



Tomari Alijah Jackson

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Tomari Alijah Jackson- 'A Scholar & A Gentleman'
02-15-2001 to 02-13-2016

Born in Austell GA on 2-15-2001- Tomari Alijah was given his name a day after he entered the world. Purposely not wanting to know the 'sex' of her baby; his Mom wanted to see his face & hold him before settling on just 'any' name. He was a happy baby; that was always smiling & ready to play.

Tomari lived in Smyrna & Atlanta for about a year before moving to the Bahamas with his

Mom. A few years later they returned to GA where he attended Ducktails Daycare in Marietta & Russell Elementary in Smyrna.

Tomari also attended Powder Springs Elementary; and Cooper Middle School. In 2015; he

was accepted into the magnet program at N Cobb High School for International studies.

His curriculum was challenging, and included some college credit courses. From the age of

10; Tomari was determined to pursue a career in engineering, and had hoped to do an

internship this summer with an area firm.

An avid reader since the age of 3; he loved books, and would sometimes request a Barnes &

Noble gift card for his birthday. He excelled academically in all levels of his education.



Teachers often spoke highly of him, & his ability to have an outstanding future.

A lover of music (specifically Jazz)- he would always point out various notes & instruments

when he heard a 'catchy' song. Often he would wake up to Jazz 91.9FM & fell asleep listening to same. Most recently; he started listening to 90.1 FM WABE on the drive home

from school. He was very interested in listening to 'Fresh Air, and On 2nd Thought'; where

he gained insight on various books; as well as bands they interviewed. He would 'google'

them to hear more of what their music sounded like. One most recently being 'Alabama

Shakes'. He often listened, critiqued; then gave his rating.

Of late; 'Tomari also had an interest in politics, and listened to 'Political Rewind' on GPB

radio. Before leaving for Belize he asked his Mom to order the book 'Dark Money' which he

wanted to read upon his return.

Such a creature of habit; Tomari almost always religiously ate the same things everyday.

His favorite breakfast for 5 yrs was pancakes & turkey bacon; which he changed to pilsbury biscuits & turkey bacon about a year ago. He would even ask for it upon arriving

home from school or before bed at night.

He absolutely adored his dog Victor; & often shared his food with him. Victor religiously

drove with him in the car every day to and from school.

Tomari also believed that everything should be in its' place. His toiletries had to be aligned

a certain way on his dresser, clothes neatly folded, pencils, folders & books organized in



his book bag was also ‘a must’.

Tomari was truly coming ‘into his own’- still playful, yet mature where it mattered. As I

drove him to school Monday morning Feb 8th; he said’ “mom--happy birthday”. It made me

smile, because in years gone by he would sometimes forget, and would remember after the

fact. He was well on his way to become the man I know he was destined to be.

Considerate,

kind, loving, responsible, honest, & trust-worthy. He respected authority, and was a very

hard worker that always strived to do his best. Sometimes he would catch me looking at

him, & would ask me ‘what’s wrong’--- my response was always—nothing’s wrong

Tomari;

your’re just awesome; & I’m proud of you.

Very much a manager & protector of his time- he always made sure that his personal time

was not jeopardized; for he wanted to partake in playing games on his computer as part of

his daily routine.

Whenever I would step in to monitor him & remind him that balance was important; ‘his

reluctant reply was always; Mom I know! He once said to me; ‘Mom do you realize that I

spend about 55 hrs a week in school & doing homework? So why can’t I spend a few hours

playing my games? He knew that this would make me ease up a bit, & it did ☐

Tomari was very excited about his future, & planned on attending GA Tech or KSU.

Although he was interested in other colleges; he did not want to venture very far from



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home.




Hobbies & Interests- scouting, music, dancing, traveling, gaming, reading, flute, piano, harmonica, animals, nature.

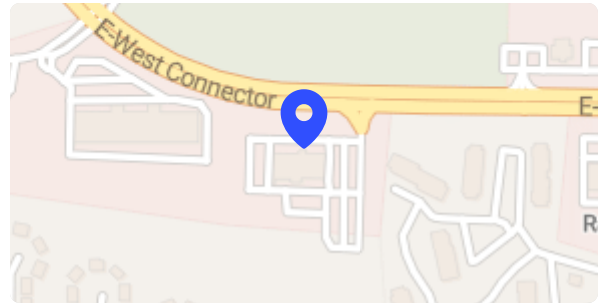
His Mom always referred to him as 'Champion Warrior' that's destined for greatness!

In Lieu of flowers donation may be made in honor of Tomari Jackson to Bank of America, account # 334 045 408 846, routing # 061 0000 52.






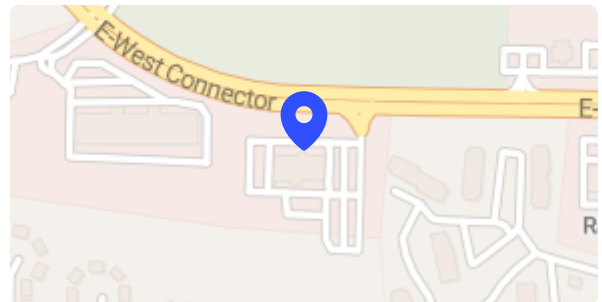
Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 26, 2016
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Davis-Struempf Funeral Home**
1975 East-West Connector, Austell GA 30106





Funeral Services

-  **Saturday**, February 27, 2016
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Davis-Struempf Chapel**
1975 East-West Conn, Austell GA 30106



Cemetery Details

-  **Cheatham Hill Memorial Park**
1861 Dallas Hwy, Marietta GA 30064
-  **(770) 424-1111**



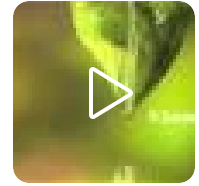


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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory shared a **Tribute Video**.



