

A Celebration of Life

DIAMOND

TonzaCollinee' Hayes

SUNRISE
JUNE 3, 1997



SUNSET
APRIL 3, 2021

Homegoing Celebration

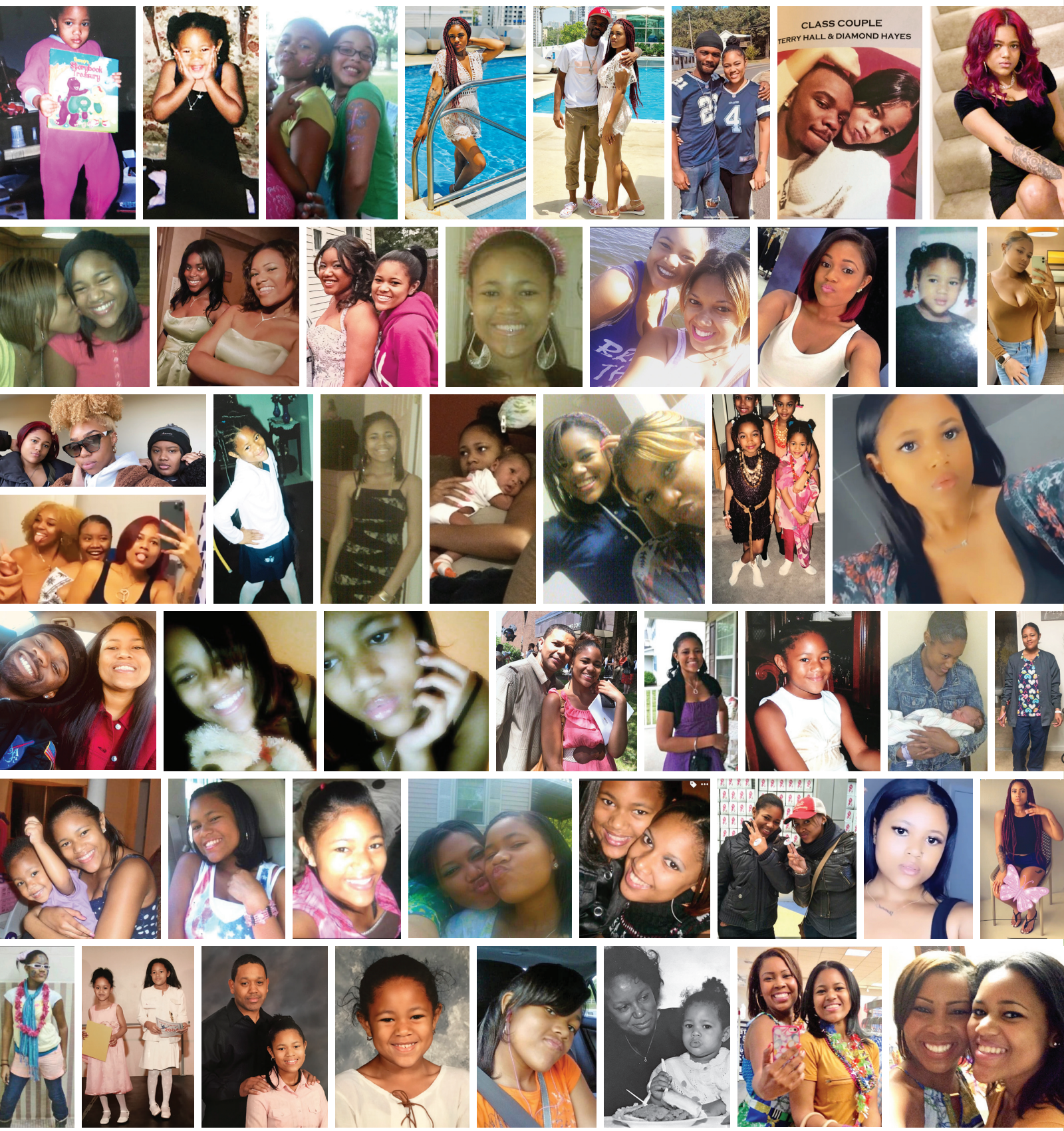
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Viewing 11 a.m. to 12 Noon
Service immediately follows

New Life Church
9690 Shepherds Creek Place
La Plata, MD 20646
Newlife.live (301)609-8423

OFFICIATING MINISTER
Pastor Mike Hilson New Life Church

This service will be live streamed
@ <https://youtu.be/MgQxj3srkMY>



CLASS COUPLE
TERRY HALL & DIAMOND HAYES

With A Grateful Heart

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to everyone who supported Diamond throughout her journey of life. We thank all our family and friends for your thoughts, prayers and many expressions of love and kindness. Thank you to New Life Church and JB Jenkins Funeral Home for helping us make Diamond's celebration of Life memorable.

