types of calls are never promised. I thanked my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and rushed home. As ordered to, I was at the hospital at 6:00 am. They checked me in and the wait began. It was the most nerve wracking wait I had ever gone through because this day was here, but not guaranteed that I would receive this kidney because anything could happen and I was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list for this date. So finally the wait was over at 7:00 pm, Oct 4, 2014 that night, and I was on my way down to the operating room. The surgeon came in and asked me, "Okay are you ready to get this new kidney?" I replied, "Yes, I was born ready."

After a successful surgery and a year and six months later, I have gone through a series of events, which I have listed below:

- 6 months after my kidney transplant I had to get a routine biopsy just to check up on my kidney and it was a successful biopsy.
- 1 year and 6 months later, I had another biopsy because protein was spilling out of my kidney, which are the bad toxins in your body and this biopsy was not a success. The doctor ended up puncturing my kidney and what should be a two hour procedure caused me to be hospitalized for four days. When my kidney was punctured it attempted to repair itself by forming blood clots, but they were only flushed down into my bladder. When that happened the clots,

Due to my kidney failure, I was placed on the kidney transplant list and I was receiving dialysis treatment three to five days a week for almost 4 hours each visit. My sister Victoria and I went through the transplant process to see if she would be a match to give me one of her kidneys. When the test returned, Victoria was a match. We started preparing ourselves for the transplant: eating better, watching our weight and doing everything the doctors recommended us to do. So right before we were to receive our date for the transplant surgery, the transplant team decided not to conduct the transplant with my sister. Victoria was young and without kids, if she did go through with the procedure, it would cause her to have complications when she decided to have children. They would not use her. The blessing behind this, was I was placed at the top of the waiting list for a new kidney. To God Be the Glory!

Today I am 21 years old and I have been through a lot. I was pregnant at the age of 20 and had my daughter Genesis who lived for 10 days and she has gone on to be with the Lord because of my lupus. I take numerous doses of medicine day in and day out to combat and keep my lupus in remission. I have experienced kidney failure, which caused me to need a new kidney. Not to mention the numerous doctors' appointments month after month. But through it all, with my faith and relationship with the Lord, I'm still standing! This is a very intense disease that I have, but with Faith, Prayer, and Love I make it day to day hoping and praying for a cure.

After a year and 8 months I knew I was going to be okay because Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ answered my prayers. On October 3, 2014 I got a call, which was after one of my

which were of various sizes, up to 6 cm, blocked off my urinary track and I couldn't use the bathroom. So for the four days I had a catheter placed inside of me to suction and flush the clots out. I was back to being poked and prodded with needles several times a day to keep my body under control.

- Finally I was discharged and got to go home, but had to come back for another biopsy four weeks later and this time it was a success.

- Now at the age of 23 I'm still fighting with lupus, but I have a new and healthy kidney. None of this would have ever been possible without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is with me every step of the way.



Thank You for reading and I hope this will give the next person who is faced with any kind of disease or any situation where you don't feel you can come out of hope to keep on keeping on. Keep The Faith In Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ, and Everything Will Be OK!!!

Kimberley Griffin  
Contributing Author  
Pictured Above