

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF

KHADIJA

Tyana
DERRY

Sunrise:
November 6, 2001

Sunset:
December 6, 2023

Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 11:00a

Agape Christian Church
14303 Judson Road | San Antonio, Texas
Pastor Stuart Perryman

The Life of Khadija Iyana Derry

Khadija Derry, born on November 6, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas, passed away on December 6, 2023. Khadija was the beloved daughter of George Sullivan and Kuquanda Perkins. She accepted Christ at an early age and was an active member of Lilly of the Valley Missionary Baptist Church, where she played an integral role in the youth department.

Khadija attended SJ Davis and Sam Houston schools within the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). Throughout her academic journey, Khadija excelled in various sports, including volleyball, track, and basketball. She left a lasting impression on the basketball court, giving her all and holding the fastest time in the SAISD middle school for the 100-meter dash. Khadija's exceptional skills on the court led to a full basketball scholarship at Iowa Western College. At the time of her passing, she was attending Northeast Lakeview College.

Khadija's accolades in sports were numerous, including being named Newcomer of the Year in 2016-2017, MVP and All-Area Team in 2017-2018, and Defensive Player of the Year in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. She was part of various All-Tournament teams such as Edgewood, Harlandale, and New Braunfels. Moreover, Khadija achieved a significant milestone by scoring over 1000 career points.

Her love for sports blossomed at an early age, participating in various athletic activities at the Eastside Boys & Girls Club. Influenced by her talent, her aunt Trice established the Lady Ballers basketball team, which evolved from a little league to a thriving AAU team, winning several out-of-state tournaments. Khadija also played AAU basketball for Texas Flight under the guidance of her uncle Steven, and she showcased her skills as a track athlete for the San Antonio Blazers. Additionally, she had a passion for shoes and dreamt of traveling the world. Khadija will be remembered for her beautiful, infectious smile that lit up any room.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather George Shandy, great grandparents Elvira M. Perkins, Mable & Arthur Hardaway, Lee Mathews, and Gloria Nelson, as well as her godmother Eva Taylor, aunt Beretta Franklin, and best friend Aujayna Williams.

Khadija's memories will forever be cherished by her parents George Sullivan and KuQuanda Perkins (Jason), grandparents Stephanie Perkins, Shelia Shandy, Arthur Hardaway Jr. (Genia), and Darryl Nelson, great grandparents Denise Matthews and Lawrence Sullivan, and her siblings Dejanique (Myron), Journee, Jauan "Smurf", Jakiyah, and Mykira, along with eight step-siblings. She was also loved by her bonus mom April Butler-Sullivan, godfather Corliss Taylor, and honorary godmother Nannie Shawn.

She is survived by her great uncle George Matthews (Dorothy), great aunt Lois Matthews, nieces MyAejah and Myzi, nephew Myron, and aunts Antrecia (Methis), Dewana (Matt), Angie (Jabari), and Tenise. Her uncles Aaron (Janay), Kevin, Arthur (Marlissa), Darryl (Elizabeth), Marvin, and Orris (Myra) will hold a special place in her memory. Khadija had close bonds with her loving cousins Shaquanda "BunBun", Dru, Draedyn, and Sannai. Special mention goes to her coach Marchae Woods, best friend Kaliyah and boyfriend Mike "Mi Amor."

In addition to her family, Khadija leaves behind a host of close friends and coaches who will always carry her spirit in their hearts. We will forever cherish the memories and legacy of Khadija Iyana Derry. May her soul rest in eternal peace.







Order of Service

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11:00a

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."
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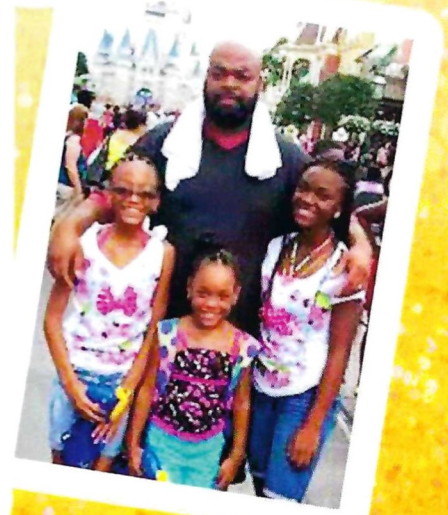
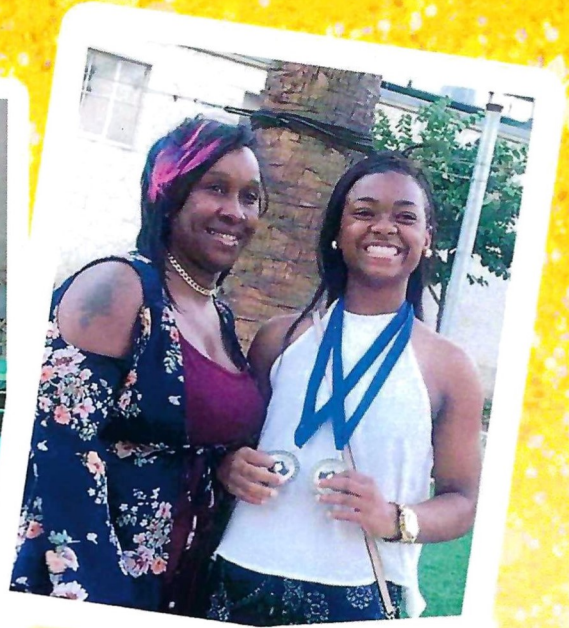
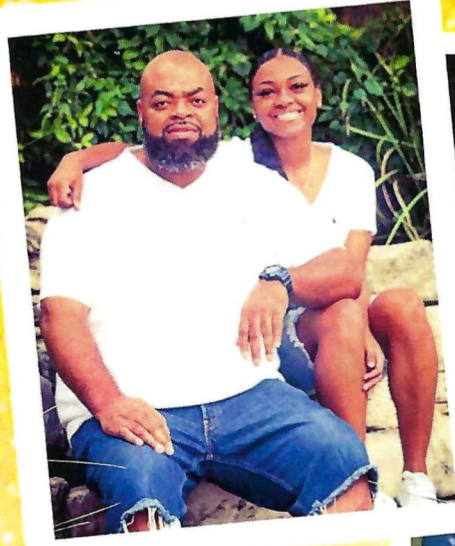
Prelude

