

Memorial service remembers Michelle Moore Hilliard

The Ruth Ellis Center held a private service on Dec. 5t in memory of the late Michelle Moore Hilliard. More than 70 family and friends gathered at

the Center to pray, sing and dance to celebrate Michelle's life. The service included an open prayer with Bishop James Curry, singing performances

by Michele's sister, Jonkae, and Ruth Ellis Center youth, Curtis Collins, and a dancing performance by the J-Setters. Additionally, Hilliard's mother spoke about her daughter's life and those who attended partook in a burning bowl.

After the service, one Ruth Ellis Center youth stated, "Tonight's memorial for Michelle showed me that real families and gay families can come together as one to share their support of someone they really love."