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Landover MD 20785

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Homegoing Order of Service
 Saturday, May 1, 2021 | 12PM

Opening Song of Worship "There is More"
 New Life Worship Team

Prayer Pastor Mike Hilson (Lead Pastor of New Life Church)

Scripture Reading John 16:16-33 & John 14:1-4

Song of Comfort "Come Ye Disconsolate"
 Floyd Hayes Jr. and Erika Plater

Reflections

Monika Hayes (Auntie Nikki)

Pastor William and Yolonda Watkins (Shekinah Glory Worship Ministry)

Floyd Hayes Jr. (Daddy)

Song of Assurance "It's Alright/It is Well"
 Annisie Murillo accompanied by Michele Fowlin

Reflections

Terry Hall Jr. (Close Friend)

Kadi Sesay (Genesis Healthcare Representative)

Doris Carter (Great Aunt)

Rev. Eric Wilson and Deaconess Shirley Wilson (Kent Baptist Church)

Song of Glory "Sending up my Timber"
 Floyd Hayes Jr. accompanied by Erika Plater

Immediate Family's Moment with Diamond

Eulogy Bishop Bonnie Hunter
 (Friendship Church Outreach Ministry)

Song of Remembrance "Where You Are"
 New Life Worship Team

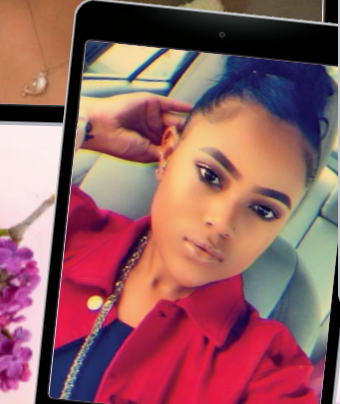
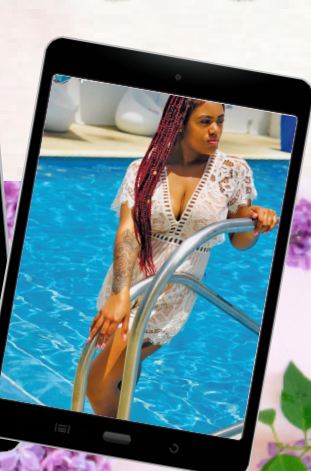
Altar Call Pastor Mike Hilson (Lead Pastor of New Life Church)

Closing Prayer Pastor Mike Hilson (Lead Pastor of New Life Church)

Recessional Led by JB Jenkins Funeral Home

Pallbearers

Anthony Baker	Terry Hall Jr.	Marcus Hayes
Elijah Hunter, Jr.	Rodney Jennings	Derrick Robinson



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Diamond TonzaCollinee' Hayes was born June 3, 1997 in Washington DC; the daughter of Floyd Hayes Jr. and Stephanie Hunter. Diamond accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by her late great uncle Rev. Willie J. Carter and Christened by Bishop Bonnie Hunter. She was raised in church and enjoyed singing and dancing for Christ. While attending Kent Baptist Church, Shekinah Glory Worship Ministry and Friendship Church Outreach Ministry, Diamond was a member of the KBC Angelic Voices, KBC Radikal 4 Christ Praise Dance Group, Friendship Church Outreach Ministry Youth Choir and several other Youth Ministries.

Diamond also was a member of the Washington Performing Arts Children of the Gospel Choir, a Christian-based youth choir out of Washington DC that toured the area and performed in special venues including the Kennedy Center. Diamond pursued modeling and singing at a young age and won several awards at Talent America in New York and other talent showcases.

Diamond attended Thomas Pullen Performing Arts Elementary/Middle School where she excelled. After relocating to the Waldorf, MD area she attended Davis Middle School and went on to graduate from West Lake High School in 2015.