Processional

Welcome	Pastor Stuart Perryman
The Old Testament	Pastor Joe E. Barber St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
The New Testament	Pastor. Joe W. Theus
Prayer	Pastor Christopher Smith The Rock San Antonio
Solo	Al Gurtman
Resolutions	San Antonio I.S.D. Lilly of the Valley MBC
Dance	Lejoi Haynes
Tribute	Family
Remarks/Expressions	Designated Speakers
Solo	Ty Theus
EULOGY	Pastor Steven Owens Sr. Lilly of the Valley MBC

The Recessional





To My Little Sister:

Being a big sister is like being a second mom. With DIJA this came with borrowing and/or giving her money, before she could drive giving her rides, and when she got old enough she started to wear my clothes and shoes. Khadija you are the reason I fell in love with basketball, I enjoyed every bit of watching you ball, cheering you on & even arguing with the refs. Then track season came I couldn't wait to see your name on the board to see what place you had and what it said your time was. As kids I always knew you were a little spoiled brat and still is but that's ok because that's what makes you so special and that's what makes you KHADIJA. I've always wanted a sister close in age with me and although we are six years apart I really embraced these last few years because we began hanging together. You were finally old enough to party, have grown conversations and just vibe from time to time. I'm so grateful that we finally got to experience it together because I never imagined it being cut this short in this thing called life 😊. I never told you, but when you'd text me things about college, elevating, choosing a career path, etc. it really warmed my heart and made me feel good because you trusted in me that I'd lead you down the right path. As a big sister I know sometimes it may have seemed as if I was complaining or being hard on you but I only wanted the best for you. You were a great kid and definitely a special person with a smile like no other that I have the pleasure of calling my little sister. I'm going to miss the random room mating from time to time, the funny IG reels, text messages and even the Facetime calls to see what the kids and I were doing if we weren't already together. My kids will definitely miss all the TikToks y'all always made. And my son "you finally got your nephew" he'll definitely take after you by growing a love for sports. Dija there's so many unanswered questions, so much anger inside, so many devastating thoughts but just know anything I do/accomplish from here on out will be with you by my side as my guardian angel. Dija I got "The Gang" & our Momma for life. Fly high queen, I love you girl until we meet again. Love always, "Big Me" As you'd always say.



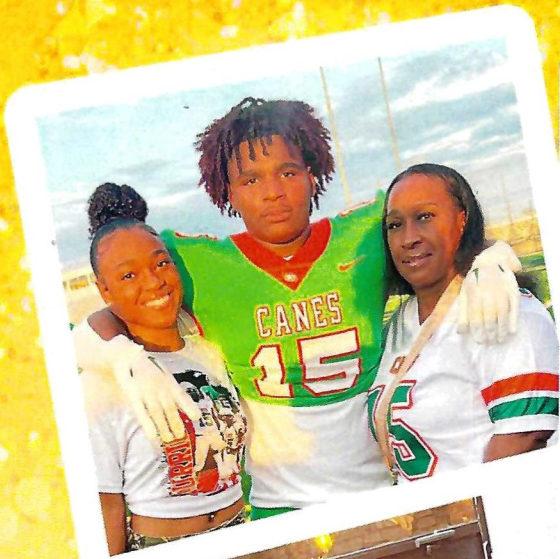
Khadija:

From the moment we met I fell in love with you! You were the missing piece that completed our family. You taught me to love harder than I had ever loved before. You made being a bonus mom so easy! My world has been shattered losing you, but you taught me to be strong, I can hear your words, "don't cry mom! I'm safe, safe in GODS arms!" You will forever live in my heart baby girl, I love you! - April

My Big Sister In Heaven:

My Dija Pooh -- I've spent days looking through poems, letters, and meaningless excerpts, trying to find the right words to say, or find any words to say at all. The day I found out you were my big sister my life changed forever. There was no question about it, I had my person. Someone who loved me unconditionally, authentically. You protected me, and always guided me in the right direction even if it took more than one warning. Your laughter warmed my heart, and everyone around. Our memories will forever mean more to me than anything ever has. I'll miss us clowning, and your goofy spirit the most. I pray that you watch over me and Mykira always. You'll forever be the best part of me. I love you more than life. Your "Big Little Sister", J





ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Bralyn Sanchez
Caevion Sweeney
Demarion Harrison
London Shanklin

Jalyn Sanchez
Isiah Miller
Trevon Williams

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kevin Shandy
Arthur Hardaway III
Darryl McKnight
Dennis Daniels

Aaron Shandy
Marvin Wallace
Orvis Clay (OJ)

FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it here.
Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer or came to pay a call.
Perhaps you sang a cheerful song, if so we heard it all.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as friends could say.
Perhaps you could not be here at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, by words or deed or touch,
whatever was the kindly part, we thank you oh so very much.
Special 'Thank You' to Marchae and Danny Woods.

-Buck & Nikki-

INTERMENT

Meadowlawn Memorial Park

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED
CARTER- TAYLOR- WILLIAMS MORTUARY