

IN LOVING MEMORY

Pallbearers

Anthony Anderson
Brandon Wingo
Michael Parham, Jr.

Tony Brooks
Mark Perkins
Keon Harvey

Honorary Pallbearers

Raymond Turner
Calvin Yates
Derrick Anderson

DeMonte Yates
Imani Scruggs
Kirk Wingo

Flower Bearers

Davielle Jordan
Shay Anderson
Kamaria Thornton-Ford
TaShawna Esco
TaJe Nance

Kamari Smith
Jasmine Daniels
Antwana Hayes
Tommie Rieves
Tamese Moore

Acknowledgement

The family of Rayuanna Lovella Nicole Yates would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all for your thoughts, prayers, flowers, calls, and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to all of the bonus aunts Ray Baby has. Sylvia, Kiana, Deandra, Tanisha, Nicole, Tameeka, Chandra, Tashia, Keisha Felicia, Anitra, Bridgette and Chauntina. You ladies have been more than amazing.

Professional Services Entrusted To


Payne
Funeral Home

Jason L. Payne
Funeral Director

2119 W. 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46222
(317) 925-9099

"Serving With Love, To All Who Need Our Help."



Rayuanna
LOVELLA NICOLE YATES

Sunrise
NOVEMBER 27, 1999

Sunset
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Saturday, October 3, 2020
12 Noon

AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3445 W. 71st Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268

Apostle Jacqueline E. Powell, Officiating

CELEBRATION OF *Life*

Rayuanna Lovella Nicole Yates or Ray Baby, as she was affectionately known, was born November 27, 1999, to Tracy Payton Griffin and Calvin Yates, Jr., in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rayuanna was a student in Pike Township, where she graduated in 2018.

Ray Baby professed her faith in Jesus Christ at a young age. She was a member of Augusta Christian Church, where she made the decision to be baptized at the age of 18. She planned her own baptism and invited her family and friends.

Ray Baby was a member of Best Buddies, Special Olympics, and Visions Summer Beauty Camp. She enjoyed being involved.

Ray Baby celebrated 10 years as an active member and mentee of Divas in Red Indy, Inc., where she discovered her love of baking and entrepreneurship, travel, and sisterhood. Ray Baby aspired to become a business owner and open up her own bakery. She loved dancing, traveling, waterparks, and pools. In her free time, she was a professional texter and FaceTimer.

Ray Baby worked for Monicals Pizza in Traders Point since 2019, where she was excited about her tips and her checks. She would be ready for work hours before her shift began.

Ray Baby was preceded in death by her brother: Charles Griffin, Jr., and great-grandmother: Lovella Cannon. She will be deeply missed by her parents: Tracy Payton-Griffin (Charles Griffin) and Calvin Yates, Jr. (Drucilla); siblings: Raymond, Raven, Calvin, De'Monte, Jordan, Lucas, Deric, and Khamille; aunts: Tisa (Anthony), Tywana, Sherece, and Rita; uncles: Michael (Felicia), Mark, Derrick, Kirk, Brandon, and Tony; grandparents: Yvonne (Curtis), Michael, Raymond (Sherrie), Lillian, Calvin, Marilyn, and Carlene; nephews: Kayden and Payton; godmothers: Latasha and Bridgette (Nikki); godsisters: Antwana and Kamaria; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family, and friends.

Order of Celebration

- Scripture..... *Psalm 23*
- Prayer Apostle Jacqueline E. Powell
- Song Selection Lisa Hawkins
- Obituary Read Silently (Soft Music)
- Tributes (one minute) Friends and Family
- Poem..... Bridgette Thornton
- Acknowledgements..... Gabriel Edwards-Sanders
- Song Selection
- Words of Comfort..... Apostle Jacqueline E. Powell
- Memorial Viewing..... Payne Funeral Home
- Benediction

If Heaven Had a Cellphone

*If Heaven had a cellphone,
We would call you just to say hey,
Remind you of how much we love you, every single day.*

*If Heaven had a cellphone,
We would text you, good morning,
good afternoon, and good night.
We would make sure you knew we were doing all right.*

*If Heaven had a cellphone,
We would FaceTime you just to fuss about our day
And send you pictures that we have taken from your social media pages*

*If Heaven had a cellphone,
We would leave you a message whenever you didn't answer
And follow up with a Marco Polo, just in case you didn't get it*

*If Heaven had a cellphone
You would have to block us
'cause this unlimited talk and text plan
we have is just simply not enough.*

Bridgette Thornton