Diamond had a big heart and loved helping people. She recently decided to pursue a Nursing career with the goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. She was employed with Genesis Healthcare where in March 2021, Diamond was successfully certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing as a CNA and GNA. She enjoyed taking care of her elderly patients bringing them hope and joy during their time with her.

Diamond enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Her quiet warm spirit and large smile were very contagious.

On April 3, 2021, our Heavenly Father called Diamond home to be with Him; receiving her wings and becoming our Heavenly angel. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven." (Luke 6:23 NIV) We will truly miss Diamond, yet her smile lives on in our hearts and minds. Her commitment to loving her family and friends will not be forgotten. We are so grateful that God gave us Diamond for the period of time He ordained for her to be with us. We look forward to the day when we will see her again.

Diamond leaves to mourn her passing, her parents Floyd Hayes Jr. and Stephanie Hunter, her sister Tiana Brunson, her nephew James Everett Williams III (Trey), her aunt Monika Hayes (Aunt Nikki), her grandparents Ruth Holder (Ma), Floyd Hayes Sr. (Pop Pop) and Rosa Hayes (Grandma), along with a huge family that loves her immensely, church family, and a host of dear friends.

Forever in our thoughts and minds!

We love you Diamond 💜



Stephanie Hunter MOMMY

Diamond, my precious jewel,

For 23 years, I've always tried to protect you from everything. I'm sorry Sweet pea, this time Mommy couldn't.

It was Saturday April 3rd at 7:40 am that I listened for the elevator ding, I listened for you to turn the key and open the front door, then walk to my room to say, "good morning mommy." That was your routine when you got off work every morning. In my heart, I'm still waiting.

I loved to hear you sing in the shower, and in the bathroom doing your hair and makeup before you went out with friends. I miss hearing you sing so much. "Sweet pea", that's what I would call you. Your heart was so sweet, genuine and filled with love. Your voice was soft spoken and gentle when you would speak. Such a sweet sound. I saw you every day. Now, I miss you so much every day. I miss your laughter at things that weren't really funny, but you thought so, silly girl. I miss being able to dry your tears when you were upset. I miss having girl talks with you about your value as a woman, and yes, I miss sending you a CashApp every week (even though you never paid me back). People would always tell me that I spoiled you too much. I would always respond, "I know, I'm going to stop spoiling that girl." I'm so glad I never stopped because you deserved it all. I know that I got on your nerves for treating you like a baby. "Mommy you're doing too much" is what you would say. You will forever be my baby. Your pretty little baby face never changed for me, even with the make-up, I still saw your baby face.

I thank God He chose me to be your mommy. I hope I made you as proud of me as I am of you. My life has changed forever without you, it will never be the same. Rest your mind, rest your heart and rest your soul in the arms of Jesus now Sweet pea.

I miss you and I love you, Mommy 💜

Floyd Hayes Jr. DADDY

Baby girl, I loved calling you baby girl. I would just melt hearing you say in return "Hey Daddy." I remember when you were a baby you refused to go to sleep until I would sing one of your favorite songs to you, "Summertime" or "Sentimental Reasons."

Summertime and the living is easy, fish are jumping and cotton is high, your daddy's rich and your ma is good looking, so hush little baby, don't you cry.

One of these mornings, you're gonna rise up singing, then you'll spread your wings and take to the sky. But until that morning, there's nothing can harm you, so hush little baby don't you cry.

