



*In Loving Memory of*

*Crystal Gaines*

**SUNRISE: August 30, 1993 - SUNSET: October 12, 2021**



**Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 1PM**

**Memorial Baptist Church**

**141 W. 115th Street, New York, NY 10026**

# *Order of Service*

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Processional

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**FINAL DISPOSITION:**  
Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# Obituary

**Crystal Dijionette Gaines** gained her wings and was called home on October 12, 2021, at the age of 28 after years of battling heart defects, and she was a warrior till the end. Crystal was born on August 30, 1993, at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. Crystal enjoyed and was a bright and active learner at Public School 721 M, which she attended and graduated from.

"Peacha" was the nickname given to Crystal. A vibrant, enthusiastic individual who blessed others with her infectious energy. Crystal was considered by her family and friends to be bright, motivated, and ambitious, and she was always up for a challenge. Crystal had a great time using Facebook video chat to call all of her friends and family. This brought her so much delight, grooving to music and playing with her nieces and nephew around the house, and she was always a source of joy and love in our life. Crystal's mother, Lavoris Mayfield, and grandparents, Lessie Mayfield, Carlton Hobson, Clinnie Gaines, and Bernard Thompson, all died before her.

Her father, Jamel Gaines; stepmother, Natalie Gaines; bonus parent, Michelle Curry; sister, Charlette Crabb; brother-in-law, Deshay Crabb; sister, Felicia Gaines; brother, Kyilil Gaines; nieces and nephews; and a plethora of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends are all left to mourn her death.

There are lessons to be learned in life. Crystal has been given the task of mastering the most important lesson of all, Love. Crystal loved unconditionally despite her physical constraints; her love had no bounds. She understood what most of us only discover after a lifetime: love is the only thing that matters in life.

Though her time with her family was brief, Crystal's beautiful and lively soul touched many lives and she was adored by all who knew her.



# *Crystal Clear*

Your name was Crystal  
and that's what you were.

Your smile was pure,  
but it left us in a blur.

You loved to eat,  
you loved your phone,  
you loved your family,  
and you let it be shown.

As your little brother,  
I wish I can rewind life  
and give you more time.

Time with me, and everyone else.

A little more dancing, enjoying yourself.

You had a condition,  
but you gave me your unconditional love.

I know you're flying high,  
without one suffer.

Just know forever and ever,  
I'll be your baby brother.





## *Message from Family*

I met my shorty in Dec of 99 the 12th to be exact  
I've been in her life everyday since  
Without a doubt I knew the love between us two would become undeniably understood  
without ever having to be explained.

My shorty  
My feet stink  
I love you Chris  
Always in my heart!  
**Aunty Michelle**

To hear people say my sister was sick is a little upsetting  
Though Crystal had many many mountains to climb she ALWAYS reminded us there  
wasn't any valley too low

I guess the people closest to my sister actually seen her.  
And I can't blame anyone for it took me, her own flesh and blood so long to see.

To love her.

To accept her.

My sister oh she was so precious.  
You can look at any picture, any video and see that statement to be true.

Before I go on I must say dearest sister

I love you

Her smile would literally light up the room  
When I was a little girl I didn't understand  
Understanding came with time, with growth.

Still though I may have thought I knew  
I didn't have the slightest idea of the struggles she went through

To you my dear sister Crystal

I just want to thank you

For being a Great big sister to me  
Through the times that I was mean,  
Times I didn't see

Thank you for always being patient

Forgiving

For you was the one who always seen

That God put you here for me

**Felica**

If only I knew that our time would be so brief,  
Spoiled you rotten I would have done.

If only I knew that would be our last phone call,  
Just to listen to you speak, held on longer I would have done.

If only I knew that would be your last text,  
Kept it in my inbox I would have done.

If only I knew it was the last time I was seeing you,  
Called you back and hugged you tight I would have done.

If only I knew it was the last time I would see you smile,  
Stood longer and watch you smile I would have done.

If only I knew that I was seeing your face for the last time,  
Memorize all its features I would have done.

If only I knew that God would take you away so soon,  
Spend all my time with you I would have done.

There are a lot of things I would have done differently  
If only I had known.

**Sissy**

To my little punk you will be missed forever but always in my heart  
I loved you and will always love you

**Daddy**

We had a wonderful aunt  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
Through the journey of growing into the young adult  
I am today you have been there every step of the way  
I know you're up in heaven and  
watching over me, and if God had a  
best angel I'm sure of who it would be.

But I'll keep remembering all of you in the days coming to pass,  
and I'll know that the love you had for me was meant to last.

**Shayia**



Crystal was a nice and caring person. She was always smiling, always happy and always dancing. She was a very wonderful cuzzin and she will be missed. 🥹🙏❤️

My cousin will be missed.

**Danasia Dawson**







# Farewell Message

Dear Peacha, I will miss our video chats, playing phone tag and your beautiful bright smile. I must say, although you were younger than me, I have learned a lot from you in your short time here with us. You have taught me how to smile in the midst of pain. Your willingness to reach out was truly appreciated and always right on time. I guess you have learned from the best, your mannma as you would say, A.K.A. my Aunt Clinnie. I say that because you filled in with calls and text messages after she took her flight. I understood your tears after everyone would sing happy birthday to you. Those were tears of joy because you were so grateful for another year with everyone you loved and cared for. So long for now Peacha we will miss you. Now you are reunited with your Mom Laverne so we know there's another party in Heaven welcoming you home.

With Much Love,  
Your Cousin Charlene



## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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