



Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles

February 14, 1994 - January 19, 2020

Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles, 25, of West Peoria, IL, transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 1:25 am on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends.

Darian was born on February 14, 1994 in Petersburg, VA to Lakeshia E. Taylor and Anthony T. Giles. He attended Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center, Calvin Coolidge Middle School, and was a 2012 graduate of Manual High School. All of his friends, classmates, and teachers from these schools remember Darian with great adoration and love.

Darian had a passion for basketball and was a Los Angeles Lakers fan. He liked all genres of music, Blues, Jazz, Rap, R&B, and Hip Hop. Tupac Shakur was his favorite rapper. Darian loved reading books, especially those about Black history and culture. He was an avid Youtuber and serious Xbox player. Darian also loved to travel. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Darian leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving and devoted mother, Lakeshia Taylor of West Peoria, IL; his brother, Nicholas Adams of West Peoria, IL; his father and step mother, Anthony (Bridgette) Giles, Sr., of Conyers, GA; Casey D. Adams, who played a significant role in raising Darian, of Peoria, IL; his special auntie, Tangela D. Taylor of Peoria, IL; siblings, Anthony (Yanni) Giles, II of Charlotte, NC, Jalen and Jadon Giles of Conyers, GA, Koran (Katie) Adams of St. Louis, MO, Tekora Littlejohn of Greensboro, NC, Indigo Adams of LaVergne, TN, Amaris Adams of Azusa, CA, Karringten Causey, Jaida Adams, and Sophia Adams all of Peoria, IL;

maternal grandparents, Solomon (Shirley) Taylor of Brandon, MS and Edna G. Taylor of Belleville, IL; his god mother, Heidi Taylor of San Diego, CA and god father, David B. Freeman of Colbert, GA; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who adored Darian. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joseph and Janice Giles of Spartanburg, SC.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 1 pm. Rev. Dr. Mark A. McConnell, Pastor, will officiate. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Simons Mortuary - January 24, 2020 at 05:56 PM

AB

Lovely memories ❤️

Angela Branscumb - January 25, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MO

I miss you son.

Mommy - January 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM

TB



Tasha B - January 31, 2020 at 05:08 PM

TT

You are always with us nephew. We will meet again. ❤️ 🍷 🙏

Tammy Taylor - February 26, 2020 at 10:27 PM

DE

Beautiful collage of pics for Darien. Baby Aunt Lois misses you, but I know we will one day meet again. Rest n peace!

Delois - February 27, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *May you rest in peace.
Jill West,
Indianapolis, Indiana*

Jill - April 18, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ *I miss you everyday ❤️ I come on here just to read about you everyday... I love you forever*

Indigo Adams - February 08, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Darian, my sweet first born of all the nieces and nephews. Our Valentine baby. We miss you, but we know that you are in heaven with the Father. We love you so much and our lives will never be the same, but we know that we will see you again. Myself, your friends, and our family, will take care of your mom and Nic. You are always with us. Your friends love you so much. I knew you were loved and popular, but I had no idea how popular you were really, smile. We will honor you until we meet again nephew. I was so blessed and honored to have you as my nephew and in my life. God speed baby. ❤️❤️❤️🙏*



Tammy Taylor - February 01, 2020 at 09:28 PM

TB

“ *Tasha B lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Tasha B - January 31, 2020 at 05:09 PM

TB

“ *To you darian precious soul you was your momma life her world she loved and adored you I know you are watching over her and I know you will shine through her and bring her a sense of peace its going to hurt forever losing you D you were loved so much by friends and family and I want you to know I loved you I saw you grow into an handsome young man and a true fighter and I told you I would watch over your mom and I promise you I will.and i know you watching over your aunt tammy she is a true solider and your brother nick I know you got him they loved you so much..please continue to shine down on us R.I.H Forever you will be missed and loved ❤️*

Tasha B - January 31, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MO

“ *My sweet valentine's baby. I miss you so much. I am still in total disbelief. My heart is aching. My life will never be the same. I feel empty inside. I pray I can get through this....*



Mommy - January 28, 2020 at 05:07 PM

AB

“ *My sincere condolences to his family..he was an awesome young man, I was so honored for him to be a part of our lives!!*

