

TRISTEN JEANI GAY



Tristen Jeani Gay, 30, of Jacksonville, passed away Friday, September 3, 2021. She was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and was a Jacksonville resident since she was 2-years-old. Although Tristen's time here on earth was cut short, she lived fearlessly and loved deeply. She had a smile as bright as the sun and eyes as blue as the ocean. Her personality, sense of humor, confidence and ability to always see the good in even the worst situations made her unforgettable. She never met a stranger and went out of her way to be kind, even to people she never met, in hopes that she would make a positive difference if even for just a moment. She loved good conversations, partly because she liked the sound of her own voice but mostly for the good banter and connections made through them. She was a writer and a poet who could reach even the deepest part of your soul with her words. She was a music lover of all genres and all those who knew her, has a song that immediately makes them think of her. She was stubborn, strong willed and a fierce protector of her family and those closest to her. Tristen was the kindest, sweetest, most sensitive, soft-hearted person one could ever meet. She was one of a kind to her core and there will never be anyone else like her. Her absence will be felt deeply by so many as her presence was larger than life and deeper than words. She will be loved always.

She leaves behind her mother and stepfather Tonya (Michael) McClain; her father and stepmother John (Michele) Gay; sisters Darienne Pantry and Leslie Boswell; brothers Jonathan Gay and Jackson Gay; grandmother Cindy Rowland; grandfather Phillip Bailey; nephew Aiden Pantry; godmother Tonya Jennings; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends who loved her dearly. Tristen gave a huge part of her heart to three beautiful little girls, Nevaeh, Kyndal and Kaileyana, who she made sure all knew they were loved and supported. Tristen is preceded in death by her grandmother Evelyn Gay.

A celebration of Tristen's life was held Thursday, September 9 in the chapel of Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin. Her family received friends prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to <https://hope.drugfree.org/memorials/TristensTribe>.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin served Tristen's family.
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