

Princetta Judy Griffin-Lyons was born to James Griffin and Priscilla George on June 17, 1960, in Chicago, IL. She was the youngest of 11 children. As the baby of the family, she affectionally became known as everyone's "Princess".

Princess attended Holy Family Academy for elementary school, where she met many lifelong friends. She later attended Lucy Flowers High School and went on to study Psychology at Lewis University, where she became a member of the illustrious Sigma Gamma Rho, Sorority Incorporated. After university, she joined the U.S. National Guard '83 until she was honorably discharged.

For over 30 years, Princess was married to her high-school sweetheart, Homer Lyons Jr. with whom they shared three exceptional children: Homer III, Harlan Malcolm, and Princess Priscilla. She took pride in nourishing her home and raising intelligent, confident, sociable, and successful children.

At the age of 7, she became an aunt and embraced her calling as a caregiver, protector, and teacher, where she nurtured the development of countless children. Exposing children to the world, and sharing her wisdom and encouragement was her purpose and passion that only magnified as she grew older. Her grace and love extended to everyone she knew. She affectionately became "Aunt Princess" to everyone.

Princess welcomed loved ones to her home, where she enjoyed entertaining many with her favorite movies, Judge Judy, collectibles, candies, and more. She thoroughly enjoyed gift giving and would easily spend her last to make any of her "kids" smile. Her home became the "go-to" when seeking a delicious home-cooked meal, advice, nursing, spontaneous adventures, and mingling with friends and family, among other things. Her laugh and sense of humor were infectious and kept people captivated. Princess spent countless years traveling with her husband and children around the world and collecting salt and pepper shakers to capture each moment.

Princess leaves to cherish her memory to her loving husband, Homer Lyons Jr., her sons Homer III (Jannie) and Harlan, her daughter Princess Priscilla, her three granddaughters Jakayla, Jayla, and Jaliyah Lyons, and her dear puppy Minni; her sisters Priscilla (Leslie) Archer, Jean (Archie) Young, Patricia Rich, Judy Fenner, and brother Jamison (Frances) Griffin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Princess was preceded in death by her parents, James and Priscilla, her brothers Wesley and James Griffin, and her sisters Drucilla Griffin-Cox, Jennifer Baker, and Deanna Harper.