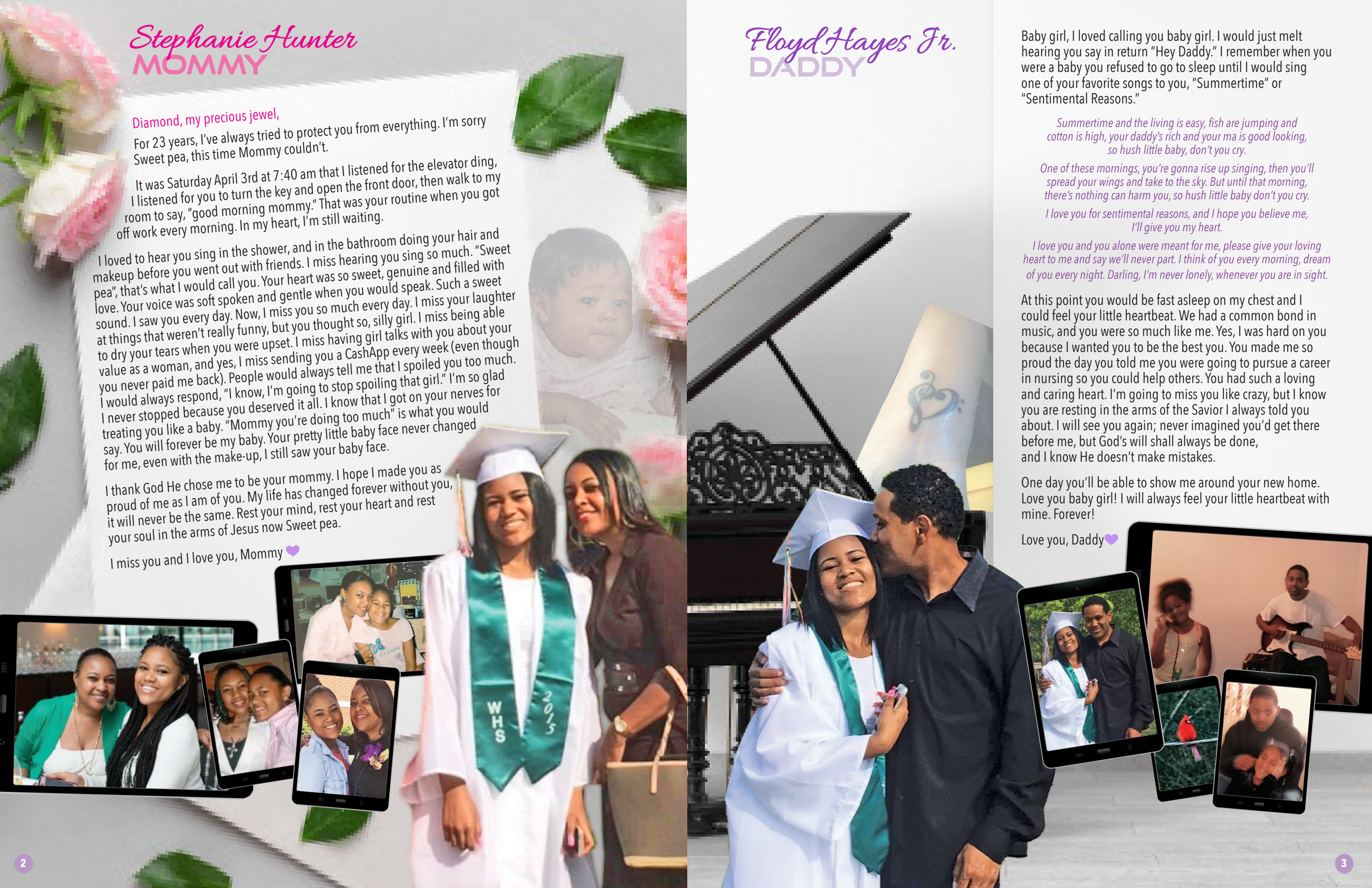
I love you for sentimental reasons, and I hope you believe me, I'll give you my heart.

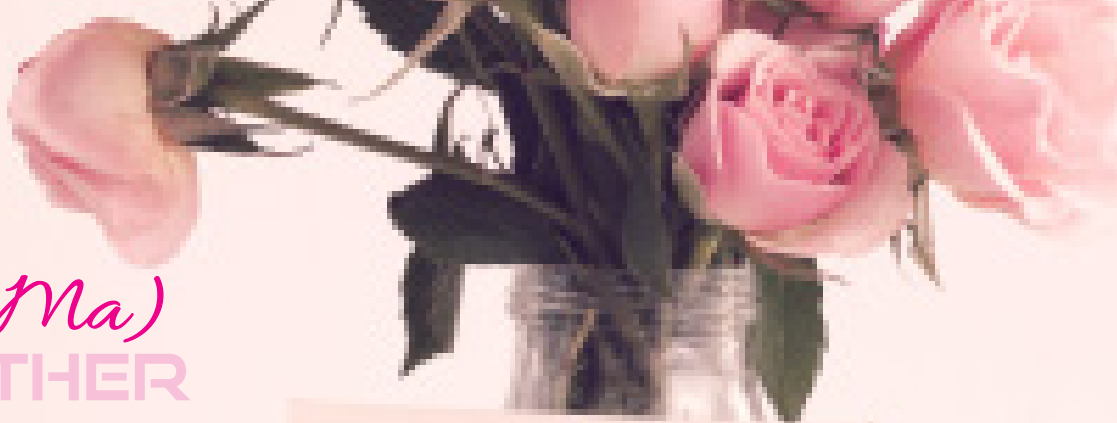
I love you and you alone were meant for me, please give your loving heart to me and say we'll never part. I think of you every morning, dream of you every night. Darling, I'm never lonely, whenever you are in sight.