February 24 at 11:14 AM



Triniti Wells sent a virtual gift in honor of Tomari.



Toe was my cousin...my own blood. Every once in a while I think back and reflect on how amazing he was. He was so smart and full of life ! He never let anyone or anything hold him back...He was the glue to the family trio that we once had. I wish that I could go back to tell him how much I loved and appreciated him. We need to protect our black men! I honestly wish that I could hug you one more time lol...ughhhhhh I love you so much man. You are truly missed 🙏

May 14 at 11:15 PM



David Taylor posted:

I can still remember playing on our DS's together on the bus in middle school. You were reserved, yet really fun, smart, and cool to hang out with. Rest in peace, man.

November 2 at 8:34 AM



Adell Forbes February 14 at 5:16 PM

Thanks David.. it means a lot that after all this time.. there are those who still remember the joy of my heart... Tomari Alijah...



James Holly posted:

I just saw your reading on Netflix with tyler. Afterwards, I goggle Tomari's story. I am so sorry for what happen. Just like you, I can't believe it. Q: What really happened? Well, my deepest condolences to you and the family and may you eventually find peace.

May 20 at 1:56 PM



Adell Forbes February 14 at 5:17 PM

'thank you'



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Thembele Mahlangu lit a candle in honor of Tomari.

"Just to let you know that me and my family, we are keeping you and your family in our prayers. Open your hearts to God's guidance and strength. God bless"

March 21 at 9:51 AM



Thembele Mahlangu lit a candle in honor of Tomari.

March 21 at 9:46 AM



Jennifer Guillen posted:

I am a mother of a magnet student at North Cobb and just want to offer my condolences. I understand the pain your'e feeling right now and I want you to know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

March 1 at 3:45 PM



Adell Forbes March 3 at 4:16 PM

Thank you Jennifer- I appreciate you reaching out.



Kimberly Pullen posted:

Mrs. Forbes,My daughter Jayla was a classmate of your son Tomari at Cooper Middle School and they both played the flute together in the band. She was shocked and saddened to learn of his death. She said that Tomari was always very kind to her. As a Mom my heart goes out and I certainly send my prayers to you and your entire family during this time and into the days ahead. Blessings and strength to you.Mrs. Kimberly Pullen

February 26 at 8:00 PM



Adell Forbes March 1 at 7:15 AM

Thank you Kimberly- I appreciate you reaching out. I actually remember Jayla- My niece has a similar name :)



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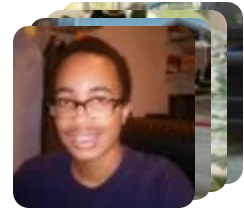
Sincerely, Pemco Ltd & Pemco Realty Family sent an Amazing Arboricola to the Jackson family.

February 26 at 12:35 PM



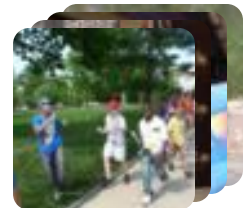
Davis-Struempff Funeral Home & Crematory shared 5 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

February 18 at 12:45 AM



Davis-Struempff Funeral Home & Crematory shared 6 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

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Camille Walker sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jackson family.

February 25 at 6:06 PM



Tillman Family lit a candle in honor of Tomari.

February 25 at 2:52 PM



Marc Amason sent a Large Basket Garden to the Jackson family.

February 25 at 12:52 PM





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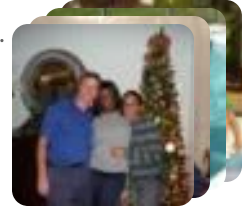
Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jackson family.



February 25 at 11:03 AM



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The Godoy Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jackson family.



February 24 at 7:44 AM



Linda Brown lit a candle in honor of Tomari.



February 23 at 6:38 PM



Deshun Knowles posted:

From day one you were the apple of your mom's eye Tomari. It was an honor to be your Goddie although we lived far apart you always held a special place in my heart. It comforts me that you are with the Heavenly Father. Rest Eternally. Goddie Tiffany

February 23 at 12:33 PM



Halle Bowe shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sharing the love and kindness of my late god brother, Tomari. He had such a pure soul and had a great impact everyone who he met. The memories created will be always be in our hearts. Love you always, Halle and Tiffany



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Adell Forbes lit a candle in honor of Tomari.



February 23 at 7:05 AM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:14 AM

'My heart, my love, my best friend, my life & very reason for living- I will forever cherish the years that God has graced me with your presence. I miss the very core of who you are- & will hold onto all of the precious memories we shared; 'forever & a day.' Thank you for inspiring me in ways you never knew, thank you for always being obedient, & making me laugh when you sensed that I was down. You are truly '1 in a million'.... I love you! 'Mom'



Lila Llamas lit a candle in honor of Tomari.



With our deepest sympathy our thoughts and well wishes are with you in this time of loss. The words you have shared about Tomari have touched our hearts and are evidence of your profound love for each other. May you find peace in that love. The Llamas Family 10th grade NCHS Magnet

February 23 at 6:35 AM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 6:58 AM

Lila, thanks to you & your family- we appreciate yawl reaching out--Adell



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Tracie Lee posted:

It took me a little while to get to know Tomari. I did though, and I've missed Tomari everyday since he left my class. He reluctantly came into my class his 7th grade year, and was probably reluctant for a while. I have a very outgoing, boisterous, kind of "all out there" personality, and as a teacher, that can be intimidating to a shy, meek personality like Tomari's. I pushed though, and really got to know Tomari. He and I talked a lot, which you know for Tomari is not really in his comfort zone. He was a great kid!! He got my jokes I cracked and no one else got. He was funny, creatively quirky, fun loving, and just as snarky as I am and I loved that!!! I loved having Tomari as my student!! Even as he very reluctantly moved on to another teacher in his 8th grade year, he made it a point to come by my room every day and asked to be moved back, say "hi", prank me 😄, crack a joke, or just give me a hug. He was a friend to many and just a great guy. Like all of us, but in his own unique way, he was wondering around this planet trying to become who he wanted to be.

