

Celebration of Life



Javielle Nicole Gardner

Sunrise: November 14, 1991

Sunset: June 26, 2020

Friday, July 3, 2020

Viewing: 10:00am

Service: 11:00am

JAVIELLE NICOLE GARDNER

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Javielle Nicole Gardner, age 28, was called home by God on Friday, June 26, 2020 at her home in Clinton, Maryland. The beautiful Javielle was born on November 14, 1991 in San Antonio, Texas to Wonzie Gardner Jr. and Vanessa Gardner. Her birth completed this amazing family of four along with her big brother, Wonzie Gardner III. Immediately, Javi made her presence known and it will never be forgotten. Javi graduated with her bachelor's in criminal justice from Old Dominion University and later followed up with a master's in criminal justice from Tiffin University. Javi was a teacher, a writer, and a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

Spreading joy and laughter will be one of Javielle's lasting legacies. She was a smart, beautiful, and loving child. These traits continued to blossom into adulthood shaping her into the woman we would all love and adore. As an adult, Javielle enjoyed vacationing, quality time with family/friends, and Tequila. Javi also enjoyed singing, if you had the pleasure of hearing her sing, then you know how much pride she took in that voice of hers, and how hilarious it was for us. Javi also had a very close bond with her brother and father, but her relationship with her mother, Vanessa, was something special and their bond was magical and something to behold. When you were around Javi, you were in for a treat, really good conversations, incredible fun, and non-stop laughter. Her laugh, sense of humor and genuine spirit was always the life of the party. While we all know that Javi had zero filter, she had the heart of gold and a beautiful spirit that touched each and every one of us. She showed up when needed, she was an ear when called upon, and she made you smile intentionally and unintentionally. She lived in the "now" and enjoyed life every single day and loved who she was, which was so admirable. Lastly, and most importantly, she was a God-fearing woman.

Javielle touched so many people and her physical presence will truly be missed. Everyone blessed enough to know her will never forget her charm, big personality and caring nature. Unfortunately for us, the most beautiful flowers in a garden are always plucked first, so God had to call her home.

Javielle was predeceased by her beloved grandfather, Elder Wonzie Lewis Gardner, Sr. of Albany, GA; great-grandmother Fannie Hammonds; grandmother, Delores Sherrill; and uncle and aunt Randall and Loritta Burns, all of Nashville, TN

Javielle will be forever remembered by her lovely parents, Wonzie Gardner Jr. and Vanessa Gardner; adoring brother Wonzie (Jessica) Gardner III; beloved nephew Cameron Gardner; beloved grandmother, Edna Mae Gardner; devoted aunts: Beverly Ramey, Pamela Longstreet, Diane (Ronald) Braden of Nashville, TN, Angela(Allyn) Davis of Marietta, GA; Theresa Gibson of Riverside, CA, Terry Gardner (Arthur) Smith of Brookfield, WI, Valerie Gardner of Spring Valley, CA, Vicki (Vidale) Colemon of Grayson, GA; Janice Thomas of Stone Mountain, GA; uncle Rodney Gardner of Atlanta, GA; beloved cousins: Corey Ramey, Carmen Ramey, Courtney Longstreet, Malachai Longstreet, Glenn (Shauna) Carter, Randalynn (Phillip) Sullivan, Jaylin Braden, Melissa Gibson, Jennifer Gibson, Staton (Christine) Gibson, IV, Stacey (Cory) Williams, Arthur Smith, Jillian Thomas; beloved goddaughter, Denver (DeeJay) Carr of Nashville, TN; dear friends including Deborah Welch, Tommie Lee, and Omarion (Heather) Lee; beloved play parents Derrick and Cassandra Floyd and Ricky and Teresa Valentine; sisters in love Keisha Jones and Evelyn Tokpley; ride or die brothers/friends Travis Carey and Devonte' Frye; a host of great-aunts and great-uncles; a host of beloved cousins; and a host of close friends, play-parents, and mentors who all had an impact on her life.



Order of Service

Prelude.....Instrumentalist

Processional.....Clergy & Deacon

Invocation.....Rev. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Hymn of Rejoicing.....Blessed Assurance #345

Scripture Reading

Old TestamentPsalm 23Jamie Valentine

New TestamentJohn 14:1-6.....Vidale Voleman

The Epistle1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Yvette Andrews

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Alvin Phillips
Lay Leader of Discipleship Group 3

Musical Selection.....Melvin Bryant, Soloist
Alfred Street Music Ministry

Eulogy.....Rev. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Hymn of Rejoicing.....When We All Get to Heaven #542

Closing Prayer & Benediction.....Rev. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor



Your loving Auntie Ann

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair. I know right now that we are truly heartbroken, devastated, numb, confused, maybe even a little angry about losing our young and beautiful Javi Ellis-Gardner. We just don't understand why she left us so soon; but during my sob session this morning, as I was crying out to God, He began to comfort me. He let me know that she is with Him and that she is happy. She is rejoicing because she no longer has to feel pain, sadness, doubt, worry, or fear. She can be with our dearly departed loved ones, who she missed so much, she can eat whatever she wants now including dairy, she can complete the work that she so passionately wanted to do in Heaven. She can still impact and look out for all she loved on a different level now. And the most important thing, she found the unconditional, eternal love of her life in Jesus. So while we miss her bright and joyous spirit down here, we can take comfort that she is at peace with our Savior. It may take us all some time to get to a day where we aren't breaking down and that's okay. Family, be patient with yourselves allow your grief to come out. Don't judge those tears because Javi is worth every one of them. There is another huge crack in our hearts, but we will go on because God's strength will see us through. We will always love you our Sweet girl...Your light is forever burning in our hearts.





Acknowledgments

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. The many calls, visits, cards and most of all your prayers are more meaningful to us than you know. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Please continue to lift us up in prayer.

The Family of Javielle Nicole Gardner

Services Entrusted to

Pope Funeral Home
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Interment

Nashville, TN

Pallbearers

Mark Dixon
Cameron Cooper
Devonte Frye
Travis Carey
Mike Jones
Jason Ricks