At this point you would be fast asleep on my chest and I could feel your little heartbeat. We had a common bond in music, and you were so much like me. Yes, I was hard on you because I wanted you to be the best you. You made me so proud the day you told me you were going to pursue a career in nursing so you could help others. You had such a loving and caring heart. I'm going to miss you like crazy, but I know you are resting in the arms of the Savior I always told you about. I will see you again; never imagined you'd get there before me, but God's will shall always be done, and I know He doesn't make mistakes.

One day you'll be able to show me around your new home. Love you baby girl! I will always feel your little heartbeat with mine. Forever!

Love you, Daddy 💜





Ruth Holder (Ma)
GRANDMOTHER



My heart aches with sadness, I will no longer be able to see your beautiful face or smile. I will miss the sound of your giggles when something is said funny. Your genuine excitement for gifts at birthdays and Christmas.

Your memories will stay in my heart forever. Only God knows why it had to be. Until we meet again. Rest in peace my beautiful granddaughter.

I will always love and miss you.

Love, ♥ Ma



James Everett Williams III (Trey)
NEPHEW



To my Aunt:

I love you and I wish you were here with us.

I miss you.

Love and Hugs,

Trey ♥



Tiana Brunson (T')
SISTER

Woven Together by Unbreakable Bonds

This isn't something I thought I would have to write, especially so soon. I am just waiting for you to respond to my texts and say "I'm okay, T."

I was 7 years old when I prayed for you. I didn't want a toy baby doll. I wanted the real thing, a real baby. I prayed and I prayed, specifically for a baby sister. And 24 days before my 8th birthday, you were born. I was so excited; you were finally here. Heaven sent. At 7 years old, you showed me that God is real, and prayer works.

You became my motivation for so many things. You were mine, my first born is what I started calling you after I had your nephew. When I prayed for you, I had no idea I would only have 23 years with you, but I am forever grateful for even having you. I am so glad we have memories that will forever be with me, you will forever be with me. You are an amazing sister, D. And you are an amazing aunt to Trey. This is not going to be easy, at all, but I find comfort in knowing you are in a better place. The safest place.

I love you so much.
I am missing you so much.
-T ♥



Brianna Wright (FCB)
COUSIN/BEST FRIEND

To my FCD,
Cousins are usually the first friends we have as children and you were one of my favorites. We called each other FCD + FCB (Favorite Cousin Diamond + Favorite Cousin Brianna). We could talk for hours about so many random things. We would laugh in the most serious moments and then snap into how to fix it - always making sure we mapped out all the pros and cons of the situation. We told each other how much we loved and missed each other all the time and I'm so glad we did. I continuously gave you your flowers when you were here, and you loved everyone. You taught me patience, how to show up, and how to be a better human being. I'm extremely grateful for every moment we shared! You loved me simply for being me, nothing more and nothing less. And I loved you simply because you were you. I feel comforted knowing that you will watch over and protect every single person you left behind.

I miss, and love you Dia, we all do!

Love, Your FCB ♥



Floyd Hayes Sr. (Pop Pop) GRANDFATHER

My grandbaby Diamond! I love you so much! And miss your earthly presence. Our rides in your favorite pink and white car. All the ice cream you could eat. Whatever you wanted, pop pop had it covered for you. God's purpose for your life has been fulfilled on this earth and God has called you home. You may be gone physically but your spirit will forever live on with me, in my heart. You are now free from your earthly duties and God has assigned you new heavenly duties. I'm sure you are enjoying the unspeakable wonders of heaven. I love you with all my heart and will miss you dearly until we meet again.