February 23 at 4:46 AM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:01 AM

Thank you for sharing your experience with Tomari Ms Tracie---- your description is accurate in his mannerism & his overall way of 'being'



Mrs. Pinkston posted:

May God bless you family. You are in my prayers. Sabrina Pinkston-Parapro at Powder Springs Elementary

February 23 at 3:39 AM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:04 AM

thank you



Tameka Morrison posted:

Adell, Devin and I were so sorry to hear about Tomari. Devin really enjoyed knowing Tomari in scouts (Pack 723) and Cooper Band. We are praying for you and your family. Tameka & Devin

February 22 at 3:08 PM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:02 AM

Thanks for 'reaching out' luv- much appreciated!



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Tia Bryller posted:

Mrs. Forbes,I will always cherish the many talks Tomari and I had around Cooper. He was a great young man and always caring enough to see how I was doing. Prayers for you and your family during this time.Tia Bryller

February 22 at 2:52 PM

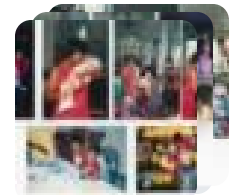


Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:04 AM

Thank you Ms Bryller



Adell Forbes shared 3 photos to the **Tomari Jackson** album.



February 22 at 2:19 PM



Jennifer Moody posted:

I had the pleasure of being your sons school nurse last year and my daughter had classes with him this year. Tomari was a sweet gentle boy. My daughter always talks about how kind he was to everyone. We are so sorry for your loss. Your family will continue to be in our prayers. The Moody family

February 22 at 2:19 PM



Adell Forbes February 22 at 2:38 PM

Thank you Ms Moody- I appreciate your kind words.



Carol Mickus lit a candle in honor of Tomari.



February 22 at 1:23 PM



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Carol Mickus posted:

Adell, The year I met your beautiful son was the year I came to teach at Cooper Middle. He was a bright light in my classroom and will be forever in my heart. Tomari trained me quickly at the beginning of sixth grade to realize that he always knew the answer and would get it to me on a sticky note if I would just be patient. You and your family are in my continued thoughts and prayers. Tomari is a bright and shining star and I thank you for sharing him with me. Much Love, Carol Mickus

February 22 at 1:21 PM

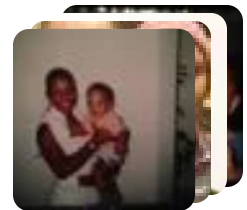


Adell Forbes February 22 at 2:15 PM

Thank you Ms Mickus- Tomari enjoyed having you as his teacher. I appreciate your kind words & prayers.



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Cindy O'Neill posted:

Kind and Caring are two words that my daughter repeatedly uses when talking about Tomari. His adventuresome spirit had touch the lives of many. Know that your entire family is our prayers. The O'Neill family

February 21 at 9:08 PM



Adell Forbes February 23 at 7:03 AM

Sincere thanks Mrs Haley- much appreciated!



Heather Haley February 22 at 5:16 AM

May peace be in your hearts. Our prayers are with you and your family! Tomari will be remembered forever by the families of these children that were united together! We offer our love and support and may you find strength in your heart ! We are here for you!



Adell Forbes February 22 at 5:03 AM

Thank you Cindy- we appreciate your concern & prayers



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Montes Family posted:

My daughter had many classes with Tomari and was often grouped with him during group assignments. She shared some of her memories of Tomari and they were all about how incredibly smart and sweet he was. Please know that he is missed by his classmates. I am so sorry for your loss and we pray for peace and comfort for you and your family.

February 21 at 6:02 PM

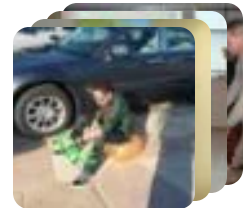


Adell Forbes February 22 at 5:02 AM

Thank you for sharing your memories of Tomari. He was 'the best ever', & always made me smile. Although I was his 'care-giver' he was always concerned with my happiness as well. Adell



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Nick Robinson posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. We pray for your comfort and peace. Nick, Kathy, Brooke and Steven Robinson

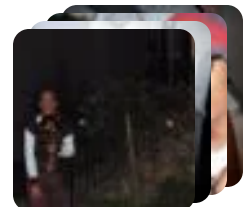
February 19 at 7:52 AM



Adell Forbes February 22 at 5:03 AM
thank you



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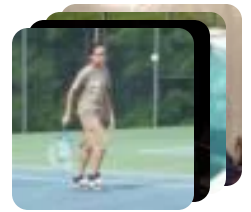
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Allen Newsome lit a candle in honor of Tomari.

Mrs. Forbes, We are praying for you. We hope that you find peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Allen and Marilyn Newsome

February 18 at 12:45 AM



Adell Forbes March 3 at 4:19 PM

Thank you for your kind word Judith- very much appreciated! Hugs to you & 'Mom'.



Judith Daniels March 1 at 5:17 PM

Adell, I am so sorry for your loss, My mom and I send you prayers and hope that you will meet him again. I never really met Tomari, but I do know that he was your reason for everything in life, you loved him very much and I could tell by the way you talked about him. I hope you find comfort in knowing that God needed him more, and He will give you the strength to move on but never forget the imprint this young man made on you and everyone around him. When a life is lost so young you wonder what he would have been like grown, but he would be just like he was because he was your child. God bless you and your family and I am here whenever you need me. Be blessed.



