

EXPRESSIONS OF IQVE

Big Cousin/Brother Trey
I will always love you and hold you near. We were together before
Vonte came along. You were the little brother I never got to have.
But you were him and we had the craziest bond. Anyone who knew
us knew we would fight over the dumbest things and be playing or
hanging out not even five minutes later. I'll miss you so much and
know that I love you man.

Auntie Dandrea
To Tay-Tay. Never thought I'd ever be writing this. My heart is so heavy right now. Knowing that I will never see you again crushes my soul. It makes me cry a deep cry. I don't want to accept the fact that you're gone. I will never forget your silly and sweetheart nature. I love you forever.

"Grandma"

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Dear Lord, my first grandson, my love, my strength, your voice. I do nothing but smile. You give me strength. Don't ever lose that, and you didn't wherever you drifted off to. I still feel you here with me wherever you go. My heart and my soul is still with you and I know yours is too. I'll never forget your voice; the happiness and joy that you had the last time I talked to you. You will always be in my heart, my beloved grandson, Tay-Tay, until I meet you on the other side, continue to walk with me one love in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

"Deneen"

Mr. Man/Ja' Shay & Jahama
Hey Tay-Tay. I love you with all my heart. We miss you down here. I wish this wasn't true. This don't feel real, and I don't know how the family would be without you. We all love you from the deepest part of our heart. You weren't only a cousin to me, you were my brother. I love you Tay-Tay.

Forever "TT" Ashley Baby
I remember the time your mom brought you to Auntie Fellas's house to see us. For the first time we were so happy to be aunties. We were so in love with you man. I don't think you or anyone else knew how much it meant to us; our first born nephew. Lol. That meant you were our baby now. Even though we were little girls, our heart was filled with joy. You are a blessing to me, Tay-Tay.

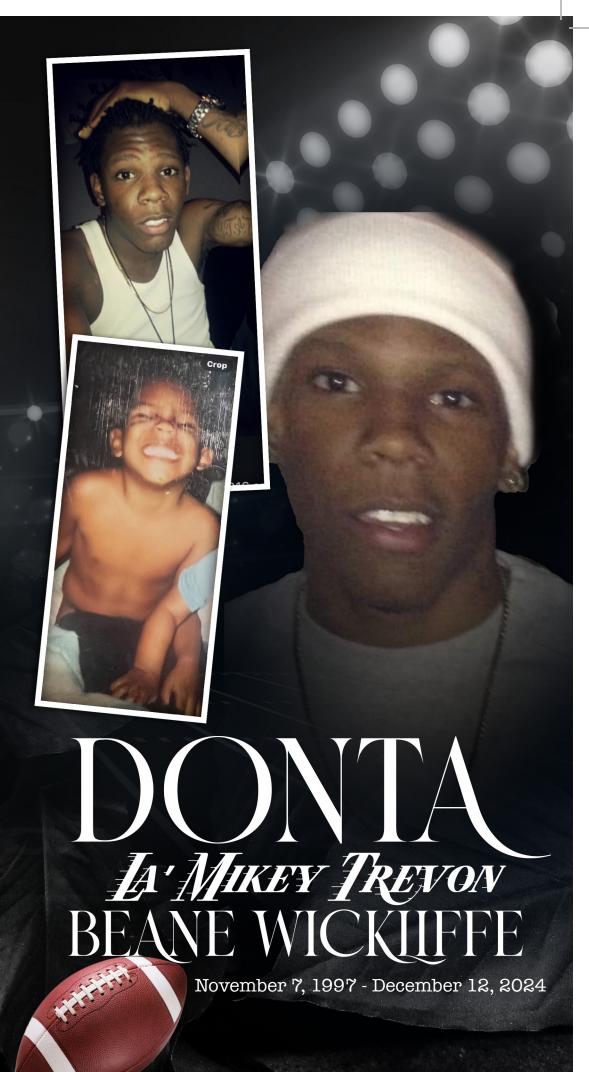
Auntie Jazzy
Nephew, I thought of you today, but that's nothing new. I thought of you days before that too. You left me, beautiful memories; your love is still my guide, and though I cannot see you, you are always by my side. Forever in my heart, God has you in his arms, and I have you in my heart.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, tele-phone calls, telegrams, and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during their time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kind-ness needed

and more appreciated.

Arrangements Entrusted to: ers Family-Funeral Home Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E. 470 W. 172nd St Thornton, Illinois 60476 Office/Cell: 708-704-5023





LIFE REFLECTIONS

Donta La' Mikey Trevon Beane Wickliffe "Tay-Tay" was born on November 7, 1997 at Roseland Community Hospital in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Michael J Wickliffe and Chala E. Beane. Michael proceeded him in death. Donta was the oldest child of four children. Donta excepted Christ at an early age at first Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana.

Donta attended Mildred I. Lavizzo Grammar School in Chicago Illinois. He later moved to Calumet City, Illinois where he attended Lincoln Elementary and where he graduated. Donta attended Thornton Fractional North High School. Donta played varsity high school football at the position of "Running Back" and he wore #17. Donta completed his educational journey at Country Club Hills Tech & Trade where he later graduated and attained his high school diploma.