Pop Pop ❤️



Rosa Hayes (Grandma) GRANDMOTHER

God blessed me with a precious granddaughter (Diamond)! What a fitting name as you were truly a precious jewel. God loaned you to us and knew your earthly stay would be for a limited time. My heart aches and is shattered into many pieces over your passing. Yet, I'm forever grateful for the love, joy and laughter we shared together while you were here with me. You were always full of joy! The memories of vacations, birthdays, theme parks and family gatherings will forever remain in my heart. For now, I give you my earthly goodbye until it becomes a heavenly hello.

Love you forever, ❤️ Grandma



Monika Hayes (Aunt Nikki) AUNT

"How do I get through the nights without you? You're my world, my heart, my soul and if you ever leave, baby you would take away everything good in my life just tell me how do I live without you?" -LeAnn Rimes

Diamond,

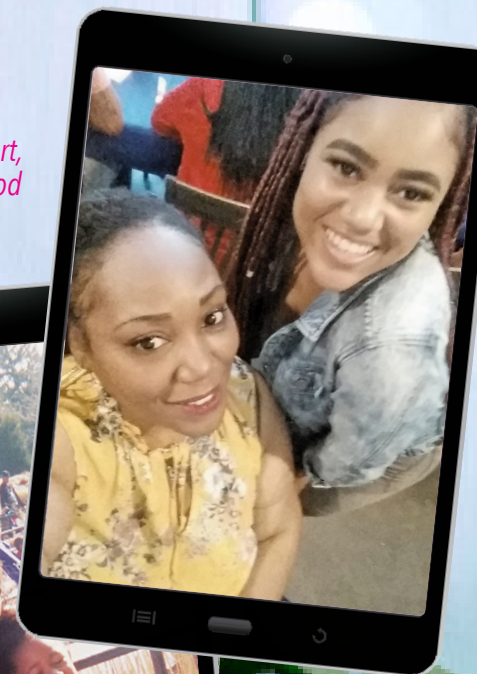
We shared soo many memories, laughs and adventures. Diamond and Nikki was always up to something! We had our own language. We could look at each other and have a whole conversation through our eyes. I have doted on you since the day you were born; loving and protecting you as if you were my own child. The last few years, I enjoyed watching your growth as our talks about life began to take on a more serious and mature note. It was amazing watching you come into your own. You've always had the sweetest spirit. Even when life dealt you growing pains, you still smiled through it. We were all excited to see your next chapter as you pursued your RN career.

I never imagined in a million years that God would need you back soo soon. We spoke of growing old together. Us and your Dad, the three stooges!

I know that God has a plan and that your mission on this earth was accomplished just after 23 short years, but I can't promise that I will not miss you every day. I can still hear your sweet voice say "Oh my gosh, Nikki."

Fly high and watch over me my sweet poohnoodah. I will carry you in my heart for the rest of my life.