Adell Forbes February 25 at 4:29 PM

Mrs Moore- thank you for sharing your memories of Tomari--- it made me smile.....that was 'our' Tomari!



Mrs. Moore February 25 at 11:16 AM

I had the pleasure of having Tomari in my Homeroom and again in my 4th period class last year at Cooper. It breaks my heart to know that we have lost such an amazingly talented spirit. I also fondly recall his sticky notes, on which he shared his big personality and was quietly thrilled in those moments when he would blurt the answers to random questions that no one else knew. His classmates and I will definitely hold dear our fond memories of him.



Adell Forbes February 23 at 5:28 PM

Dunette- thank you for your kind words. Tomari loved Kyle & 'Cookie'. We have all shared many laughs together. Tomari would sometimes 'imitate' Kyle during the times he & I would reminisce about you guys & 'the good ole days'!



Dunette February 23 at 2:26 PM

Dear Adell!!! am so sorry for your loss. I just found out yesterday that it was your Tomari that passed. Ms. Jackie (Ducktails) confirmed it to me. I remember your kindness with my kids when I was really down and I got to know him... so precious! I am so honored to have met your son because he was a breath of fresh air. I just broke the news to Cordelia and Kyle last night and today was a sad day at school for them. They remember Tomari and how he would play with them at Tramore Park off East-West Connector! What a loss! I know that he is Heaven with



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the Almighty God! Cordelia, Kyle and I pray for peace and great memories of Tomari. We will miss him! May he rest in Peace! Love, Dunette, Cordelia and Kyle!



Darlene Hunt Mitchell February 23 at 5:12 AM

Mrs. Forbes, I am so sorry for your loss. My family and I are praying for you and your family during this time of bereavement. May God guide you and give you peace. Sincerely, Darlene Hunt Mitchell



Adell Forbes February 19 at 2:45 AM

Thank you Mr Newsome- Tomari always enjoyed your Math classes & held you 'high esteem'!



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory shared a Tribute Video.

February 24 at 11:14 AM



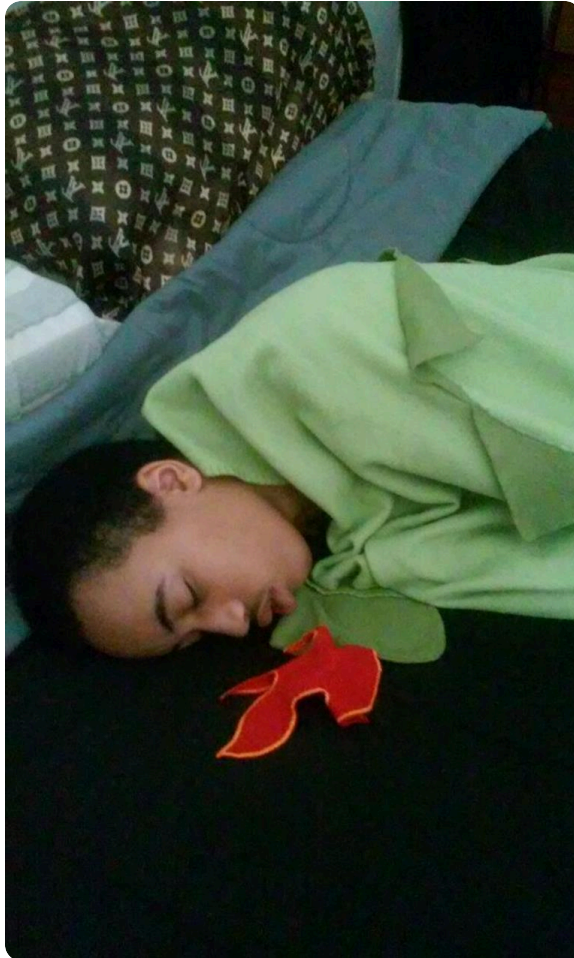
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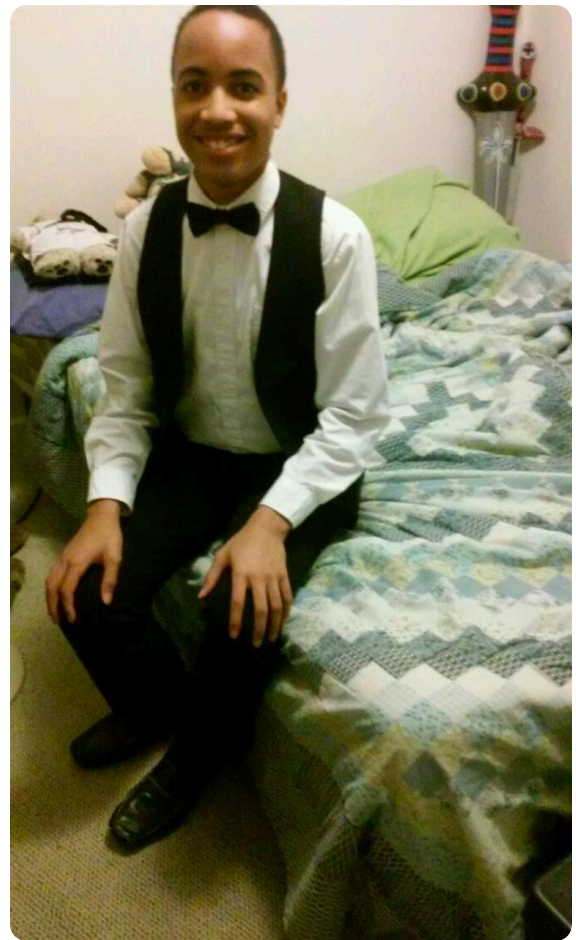
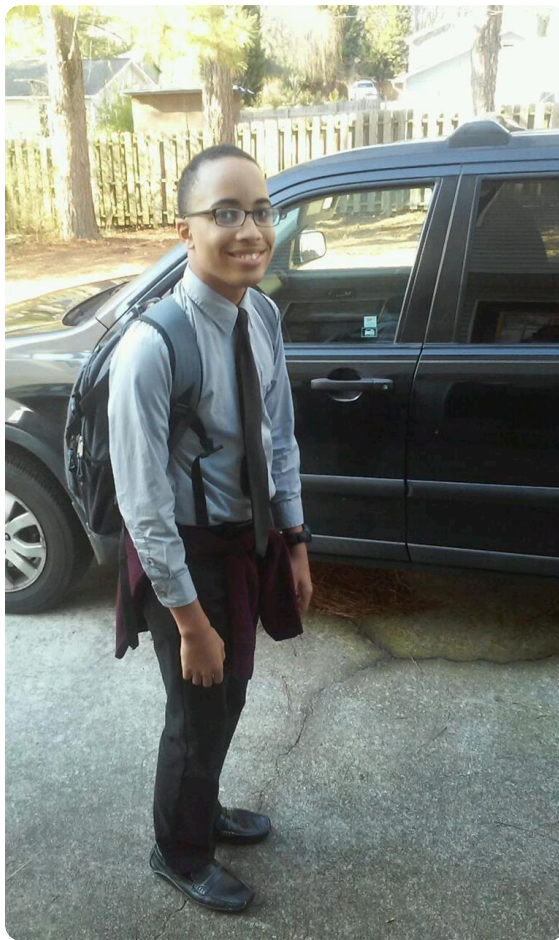
it's been one year since you left us you are truly missed we are still trying to put the pieces together you will always be my Hero gone too soon I will always love you non good bye



