



In Loving Memory of

Jataya Elaine Griffin

Sunrise
November 23, 1994

Sunset
March 20, 2021

Service:
Thursday, April 1, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Cannan Baptist Church
132 West 116th Street • New York, New York

Obituary

Jataya Elaine Griffin (Tay) also known as “Nacutas,” was born to Derek A. Griffin and Alice Nesbitt on November 23rd 1994, 2:31 a.m. at Bronx Lebanon Hospital on the Grand Concourse. Jataya was a happy and vibrant child growing up, always ambitious, independent, and outgoing. Jataya loved to dress, she was our little “fashionova”, and if you saw Jataya, for every “style”, she had a hairdo.

Jataya began her education at Louis A. Fickling Day Care, and was always a fast-learner. She then went to Garrett A. Morgan—P.S. 132 for Elementary studies, Paul L. Dunbar Academy—I.S. 120 (now M.S. 301), where her mother taught (and presently teaches). Attending I.S. 120 is where Jataya got her first experience of making money. She loved to bake, and started selling brownies, cakes, and cup cakes at school. Everyone loved her cakes, saying “they were the most moist cakes they have ever tasted.” Her cup cakes and cakes were of high demand, and she used to say “dang, they don’t give me a break!”. But she didn’t complain when she was collecting that money! She continued that throughout middle school, then as time for choosing a high school, she decided “fashion” was her thing. Ms. Campbell, the Guidance Counselor coached Jataya, as she had to create an “advertisement” to get into High School of Fashion Industries, which was her first choice out of all the schools chose. She was accepted, and she wanted to take up business, because she liked money, and wanted to design her own clothing and open up her own business. Jataya then attended Norfolk State University, and transferred to BMCC, where she obtained her Associates Degree, with extra credits towards her B.A.

Jataya made an impact on the lives of everyone. She was loved, and will truly be missed. She was a loving daughter, sister, cousin, aunt, grandchild, and friend. She is survived by; her mom Alice Nesbitt-Griffin, father Derek A. Griffin, (other mother); Yvette Boya, brother Paul A. Nesbitt, sister Natarsha M. Smith, grandparents; Oliver and Doris Nesbitt and Bertha Senior, uncles; Thomas Frazier, Alfonso (Pop) Davis, Mark Eaton, Robert Cooper, Ira Griffin, aunts; Cynthia Nesbitt, Sabrina Davis, Valerie Griffin, Deborah Anderson, Royal Cooper, Sandra Eaton, Darlene Walker, Teisha Baskin, Efa Baskin, Doreatha Smith, Valerie Cook, Sheyvonne Joye, Charlene Howard-Smith, nieces; Ma’Kayla Smith, Mckenzie Nesbitt and Zendaya Nesbitt, cousins; Trinese, Christopher, Amber, Alfonso (Tre’), Samantha, Angie, Darren, Evonna, Tyrone, Tynesha, Jason, Ciara, Shana Brown, Irving, Terrence Griffin Sr, Terrence Griffin Jr., Tevin, David, Keisha, Tina, Jamel, Jayla, Jayden, Kendall, Robert A. Cooper, Xavier Cooper, God Brothers: Derrick (DJ) Walker, Roland Rodriguez, Anthony Wade, God Sisters; Danielle, Daniqua, De’jonnay W., Dominique T., Shakirrah M., Companion: Donald Thames and a host of other family and close friends.

Pre-deceased

Sister: Alexis D. Griffin

Aunts: Ann Williams, Evelyn Brown, Mary Lucy Griffin

Uncle: Gabriel Brown

Grandfather: Donnell Senior

God Mother: Sheila Conyers

Cousins: Jermaine Anderson, Leatlyn Cooper, Jerome Cooper, Tia Eaton

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Elder Nelson

Selection

Scripture Readings

Elder Nelson

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Elder Nelson

Solo

Deborah Anderson

Reading Of Obituary

Trinese Davis

Reading Of Cards

Valerie Griffin

Acknowledgments

2-3 Min Memory Share— Family And Friends

Selection

Eulogy

Elder Nelson

Committal & Benediction

Elder Nelson

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Pall Bearers:

Derek Griffin, Donald Thames, David Griffin, Jamel
Anderson, Alfonso (Tre) Davis, Christopher Davis

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Vahalla, New York

I'm Free

**Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've found now peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will I miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
don't lengthen your time with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now – He set me free.**

Acknowledgments

**We the family of Jataya E. Griffin would like to express our
deepest gratitude for the support everyone has shown
throughout this difficult time. And don't forget to include her
final destination.**

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