# Celebrating the Life of Jaylin KeShawn Emmett MoKenzie

Sunrise: February 6, 2002 - Sunset: December 16, 2022



The Abbey Chapel at Westview Cemetery 1680 Westview Drive, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30310

# Life Sketch

### Jaylin KeShawn Emmett McKenzie

Jaylin KeShawn -- a young man whose life was cut way too short. A life taken much too soon from a family who loved him dearly, being deprived of the joy of watching him continue to grow and mature, stripped of celebrating with him as he realized his dreams, goals and aspirations, and denied of loving the family he would one day start of his own.

Jaylin KeShawn was born on February 6, 2002 to Ashley McKenzie Smith and Jon William Perry, III in

Atlanta, GA. After graduating from Grady High School in 2020, he attended Clayton State University (CSU) in Morrow, GA with a focus in Marketing before making Music his #1 job. During his time at CSU, he created GMB which was the start of his music group that grew to Menace. Jaylin KeShawn was also employed at Lanier Parking as maintenance porter. He loved music, spending time with his family, close friends, and his Menace family. Jaylin had a passion for music and was an aspiring rapper. Anyone who knew him knew that he had imagination, a passion for spirituality, and was a source of positivity and affirmations.

Last November, Jaylin relocated to Memphis, TN to start a new chapter in his life residing with his father and family members. Sadly, his plans never materialized, as his life in a very short time abruptly and catastrophically came to an end. We are shocked,

grief-stricken, and extremely saddened at the loss of our 20-year old loved one. The pain of the unknown and of his death sting deeply. Our tears just won't stop, but pale in comparison to the



#### "Silent Tears" of his mother:

Each day as evening starts to set, the ache builds up in her chest.

She knows that she must go to bed and try to get some rest.

She hugs her tearstained pillow close when no one is around.

And cries for one she loved and lost and screams without a sound.

Others see her in the day and think she's doing well.

But everyday as evening sets, she enters her own hell.

Time hasn't healed her pain at all or quieted her fears.

So every night, alone in bed, she sheds those silent tears.

On December 16, 2022, Jaylin departed this earth. Those who will cherish his life and memory are his parents, Ashley McKenzie Smith (Elzavius) and Jon William Perry, III; grandparents: Diona McKenzie Walsh (Alfred), Jon William Perry, Jr., Carla Jones (Walter) and Sharon Smith; Siblings: brothers Ja'Vonté Cooper, Jeramiah Perry, Jadon Smith, and Irvin William Perry, III; sisters: Kambrie Perry and Z'Niyah Ross; aunts: Geraldine Harris, Keayba Worthington (Derrick), Vervela Harris, A'Shara Sheppard (Nicholas), Sharica Smith,

Amber Perry, Jade Perry, and Lanita Smith; uncles: Elgin McKenzie (Rhoda), Carlton Hurt, Sr. and William Harris; godparents: Keana Heard and Keith Rush; several cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Grandfather Emmett McKenzie and uncles Jon Michael Perry and Marvin Harris preceded him in death.

Lord, as we remember and celebrate the life of Jaylin KeShawn Emmett McKenzie, we pray for understanding, peace, and consolation today and all the days ahead. Carry us in our grief and sorrow and cover us with your wings of love. . . Amen.



## Celebration Service

Dr. James K. Lamb, Eulogist Henry W. Cantrell III, Organist Michael Turner, Saxophonist

Prelude Henry W. Cantrell, III

Processional Ministers & Family

Inspirational Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 41:10 Carlton Hurt, Sr., Uncle

New Testament; Revelation 21:4-7 Gerrick Norris, Cousin

Prayer of Consolation Deacon Brenda Harris, Cousin

Musical Selection "This Too Shall Pass" Tranteegus Austin

Reflections (2-minute limit) Family & Friends

Obituary (Read Silently) Video Montage

Acknowledgement Carla Jones, Grandmother

Musical Selection "My Heart Will Go On" Tranteegus Austin

Words of Comfort Dr. James K. Lamb, Family

Friend & Assistant Pastor

Atlanta Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church

Prayer of Strength & Endurance

Recessional "Heaven" Michael Turner

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