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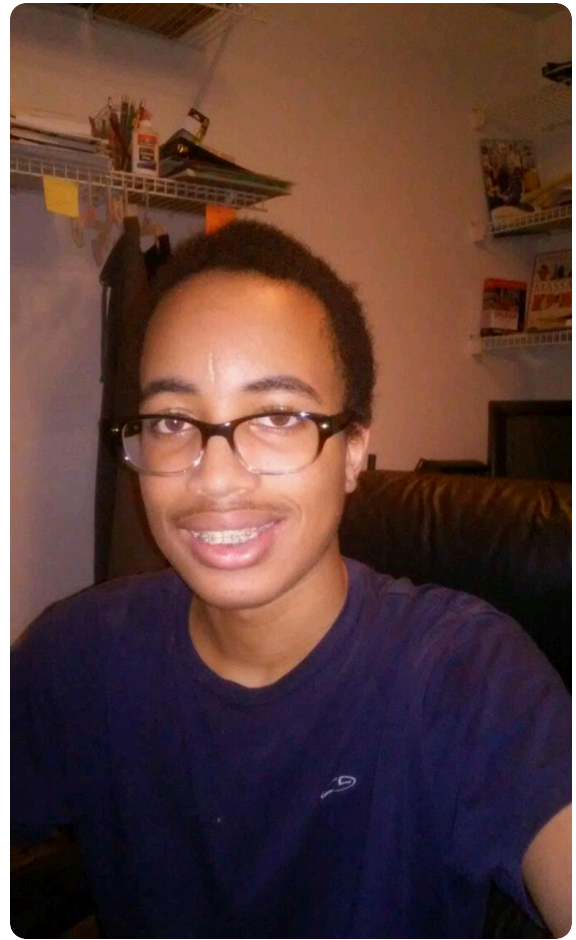






