



Ms. Mechio Kornegay

July 12, 1965 - May 13, 2026

Psalm 30:2 “Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.”

First Quarter Mechio Deneen Kornegay peacefully transitioned from this life to eternal life on Wednesday May 13, 2026, at home. She was born on July 12, 1965, to the late Burnis Lee “Plute “Kornegay Sr and Lillian Marie Kornegay. She was raised in the village of Simpson, NC.

At a tender age she was baptized & was a member of Simpson chapel under the leadership of Bishop Matthew Best. She sang in the youth choir. From adolescence to adulthood, she had a natural love for the game of basketball. You could always find her at the park or G.R. Whitfield gym on Sunday playing basketball. She would play anyone, anytime, anywhere, male or female. A graduate of D.H Conley High School, Class of 1984. During her high school tenure, she was a standout student athlete. She set the standard and broke records at the local and state level. Her gift earned her a full scholarship to continue her education & play basketball at UNC-Asheville. She was both academically and athletically gifted. She graduated in 1989 from UNC-Asheville with a Bachelor of Science in Computer science.

Second Quarter Upon college graduation she worked at TRW in Greenville for numerous years until the plant closed. She then enrolled into Pitt Community College and earned an associate degree in Health Information systems technology. She was employed at ECU for many years until her demise. She loved working at ECU and her friendship with Patrick Merricks.

Third Quarter She was a die-hard fan of the UNC Tarheels. March madness

was her favorite time of the year. Although she had a love of basketball. She also had a love for family. She enjoyed traveling to Elizabeth City to visit her beloved cousins Tyrone Kennedy & Carolyn Hamm. Sunday gatherings in Grimes land with her extended family. The Moore's and the Daniels. She also loved to attend the Harper Family gatherings and The Gorham/Hall gatherings with her cousins from Greene County. Her beloved nephew and nieces were the center of her joy. She looked forward to spending time on Saturdays with Nicole.

Mechio was preceded in death by her grandmom, Louise "Ma Sis" Kennedy; brother, Burnis Lee "Dick" Kornegay Jr; niece, Nakevia "Nikki" Harper, and nephew; Nicholas Sumerell; a special cousin, Lorrie Ann Moore.

Fourth Quarter She leaves to cherish her memories. Her mother, Lillian Kornegay; sisters Laverne "Nanette" Kornegay (Ronnie Carter) and Lorraine Moore; nieces, Nicole Sumerell, Katrina Alexander (Jermaine), and Krystal Carter; great niece, Philisha Chen; great nephews, Phillip Chen, Phabian Chen, and Kerry Paul; uncle, Williard Gatlin; aunt, Annie Hardy; a host of cousins, a few were dear to her heart, Reggie Moore, Lloyd Moore, Gary Moore, Glenda Daniels White, Tyrone Daniels, Bonnie Morris and Alma Berg; lifelong and childhood friends, Margie Green, Gerald Green, Scott Streeter, and Evangeline Battle. Her beloved fur baby "ZOEY"

Mechio was a gentle giant, a quiet light that shined brightly and will be missed by all she encountered.

"Be true to the game, because the game will be true to you" and the basketball court for me, is the most peaceful place that I can imagine-Micheal Jordan

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church
2665 Virginia St.
Simpson, NC 27879

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 23 at 11:10 AM

ND

“ *Rest well my beautiful Cousin.* ❤️



Nola Dixon - May 23 at 05:36 AM

AG

“ *Class of 84 my heart is heavy for loss of an amazing person, beautiful inside and out praying for the family for comfort and peace My deepest condolences*



Angie Hardy Gay - May 23 at 04:42 AM

SN

“ *Shonta & Wesley Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Shonta & Wesley Nicholson - May 22 at 10:35 PM

PN

“ Patricia Daniels 🏀 NP lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Patricia Daniels 🏀 NP - May 22 at 10:18 PM

TS

“ Sending Prayers-Love-and Hugs to Ms. Marie, Nannette and the entire family. My high school classmate was beautiful inside and out. Mechio’s family, friends and community will truly miss her.
Peace and Blessings
Tanya
DH Conley 84’



Tanya Tucker Streeter - May 22 at 09:01 PM

IW

“ Irish B Watts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Irish B Watts - May 21 at 11:16 PM

SP

“ *In God's care. Family, may you find peace in Jesus Christ.* 🌹



Sarah G. Pritchard - May 21 at 01:54 PM

SR

“ *Sending condolences, love, hugs and continued prayers to the Kornegay Family!! Mechio was one of a kind and will always hold a special place in our hearts.* ❤️



*Barbara Bryant
Sherree Waller Rogers*

SRogers - May 21 at 11:48 AM

DV

“ *Dorothy Vines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Dorothy Vines - May 21 at 09:13 AM

JJ

“ *James Devone Jones lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



James Devone Jones - May 20 at 11:50 PM

BD

“ *Betty Dupree lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Betty Dupree - May 20 at 04:45 PM

CC

“ *Connie Cash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Connie Cash - May 20 at 12:05 PM

RB

“ *Rosa Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Rosa Brown - May 19 at 09:49 PM

LM

“ *Prayers for Mechio's family and friends!
I only worked with her at ECU a short time. I
always looked forward to speaking to her
when I came in the office. She was helpful
and kind to me always...I will miss
you, Mechio!*



Leslie Mobley - May 19 at 12:42 PM

KG

“ Marie and Family. We send you our Love, Thoughts, Prayers, Hugs and Kisses. Praying God gives you all Strength and Guidance during your loss. My family and I are here for you.



Kimberly Green-Joyner - May 19 at 10:09 AM

PM

“ Pattie Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Pattie Moore - May 18 at 11:51 PM

GW

“ Sending prayers and condolences to my family. Marie and Nannette I'm sending hugs and comfort. Mechio will be missed but she will live on in our hearts. May God comfort you all.