Donta's life journey, he had many loves. Donta was an outgoing, fun-loving kid and the family jokester just like his dad. Donta loved to cook and play old-school music. Donta was a very clean and organized young man. Donta loved table games such as cards (Spades) and Uno. Donta had a heart of gold; if he cared for you, he had a genuine and heartfelt desire for your well-being. "Tay-Tay" was a very affectionate young man. His affection was deeper than just a basic level of concern. Donta "Tay-Tay" loved his family unconditionally. "Tay-Tay's" heart was made of gold; he's always been a protector.

Donta "Tay Tay" died at the age of 27 on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Donta leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Chala; two sisters, Ahmyya and Ahlayya; two brothers, Jevonta (brother/cousin) and Dontrey; two grandmothers, Sandra and Deneen; three grandfathers, Jeffrey, Michael and Leonard; three uncles Jay, Michael Jr., and Devin (who proceeded him in death); ten aunts, Asharte (Ke-Ke - Big Miss Tay), Demaria, Dandrea, Crystal, Ashley, Latasha, Denecia, Licia and Makala; one niece, Kinsley; two special friends, Mekalah (Mi Mi) and Kiana (Kookie); and a host of close cousins and friends.

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

My First-born Son

Never in my life would I have thought I would lose you. My heart is broken; you were one of my lights and now it is dim. I really needed you. I'm going to miss you forever Son Son
Love yo "OG"

Love you, Nephew
I miss you, but heaven is so lucky to have you. Rest in peace, my nephew; until we meet again!

Yo "Gball" Auntie Crystal

From Lil Bro to Big Bro

I'm gone miss you more than you can imagine. I hate this. I never ever thought I'll be writing a Rest in Heaven letter to you. You always been a real big brother to me, no matter what it was or who I know, you had it handled. You a solid dude to me, no matter what it was or who I know, you had it handled. You a solid dude for real. I'm gone miss all the conversations we used to have on the phone baking each other lol, I'm gone miss the books we talked about writing. I'm gonB miss everything about you, Big Bro. You really one of a kind; you a born leader; you were always the first to do anything; to start something, always drawing attention to yourself because of your aura. Most people in the world wish they could meet a person like you. You are the person in the room with the most entertaining stories to tell, the person everyone wanna hear crack a joke or some "LoL." You always knew how to lighten the mood or make a person feel better. You stayed positive throughout everything even when you would hurt a little bit; you still stayed strong and made sure others were good. You were one of the strong ones from our family. I love you, bro, 4ever and I always will. You left a big name for yourself bro, for real in our family and out in the world. You'll always be a legend.

Longlive Tay-Tay Longlive Tay-Tay

2XOGMAAs I reflect on the life of my beloved grandson Tay-Tay, I find comfort in knowing you're finally at peace; free from the struggles of this world. I'll forever hold your images close in my heart and mind. I strive to find the strength to let you go.

Always and forever with eternal love

Sandra

Kee-Kee

I love you so much, my Tay-Tay. You made me a Kee-Kee. When you left, you took a part of me with you. My heart don't beat the same no more. My forever baby. Long live my Donta.

To my Brother

How do I say goodbye to a light so bright; a brother who turned the dark into light. You brought joy and warmth wherever you'd go. A heart so pure, a soul so rare more than anybody will ever know. Now you're with dad together once more, finding the peace you both longed for, watching over us would love from above, united forever in light and love. Though the pain runs deep and the loss feels raw, your memory lingers the brightest I saw. Along with Dad, I'll hold your laughter, your love, your care; a connection so deep, nothing can compare. I love you, I miss you, and always you will guide me, for eternity. #LLTT #Forever 27

Lil Sis Myya

Auntie Demaria

It's hard to believe that you are not with us anymore. I pray, and hope that you are in a better place, Nephew. Your memories will never be forgotten. Though you will always remain with us forever in our hearts may your soul rest in peace.

Auntie Tasha
Forever loving and missing you, Nephew. They say there is a reason; they say time heals. Neither time nor reason will change the way I feel. Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small; to have you as our nephew was the greatest gift of all. Your smile and your sense of humor was untouched. May the winds of Love blow softly and whisper in your ear we love and miss you and wish you were here. You will forever be deep in my heart.

Little Sister Lay-Lay

I love and miss you, big brother. You will always hold a special part of my heart.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday, January 3, 2025 Wake: 12 Noon-1PM Service: 1PM-2PM Nabors Family Funeral Home 470 W. 172nd St. Thornton, Illinois

Officiant: Reverend Carmen Wickliffe-Lewis

Processional

Prayer

Scripture-Reverend Carmen Wickliffe-Lewis Musical Selection-Cousin Angel Acknowledgment Cards & Condolences Remarks (2 minutes) Reading of Poems-Family & Friends Obituary Reading-Auntie LaTasha Wickliffe Slideshow Presentation Eulogy-Reverend Carmen Wickliffe-Lewis Final Viewing

PALLBEARERS

Recessional

Jevonta Wickliffe Jeffery True Dontrey Beane Treyvon Johnson

Devonta Jackson Micheal Billups, Sr. Malik Coleman Michael Billips, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jav Beane Leonard Seamon Tyron Coleman Jamie Smith

REPAST Martha's Venue 17135 Canal St., South Holland, Illinois

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