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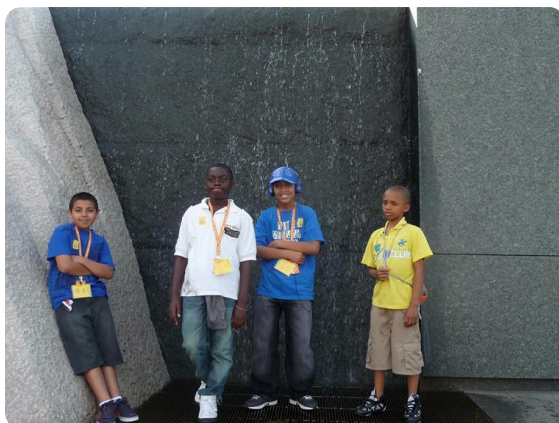
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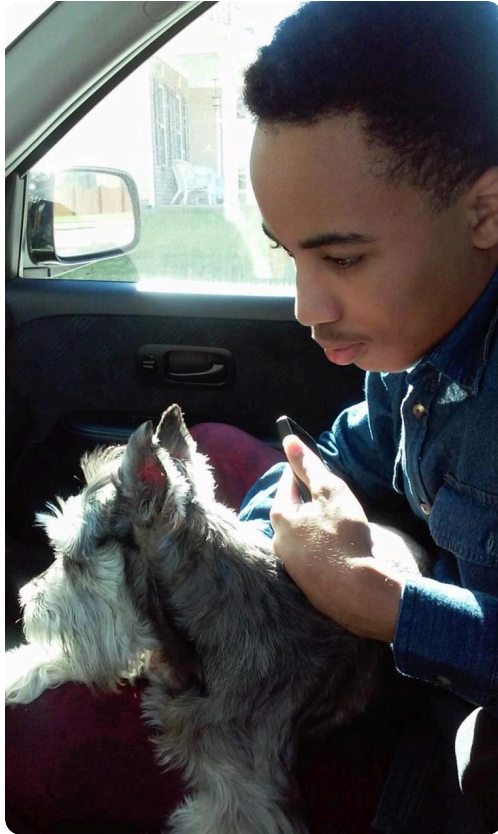
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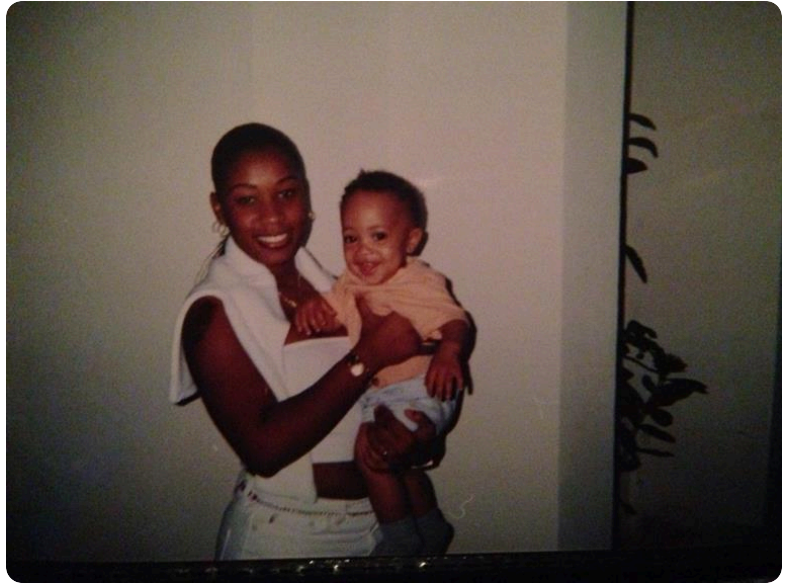
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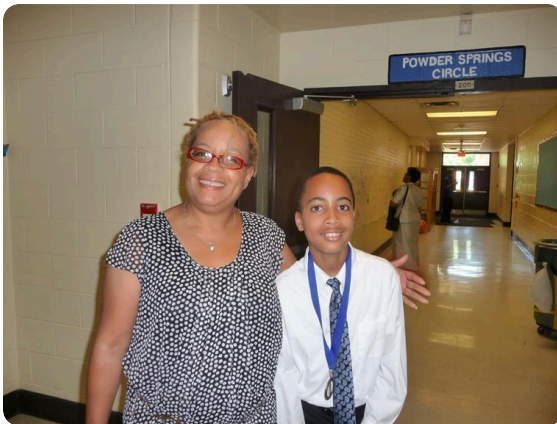
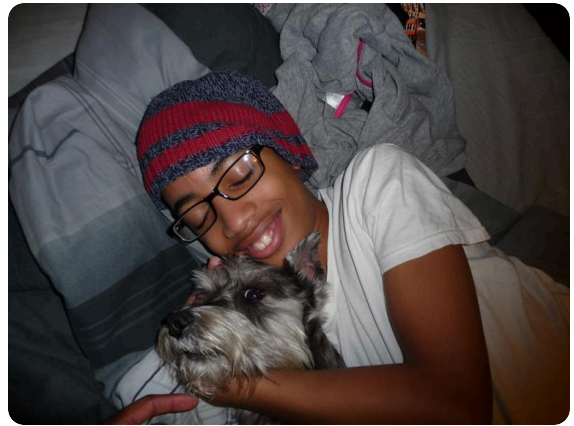
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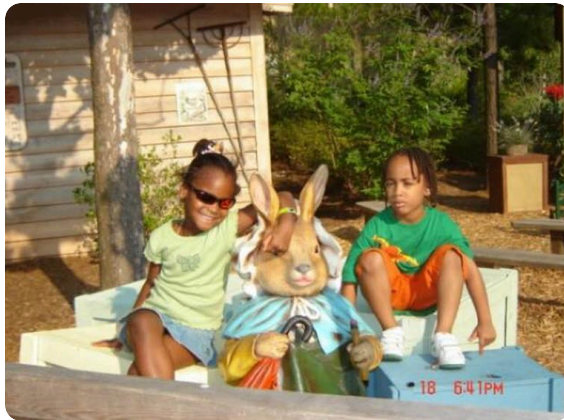














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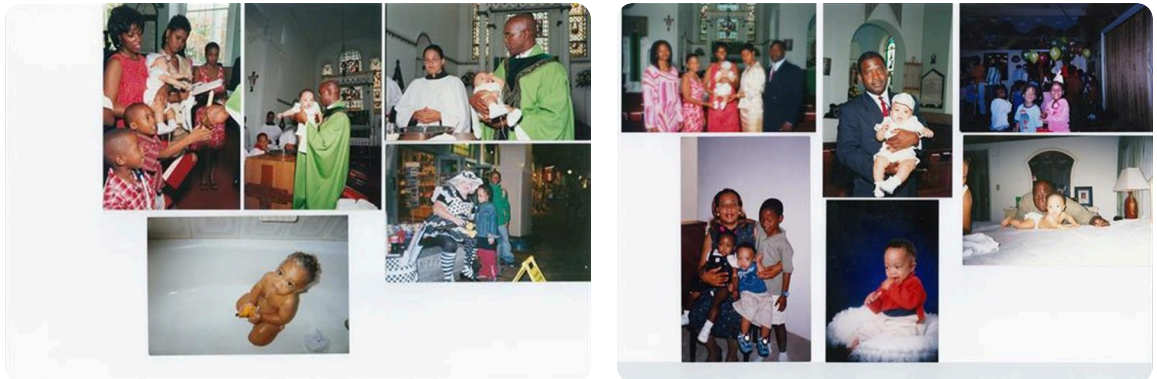






