



Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker

April 23, 1976 - September 5, 2025

Hearing the voice of her Heavenly Father, Ainya Nicole Parker passed peacefully in her sleep, entering her eternal home on September 5th, 2025. Ainya was born on April 23, 1976, at Outer Drive Hospital in Lincoln Park, MI, to parents Keith L. and Navania Nelson.

Ainya's love for Christ started early. At six years old, she accepted Christ and was baptized. As an active member at Pine Grove Baptist Church, she sang in the Youth Choir for several years. Ainya graduated from Southwestern High School where she excelled academically as well as athletically. She captained the softball, basketball, and volleyball teams.

Ainya chose to continue her education at the University of Michigan, where she met, and fell in love with the love of her life, Blair Parker. Ainya and Blair's love grew for each other as they ministered together in the University of Michigan Gospel Chorale, where Ainya served as a director as well as a business manager.

Ainya and Blair officialized their bond, getting married on March 24th, 2001. After several years of marital bliss, they welcomed twin sons, Bryce and Blair II. Their lives were forever changed as Ainya and Blair dedicated their lives to serving their boys. No matter what the event, whether it was orchestra/band, musicals, choir concerts or at football, baseball, basketball or track and field, Ainya was easily the crowd MVP.

Ainya's love for God and her love of music was undeniable. She continued to serve the Kingdom at Third New Hope Baptist Church where she was an

active member of the praise team as well as worked for Dr. Branch and Pastor Pressley as a church administrator. Ainya also sang for various recording artists, including Bill Moss and Kim Whitsett. There isn't one person on this earth that met Ainya that could deny the blessings of God that were upon her. Her quiet strength and her unwavering devotion to her family made her one of a kind. Ainya's legacy will carry on forever, reminding us to choose to live a life full of meaningful acts of love and service, as Christ modeled for us.

Ainya is preceded in death by her grandparents Fred and Louise Hill, Cardell and Leana Nelson.

Precious memories are left with: Her husband Blair, sons Blair II and Bryce, parents Keith and Navania Nelson, sister Nashae (Denver) Lee, brother Kevay Nelson, in-laws Darrow (Kathy)Parker, brother-in law Deon (Julie) Parker, sister-in-law Beckie (Jason) Burress, and a wonderful host of aunts/uncles, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48203

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Sep. **14**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Sep. **15**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Third New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
12850 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 491-7890
worship@thirdnewhope.com
<http://www.thirdnewhope.com>

Celebration of Life

Monday, Sep. **15**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Third New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

12850 Plymouth Road

Detroit, MI 48227

(313) 491-7890

worship@thirdnewhope.com

<http://www.thirdnewhope.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Heartfelt Condolences To: Blair and sons: Ainya will be in your Hearts Forever. She will be Deeply Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved her. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time:2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4

Maria A - September 15, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Ann S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.

Ann S. - September 14, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.

September 14, 2025 at 10:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.



September 14, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.

September 14, 2025 at 07:23 AM

RJ

“ Robert and Shirley Jackson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.



Robert and Shirley Jackson - September 13, 2025 at 11:33 PM

DM

“ Dajamen and Soyika Mitchell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.



Dajamen and Soyika Mitchell - September 12, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DM

“ Dajamen and Soyika Mitchell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.

Dajamen and Soyika Mitchell - September 12, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.



September 12, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.*



September 12, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ *Your Stellantis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.*

Your Stellantis Family - September 12, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Your Stellantis Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.*



Your Stellantis Family - September 12, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Prayers of Comfort & Strength for the Parker Family. Ainya always greeted me with a big beautiful smile along with a hug at church and choir rehearsal. I'm going to miss her so much.*



Jennifer Ballard - September 11, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker.*



September 11, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *My beautiful friend. I will miss running into you at random places and end up in the parking lot just talking for hours. Till we meet again, you are so missed.*

Christel Tillman - September 10, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Ainya was the first head director I had with UMGC. She set the tone for an experience that would help shape my adult with commitment, consistency, faithfulness, and joy. While we werent particularly close, I will miss her and her spirit. Mad prayers for Blair and the family.*

Sealoyd Jones III - September 10, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ *Jeffrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ainya Nicole Parker*



Jeffrey Davis - September 10, 2025 at 11:57 AM