Angela Branscumb - January 25, 2020 at 12:00 PM

QF

“ *Quanita Hughes & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Quanita Hughes & Family - January 25, 2020 at 07:39 AM

PM

“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of their beloved Darian. Praying for peace and comfort during this time. God Bless you all.*

Pamela Meeks - January 24, 2020 at 04:36 PM

MF

“ *So many fond & fun memories of Lakeshia, Darian & Nicholas. We are grateful God placed you in our lives. I remember Nick's acceptance to Caleb's 8th Birthday party and it has been a family bond ever since. Darian- handsome, fun, out-going & always full of energy. As a CCMS Basketball, Darian was popular & one of the "good looking guys" on the team. Darian will forever be in our hearts 💕 Although he has preceded us, WE know he is healed in heaven. Safe in His Arms💙💛💜
We Love You Lakeshia, Nick & Tangela 💕 Always here for you. Day by Day, Step by Step -We will go through this together 💜
The McConnell Family
(Dr. McConnell, Paris, Moses, Caleb, Matthew)*

McConnell Family - January 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MM

“ *Mary Mccoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Mary Mccoy - January 24, 2020 at 11:01 AM

KF

“ *Kenyatta Ridley and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles.*



Kenyatta Ridley and Family - January 24, 2020 at 07:44 AM

TS

“ God’s grace, mercies and strength be extended to the Taylor and Giles family. There are no words that anyone can say during this time of GREAT loss that can make this better or heal the pain that you are feeling in your hearts right now. All I can tell you is to lean on God for strength beyond this earthly sorrow. Trust and believe that God can handle ALL your hurt, pain, disappointment and lack of understanding during this moment while guiding you to a place of healing and wholeness. Talk to God and trust Him enough to walk you through this journey of grief. He is far more able to carry you through this valley of pain and hurt to give you strength beyond your natural ability. Cry all you need to cry and feel all you need to feel, that too is a part of your healing and God can handle it and you!
Ecclesiastes 3.
Continued Prayers
Tawana Scott
(Friend/Sister of Anthony and Bridgette)



Tawana Scott - January 24, 2020 at 06:10 AM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences to my dear friends and the Taylor family.

Thomas/Joe Ann Cayson, Anthony, Joey & LaShaundra Parker



Joe Ann Cayson - January 23, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles.*



January 22, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ *Chanell Henley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Chanell Henley - January 22, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Glendora Horton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Glendora Horton - January 22, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Glendora Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Glendora Horton - January 22, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles.*



January 22, 2020 at 08:51 AM



“ *Chanell Henley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Chanell Henley - January 21, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *Auntie Linda McCoy and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles.*



Auntie Linda McCoy and Family - January 21, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ *Carolyn Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles*



Carolyn Anderson - January 21, 2020 at 02:30 PM

LJ

“ Sending my deepest condolences to u Nick and your family I never had the pleasure to meet Darian but I heard he was an amazing young man everyone speaks so highly of him keep your head up thru this journey sending hugs and lots of luv Nana aka Shane’s Grandmother

lou johnson - January 21, 2020 at 07:18 AM

BT

“ So sorry for your loss may God continue to Bless you and the rest of the family.

Bessie Taylor - January 21, 2020 at 07:01 AM

DT

“ So sorry for the loss of Darian. He was one of the most respectable young men I know. Somewhat shy, in his own way. He's no longer suffering, & I know he's in a better place. Rest on my great nephew. We will miss you, but I know we will see each other on the other side. God speed!!

Dee Taylor - January 20, 2020 at 10:59 PM

LB

“ I am deeply saddened to hear the news of Darian’s passing. My memories of him will always be of a young man with a magnetic personality who had the ability to put smiles on peoples faces. My condolences to his family and to his former Coolidge classmates with whom he had lifelong friendships. Rest In Peace Darian. Godspeed.

Larry Brenton - January 20, 2020 at 10:44 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Tate Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles



evelyn tate clayton - January 20, 2020 at 09:14 PM

PM

“ Pam Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Darian LaTrey Giles



Pam Mathis - January 20, 2020 at 08:57 PM