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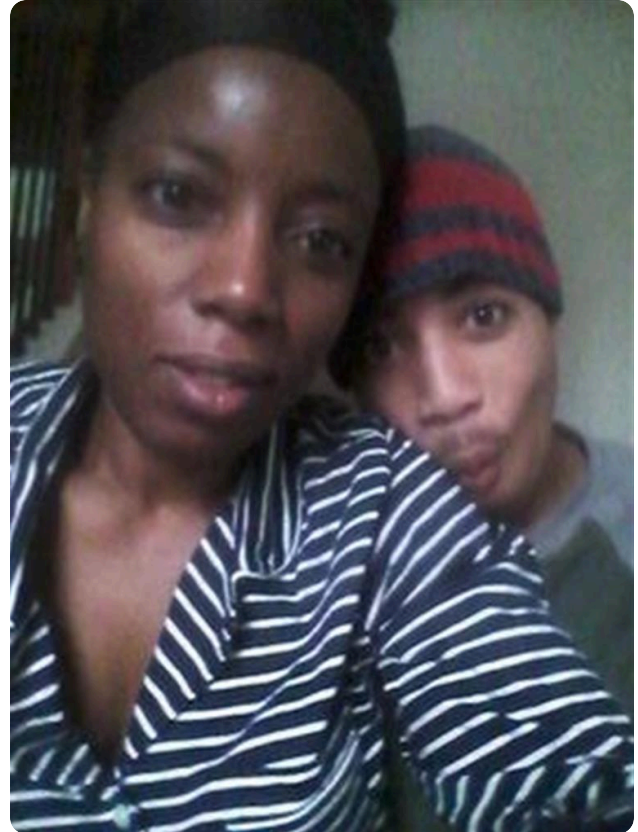


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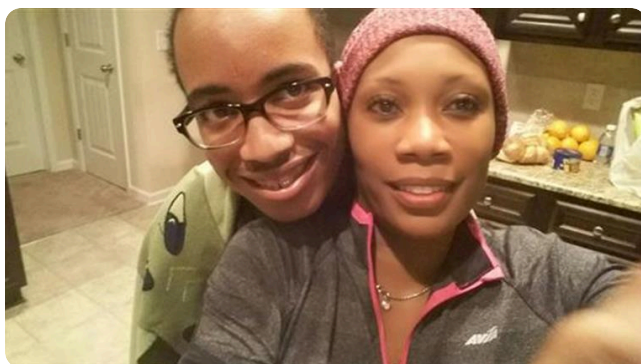
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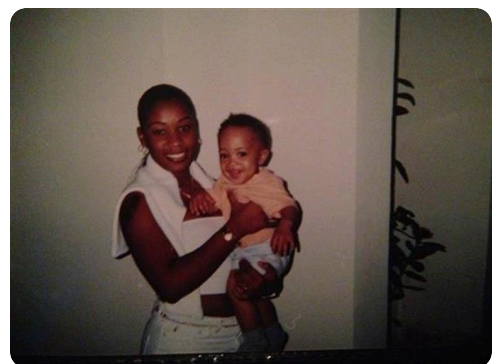
Tomari & Vic drive home from school



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Tomari & Auntie Tami



Tomari & Auntie Toni

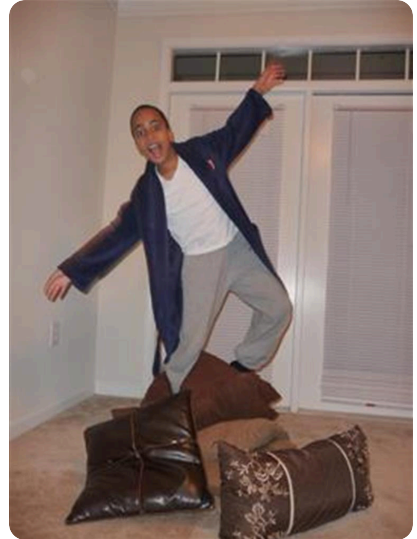


Bahamas-Early childhood

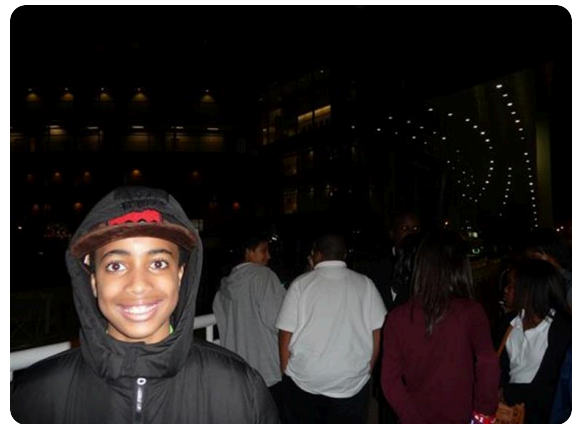


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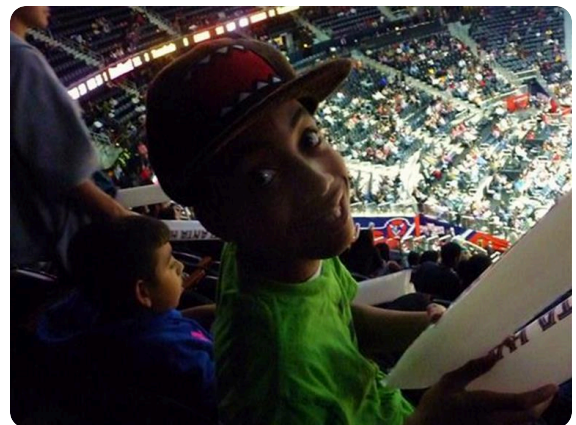