Glenda White - May 18 at 09:14 PM

PH

“ Pam Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Pam Hardy - May 18 at 09:28 AM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Betty Nurse - May 18 at 08:46 AM

OP

“ 1 file added to the album tribute wall



O'Hara Parker - May 17 at 11:43 PM

DS

Yea we played. a lot ball there she will be missed Darrell Stephenson

Darrell Stephenson - May 22 at 03:56 PM

OP

“ I have so many fond memories with Mechio, we spent many manhours defending our community basketball court. She gained the respect and admirations from everyone that she played with and against during that time. She will definitely be missed, my thoughts, heart, and prayers will continued to be with the family.
O'Hara Parker

O'Hara Parker - May 17 at 11:07 PM

CS

“ Our prayers & condolences to Ms. Lillian, Nanette & the entire Kornegay family. We went to high school with Mechio. She was a joy to be around & always had a positive attitude!!!

Carlton & Jackie Smith, D.H. Conley class of 1983



Carlton & Jackie Smith - May 17 at 07:04 PM

XT

“ Deborah and I send our deepest condolences to all the family. I often played ball with Mechio growing up. She had a true love for the game and was widely respected. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you all.



Xavier Thompson - May 17 at 06:34 PM

TR

“ The Moore family will continue to pray for your family. We love you!



Tonia Randolph - May 17 at 05:57 PM

TM

“ Tabbatha Moye-Little lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



tabbatha Moye-Little - May 17 at 11:09 AM

EL

“ Marie, Nanette, and all family, we pray the Lord give you comfort, peace, and understanding during this time.

God bless you,



Ella Joyce and Thelma Louise - May 17 at 08:48 AM

IC

“ Praying strength for the family during this time.

Iris Celestine - May 17 at 06:35 AM

CR

“ Cleveland And Denise Rountree-Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore - May 16 at 08:16 PM

RG

“ Praying for the family 🙏



Rose Green - May 16 at 02:44 PM

HY

“ *May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*
Love, Herbert, Yvonne and Family



Herbert and Yvonne - May 16 at 01:20 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Boyd Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Darlene Boyd Jeffries - May 16 at 09:50 AM

TH

“ *Thetus G. Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Thetus G. Harris - May 15 at 10:13 PM

FW

“ *Frances Andrews Warren lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Frances Andrews Warren - May 15 at 09:36 PM

DW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mechio at TRW she was a sweet and caring. My Condolences to the family praying for strength and comfort today and days to come.

Debbie Williams

Debbie Williams - May 15 at 08:56 PM

MS

May God give you comfort and strength during this difficult time Love, Cousin MAGALENE Stephenson

Magalene Stephenson - May 17 at 03:12 PM

LA

“ *Linda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Linda Anderson - May 15 at 06:53 PM

SJ

“ *Samara Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Samara Johnson - May 15 at 06:43 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Cecily Sene - May 15 at 02:45 AM

PD

“ *Peggy Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Peggy Daniels - May 15 at 12:22 AM

PW

“ *Peggy Wooten lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Peggy Wooten - May 14 at 11:15 PM

JA

“ *Juanita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Juanita Anderson - May 14 at 06:15 PM

JE

“ Had the pleasure of working with and knowing Mechio at BSOM for several years. I could always count on her positive attitude and uplifting spirit, as well as her love of NCAA Basketball. She will always be remembered for the “keeping it real” demeanor and supportive interactions not only for me personally, but for the many others that interacted with her at work. My prayers and condolences to the family. The world lost a good person, may she rest in peace. ❤️

Josh E. - May 14 at 03:51 PM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss I'm sending my prayers and condolences to Ms Lillian, Nanette and family May God give you all strength and comfort through this I love you all 🙏🙏🙏💕



Joyce Pollard Kornegay - May 14 at 01:07 PM

BC

“ Bernice Boyd Lee- Coward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay



Bernice Boyd Lee- Coward - May 14 at 12:03 PM

BC

We send our condolences to Lillian, and her family, we had the opportunity to meet her many times. I know that she will be missed by many. Our prayer is that God will strengthen their families.. Bishop William and Barbara Carmon.

Bishop William & Barbara Carmon - May 14 at 08:44 PM

BC

“ *Bernice Boyd Lee- Coward lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Bernice Boyd Lee- Coward - May 14 at 12:02 PM

MH

“ *My condolences goes out to the family I'm so sorry for your loss i will keep the family in my prayers 🙏🙏 my cousin will be missed she was a sweet lady gone but never forgotten RIH*



Michelle Hardy - May 14 at 09:21 AM

JS

“ *Mechio was a person of good character, great athlete. Me and her brother Burmis, was real cool in High school. We all loved basketball 🏀 My prayers go out to her entire family. R.I.P. my school mate!*



James Staton, Jr - May 14 at 07:41 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Ben Wooten - May 14 at 03:33 AM

DT

“ *Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mechio Kornegay*



Delores Tilley - May 13 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - May 13 at 05:43 PM

BC

Thinking of you during this time. Remember to reach out to God Lillian. He will sustain me you because He cares. We just talked last week about loss. I love you and I am praying for our entire family 💕🙏 Be encouraged.

Bernice Boyd Lee- Coward - May 14 at 12:08 PM

BC

With deep sympathy, we send our love, prayers, blessings, and strength to Lillian and your family. We believe she will miss her in heart and spirit.

Bishop William & Barbara Carmon - May 17 at 01:04 PM

SN

May God give you strength, peace, and comfort during this difficult time. Praying for entire family 🙏❤️

Shonta & Wesley Nicholson - May 17 at 08:48 PM



Prayers to the entire family for your loss, may she rest in peace.

Jill Ebron - May 19 at 04:05 PM