I love you forever, ❤️ Aunt Nikki



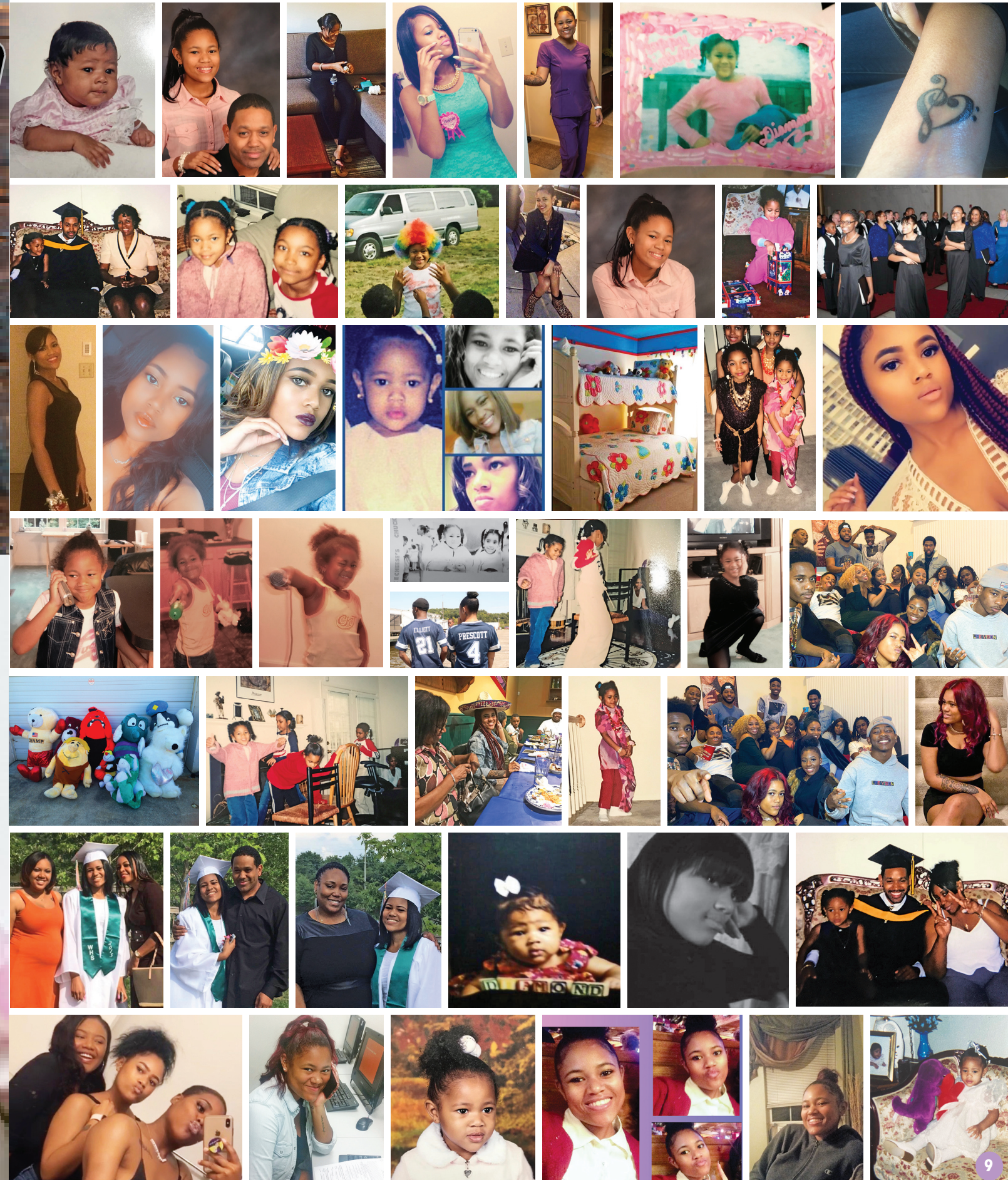
COUSINS



A Celebration of Life Through the Years

Annisette Murillo BFF

My bff Diamond,
The very first day we met all it took was 24 hours for us to become inseparable. Even through 10+ years of conversation, memories, and sisterhood, there was still so much left unsaid. But one thing that God made sure of was that you knew how much I love you and always will. You taught me so much during your time here on this earth, and I will always carry the way that you loved the people in your life no matter what. I miss all of our talks, duets, sleepovers, spontaneous adventures, and most of all, the unconditional love that we shared. As painful as this is, I know that God has you and there is no better place that you could be. I know that you're watching over us, and still laughing with that cute little chuckle that we all adored. I am so grateful that God allowed us to spend this time together. Diamonds are forever!! I love you bff. ❤️



Anthony Baker (Tony) GODFATHER

REST IN PEACE & IN PARADISE DIAMOND!!!

Hey Diamond,
I'm not good at writing letters, but I want to say I have LOVED, you since the day you came into this world. I was given the HONOR to be titled your "GODFATHER".

I really didn't know the responsibilities, but as time progressed it became natural. I have enjoyed watching you grow from a sweet little girl to a beautiful young woman. I was able to see you graduate and finally find what you wanted to do in life, which is nursing. You picked the right field because I know you like to help people.

Diamond, you have a very strong heart. I have never been prouder of you! I do wish I could've improved on just being more involved with you and spending more time with you. Please know I'm sorry for that.

You are a GREAT DAUGHTER, SISTER, AUNT and GODSISTER! I will NEVER forget your smile, your laugh, your silly behavior and your loving attitude.

MY FINAL STORY

On April 11, 2021, I was at work and a person walking down the street, found a piece of jewelry. They gave it to my co-worker. She then asked me if it was real. So, I held it and looked at it. My answer was undetermined.

Later that night I thought about it. I realized it was - YOU - letting me know that you're okay and that you're in good hands. That piece of jewelry was a DIAMOND, FOREVER MY GOODIE!!!

Love, GODFATHER TONY ❤️