Cooper Middle

Cooper Band



Heat 'game on'

Heat vs Hawks



Tomari & Victoria



July 4th



Auntie Tami & Tomari





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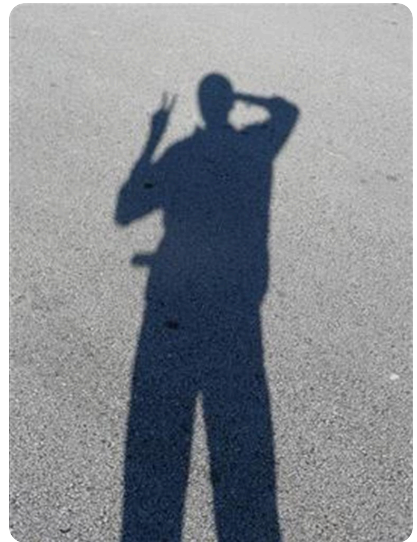
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Alivia Miller February 26 at 7:13 AM
alivia.miller@pemcorealty.com



Chilling at grand-parents house in Lady Lake FL



Tomari thought it would be kool to take pics of his shadow





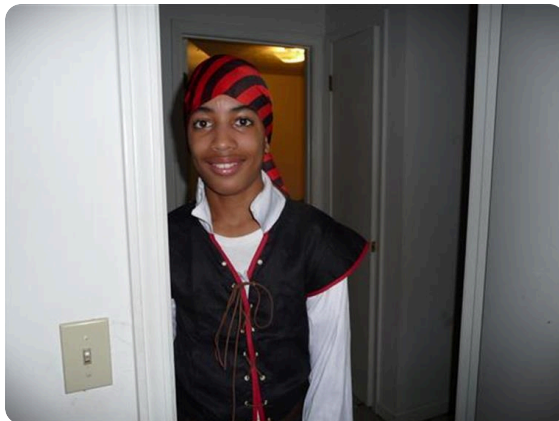
Tomari & Victor



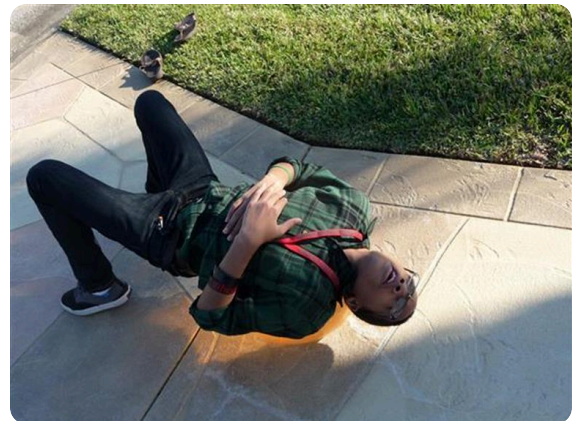
Indulging in one of our usual chats before bed



"Rrrrgh"



Halloween 2014



Lady Lake FL



Vacationing in Lady Lake at Grandparents house



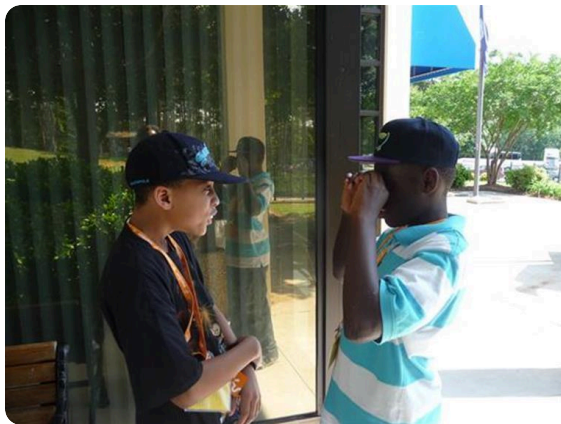
Me & Tomari after a day of riding at Santos Bike Trail
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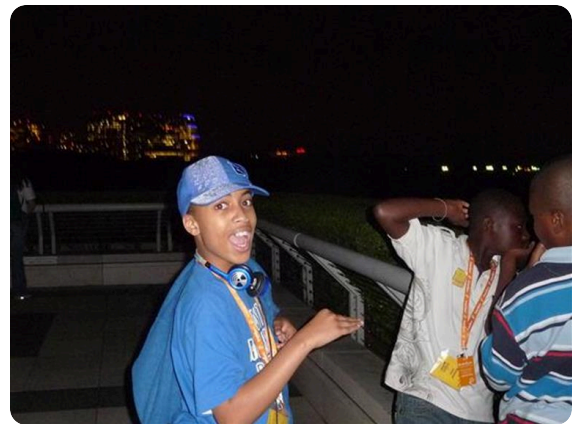


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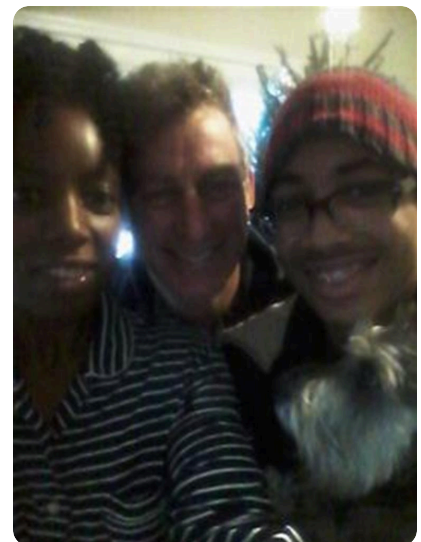






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