



## Remember Me, Flying High

Remember My goofy smile  
My laugh that was so loud  
My dreams I accomplished  
That made many so proud

The dance in my feet  
The joy I gave to those I did meet  
Rejoice for me now  
Because My assignment is complete

The struggles I faced  
The challenges I embraced  
Know I did overcome them  
Now I have finished my race

When you begin to cry  
Let God dry your eyes  
Knowing in your heart  
I am truly Flying High

Remember me, Flying High!

*Lil Dee*

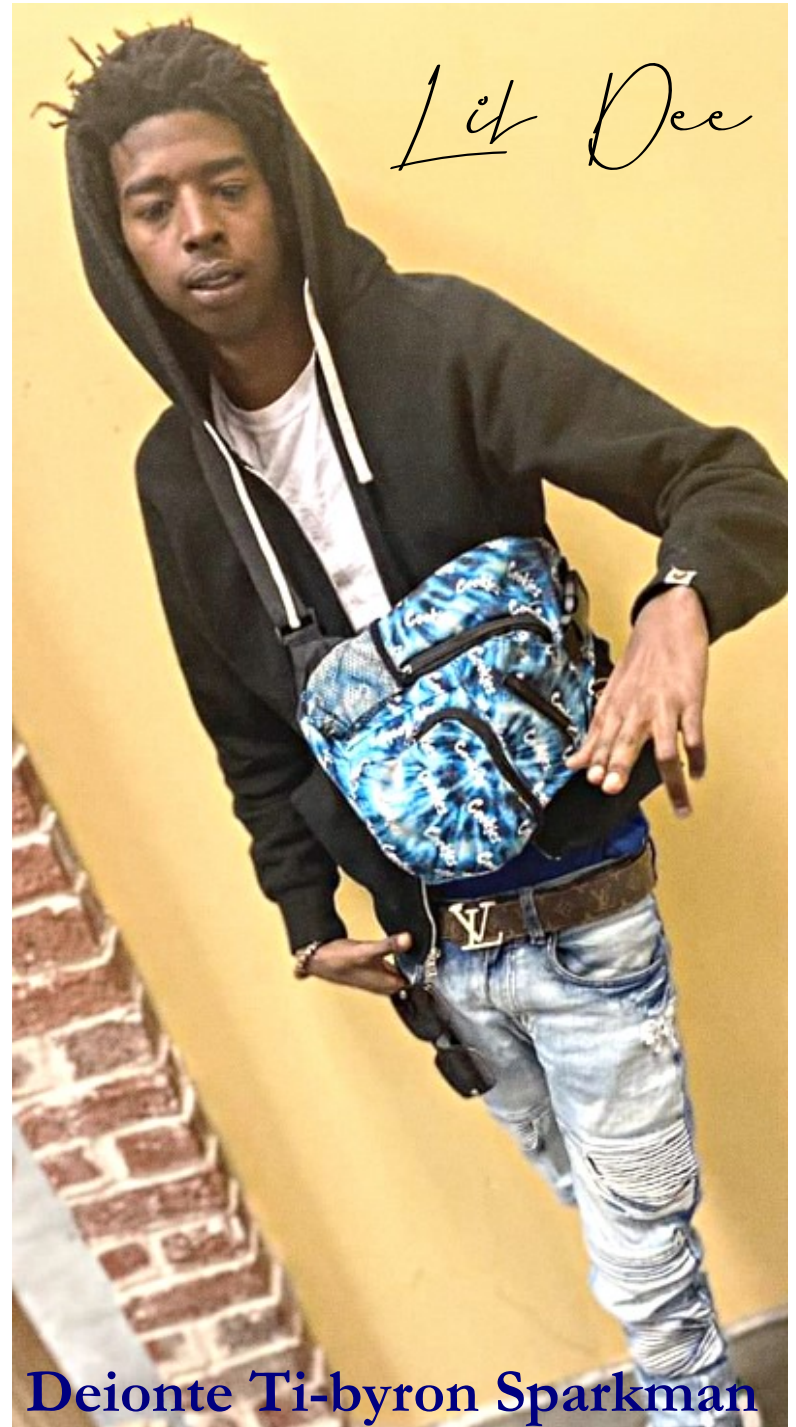
## Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation, the family expresses our sincere thanks and appreciation for your comforting expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved one. May God bless each of you.

### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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SUNRISE: AUGUST 12, 2002 - SUNSET: MAY 16, 2022



CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

**Deionte Ti-byron Sparkman**

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022  
4:00 PM  
REV. CYNTHIA P. STITT, OFFICIATING

ERVIN COMMUNITY CENTER  
913 N. PRYOR STREET  
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA



# Order of Service

## Processional

Receiving of Family and Friends  
3:30-4:00 PM

## Call to Worship

Selection  
Dre. Gills

## Prayer of Comfort

### Scripture

The Old Testament  
The New Testament

### Praise Dance

Jayviona Smith

## Reading of Obituary (Silently)

### Remarks (2 minute limit)

Marvin Clark  
Steven Peoples  
Jah Byers  
Blondell Tisdale  
George Fulwood, Jr.  
Captain Walker

### Selection

Rev. Sharon Collins

### Words of Comfort

Rev. Cynthia P. Stitt

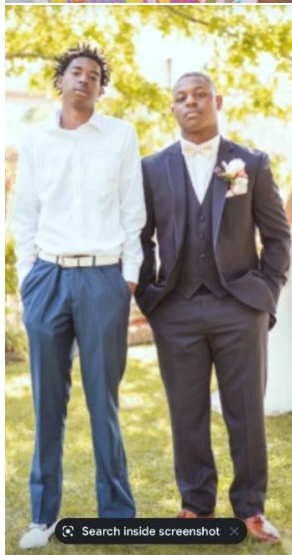
### Committal

### Benediction

## Recessional/Selection

## Floral and Pall Bearers

Friends of the Family



Lil Dee



# Life Reflections

Deionte "Lil Dee" Sparkman was born August 12, 2002, to Shedennia Clark-Peoples and Steven Peoples, Sr. in Florence, South Carolina. Dee departed this life on May 16, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Dee was educated in the Gaston County School System, graduating from Warlick Academy High School in June of 2021. After graduating, he started working with the Wendy's Corporation, and continued to work there until his death.

Dee was an active participant in several activities at the Erwin Community Center, playing basketball in recreation leagues. He played with the Erwin Center Bulldogs and Police Athletic League teams. At the Erwin Center, he was a member of the Sisters and Brothers with Purpose Program, where he learned life skills, went on exposure field trips, and mentored youth younger than him.

In his spare time, he loved to play basketball, joke with his friends, and listen to music. Dee was definitely the life of the party wherever he was.

Deionte "Lil Dee" Sparkman leaves to cherish his memory: a loving mother and father, Shedennia Clark-Peoples and Steven Peoples, Sr., of Gastonia, NC; a brother: Marvin Clark (Erica) of Columbia, SC; a sister: Gena Sparkman of Gastonia, NC, a brother: Steven Peoples, Jr., of Gastonia, NC; a sister, Lashawnda Peoples of Gastonia, NC, a brother, Aden Peoples of Gastonia, NC; a maternal grandmother and grandfather: Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale both of Florence, SC; a paternal grandmother and grandfather: Mr. and Mrs. McCallister both of Florence, SC, a special friends and mentors: Mrs. Cynthia Stitt of Gastonia, NC, Captain Adrian Walker and George Fulwood, Jr., of McAdenville, NC and a host of other family and many wonderful friends.

