

Obituary

"Yahacov Isaiah Dennis"

Yahacov Isaiah Dennis was born on December 17, 2002, in Montgomery, Alabama, to Brian and Nadine Dennis. Before Yahacov and his older brother, Dahveed, were born, their father commissioned them to God and blessed them with Hebrew names.

Yahacov began his formal education at Hickam Elementary School, located at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. There he and his brother became known as the "beach boys " as they spent many days at the beach. The family returned to Chicago after his mother completed her active-duty Air Force tour and transfer to the Reserves. Education and hard work were instilled in Yahacov and he did well in school and knew how to hold a job. Yahacov earned his high school diploma from Perspectives Charter School of Math and Science. He graduated with honors and went on to attend Eastern Illinois University to study Information Technology. Yahacov also served in the Illinois National Guard for two years as an infantry soldier. He had plans to return to the military after college. He worked a variety of jobs and was working at Home Depot when he departed this world.

A gentle giant, Yahacov was known for his love of dancing and spending time with his cousins. He was goofy, energetic, loyal, and smart—always bringing good vibes wherever he went. He shared a special bond with his father and often responded to the question, "Do you love me?" with his playful answer, "I only love my mom." Yahacov was a special gift to his older brother Dahveed who taught him how to play video games. He was raised in the church throughout his life and he sang in his family choir when he was young. He was baptized at Bell Road Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, and later joined Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (now New Deliverance Church) with his mom. In recent years, he was studying to embrace Islam and was practicing as a Muslim.

Yahacov was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ethel Lee Alexander; his grandfathers, Brian Dennis and George Prime; Albert Hicks; uncles Elvis, AC, Milton; and aunt Tessie Jean Badie, as well as cousins LL Dennis, Jamie, AL, and Stephen.

He departed this life on January 25, 2025 surrounded by loved ones. Yahacov leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Brian and Nadine Dennis; his brother, Dahveed Dennis; his grandmother, Louise Dennis Prime; his great uncle Karl (Kathy) special brothers, Kentrail and Gino; aunts Angela Dennis Landry (Phil), Brittany and Briana Dennis, Michelle, Darron, Jacqueline, Mae Ruth, Marguerite, Wyinnetka, Sonya, and LaTonya; Uncles: Coe Dennis, Chris Dennis, Tyrone (Tonya), Nathaniel, Dino, Rick (Sharmaine), and special cousin Bryant; and an army of cousins—132 and still growing. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

May Yahacov's memory be one of "Crazy Love and Calls to Someone"

and may it live on in the hearts of all who loved him.