



Memorial Services will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the New Bethel Baptist Church for Mrs. Karella Denise “Necie” Ruffin-Herod, 49, of Youngstown, who passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Valley Care North Side Medical Center.

“Necie” was born January 14, 1966 in Youngstown, a daughter of Clifton Sr. and Patricia Coleman Ruffin. She was a 1984 graduate of East High School. Denise was a trend-setting hair stylist who influence many of the up and coming hair stylist in the city. Her sense of style and swagger was second to none. She was brilliant!

Karella “Necie” was a beautiful and charming person who had an infectious smile and humor that made everyone around her feel better. She loved her family and simply cherished her children, Isaiah and Jamie with an unusual passion that only a mother and child could experience and understand. She was an unrelenting support system for her two children and always made sure they experienced and participated in life enriching activities. As a consequence, both children are successfully completing school, both high school and college. Necie enjoyed writing in her journal on a daily basis and enjoyed watching sports on television, especially track and field events. A member of the New Bethel Church, Necie was an awesome singer and worshipper who loved God with all of her heart.

She leaves to cherish her beloved memory, her mother; two children, Jamie and Isaiah Herod; two brothers, Milton (Merlyn) Ruffin and Anthony Ruffin both of Columbus; and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; and a brother, Clifton Ruffin, Jr.

Friends may share condolences with the family on Friday from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.