

- A Letter From Heaven -

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes,
All filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today;
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you;
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.
When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.



- Pallbearers -
Uncles

- Flower Bearers -
Cousins and Friends

- Acknowledgments -

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who have shown kindness, extended their prayers and support during our hour of grief. We thank you for the many encouraging words, telephone calls and giving spirit. We want to extend a very special thanks to Arkal and the Auburn Police Department. We would also like to thank Grace at Children's Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

- Repast -
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

- In Memoriam -

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Novah Aaliyah Welch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
1:00 P.M.

WESTVIEW CEMETERY
Auburn, Alabama

PASTOR JONES

- Obituary -

Novah Aaliyah Welch was born August 31, 2020 in Opelika, Alabama to Portia Winchester and Deont'a Welch at East Alabama Medical Center.

Novah was preceded in death by grandparents, Adrian Welch and Lajuan Winchester.

She leaves to cherish her memories, loving and devoted parents; mother, Portia Winchester; father, Deont'a Welch; four sisters, Miracle Winchester, Zorianna Foster, Iryanna Wright and Marley Winchester; three brothers, Jamarcus Greathouse, Demario Pitts and Jay Oliver; two grandparents, Tijuana (Yemi) Dowdell and Tesha (Patrick) Winchester; six aunts, Aleshia Dowdell, Quientasha Dowdell, Malika Winchester, Khadijah Winchester, Lapatria Winchester and Pearl Humphrey; four uncles, Dekoven Dowdell, Mario Winchester, Cedriquez (Jenee) Hunt and Reverend Louis Winchester; five special cousins, Harmony Dowdell, Jamarvia Johnson, Christian Dowdell, Jaleah Winchester and Ja'lady Winchester; a special aunt, Olympia Dowdell; godparents, Marquette Spinks, Lori Mennefield and Dominic Macon; several great grandparents, great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends.

- Our Hearts -

Our heart is split in two;
One side filled with memories,
The other side died with you.
We often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon our cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
We hold you tightly within our hearts,
And there you will remain.
You see, life has gone on without you,
But it will never be the same.

Love Always, Mom and Dad

- If Roses Grow In Heaven -

If roses grow in Heaven Lord,
Please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in my Sister's arms.
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her that we love and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek.
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
We do it every day,
But there's an ache within our hearts.
That will never go away.

Love Always, Your Siblings

- My Dearest Niece -

My Dearest Niece Novah,
I thought of you today, but that's nothing new. I thought of you yesterday, and I'll think of you all the days ahead. I think of you in silence. Who would have known you would leave me so soon. Now all I have are memories of you, Pooh. My heart hurts because you were the last little piece of me. If I could have given you the breath you needed, I would have. I'll always have you in my heart, but God has you in His keeping!

Love always, Auntie Leshia!

- My Angel -

I had so many plans for me and you, but God had bigger plans for you. Only if I had gotten a chance to hold and kiss you before God called you home to be with him, I know you put on a good fight before you left. Tell Mamma, Gma, and my son I said hello, I love you, my angel. I'll see you on the other side when I get there.

Love Your Auntie, Lee-Lee

- Order of Service -

Musical Selection Ilesha Barnes

Scripture and Prayer Pastor Jones

Obituary..... Read Silently

Eulogy..... Pastor Jones

Acknowledgments

Solo Ilesha Barnes

Solo Pastor Jones

Prayer Kelvin Jackson

Committal

Benediction

Dear Novah,
The night that I first held you for the first time, I never knew you could ever get to know or love a person that fast. You were almost a year-old, I wanted to see you get big and see what you would do with your life. I knew when you were in the womb that you were going to be a very sassy girl. I love you so much. I always wanted to protect you in any way that I could. Sometimes, I didn't know these things could happen in reality. I see these kinds of things in movies, and I would say, "it's just a movie," not knowing these things can really happen. You are surrounded by love. I want Auntie to read this to you even though I'm not there to read it to you myself. Bye, Mamma, I love you so much!!

Love, Harmony