

# CELEBRATION OF LIFE AARON HIGGS

DECEMBER 26, 1978 - FEBRUARY 6, 2022



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022  
3:00 P.M.

WILLIE A. WATKINS RIVERDALE CHAPEL  
6580 Church Street  
Riverdale, Georgia 30274

Pastor Jeremiah Johnson, Officiant

# OBITUARY

Aaron Vernell Higgs was born in 1978, the day after Christmas to his mother, Karen Higgs, who later married Lesley Knox who provided love and support as a stepparent for Aaron in his early years. His natural born father was not in Aaron's life.

Aaron was a talented artist who sketched pencil portraits of his family and famous people. In his youth, he played the keyboard and enjoyed composing music aspiring to be a movie music composer.

Born in Miami, his family moved to North Carolina and later relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. The family grew as they welcomed Jermaine, Joel and eventually, Jason, into the world. When Aaron was 11 years old, his mother separated from her husband and later returned to Florida in 1989. After their divorce, Aaron remained in Miami growing up with his younger brother, Jason, in the Kendall area. At age 13, Aaron had a medical diagnosis of a mental health condition and completed his high school years in an institution. After graduating from high school, Aaron left Miami to live in Texas and then New York City.

In New York in 1999, Aaron ended up serving time for selling drugs until December 2004. By the next year, in November 2005 to 2008 he was again incarcerated for illegal arms possession. In late 2009, he went to prison again for illegal arms possession until late 2014. During this period, Aaron became Rastafarian and met Kristen Shalon Candella, a phlebotomist, in 2016 who became his long time girlfriend.

In 2017, just before being incarcerated again Aaron and his beloved Kristen were trying to get pregnant, sadly suffering a miscarriage and was unsuccessful. Aaron and Kristen continued their relationship until Aaron was released from prison June 2021. Kristen was a strong support and influence in Aaron's life. Aaron had plans to change his life and build a food truck business in New York.

Aaron began a quiet life working in the food service industry. He lived alone and was reunited with his beloved Kristen. That relationship ended in a few months. Aaron enjoyed a peaceful life with his orange pet cat, Heathcliff, until his death February 6, 2022.

He leaves behind a loving mother, Karen Knox, and three close brothers, Jermaine, Joel and Jason Knox, his aunt Kathy Cooper, his uncle Paul Hackett, his great aunts Katherine and Edith Higgs, his great uncle Keith Clarke, a number of cousins and close friends. His natural born father is deceased.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional .....Clergy, Family & Friends

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading .....Pastor Jeremiah Johnson

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer .....Pastor Jeremiah Johnson

Video Tribute

Reflections (*two minutes please*) ..... Family & Friends

Musical Selection

Eulogy .....Pastor Jeremiah Johnson

Acknowledgements .....Willie A. Watkins Staff

Recessional

## SCATTERING OF ASHES

Big Springs Park

64 Veterans Drive

McDonough, Georgia 30253

## REPAST

368 Interlake Pass

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the time of bereavement. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless each one of you.



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