



Tadarius Marquise Massey

December 19, 2004 - August 14, 2024

Today, we gather to celebrate the life of Tadarius Marquise Massey, also known as T.D., Tad, Tadpole, Nemo, Elmo, and Walkk. He was T.D. to his mom; Tad to his uncles, aunts, and cousins; Tadpole to his Auntie Sue; Nemo and Elmo to his cousins; and Walkk to his homeboys. All his affectionate nicknames were given to him by those who loved him.

If you had to describe Tadarius with one word, it would be PERSEVERANCE, which is defined as determining to keep on going in the face of setbacks and challenges. Tadarius was born to his mother, Susanna Massey, on a Sunday afternoon at 12:08 p.m. on December 19, 2004, at Memorial Health University Hospital in Savannah, GA. Although born prematurely, weighing only one pound twelve ounces, Tadarius PERSEVERED and thrived because after only two days in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), our miracle baby was breathing on his own. What a fighter and an overcomer!

As a baby, he PERSEVERED to live being born prematurely; as a toddler, he PERSEVERED to overcome his health challenges; as an adolescent, he PERSEVERED to overcome peer pressure; as a teenager, he PERSEVERED to excel in high school by maintaining his grades, conduct, and passing his tests to graduate. Tadarius was his loving and devoted mother Susanna's only child, who was her pride and joy. The two were inseparable, always together.

When you saw one you saw the other. They were two peas in a pod. He was her shadow as well as her protector. They loved and cared for each other deeply with a bond that will never be broken, even in death. He will forever be her Sunshine and the apple of hereye.

Tadarius brought so much love into this world. He was a loving child who often demonstrated it by giving hugs to everyone. He was a handsome young man with a beautiful smile that melted your heart. His big brown eyes could light up any room as they sparkled as bright as the glistening sun and as brilliant as the moon. Also, he was intelligent who loved building and putting things together whether it was Legos or model cars. In fact, he wanted to become an auto mechanic after graduation.

Tadarius was energetic and athletic. As a youth, he played flag football and T-ball. As a student at Maitland Middle School, Tadarius was a member of the track team, competing in many track meets. Also, while at Maitland M.S., he was a Golden Hawks chorus member performing in concerts and recitals. While attending Maryville High School in Maryville, TN, Tadarius was a wide receiver for the Rebels football team.

Tadarius recently graduated from Ocoee High School on May 30, 2024. His PERSEVERANCE and hard work paid off as he walked across the stage to receive his diploma. This great achievement was a joyous and momentous occasion for Tadarius, as well as for his mother and his family. His family celebrated this milestone with him at the restaurant of his choice, Outback Steakhouse. Not only was his family celebrating him, but also present was a group of retired schoolteachers who serenaded Tadarius with several songs and dances. They were just as proud of him and his accomplishment as his family was. They brought a big smile to his face and Tadarius was even rocking to the beat.

Tadarius was an industrious young man who began working at the age of fifteen. His first job was at a Zaxby's restaurant in Maryville, TN. After he started working and making his own money, Tadarius never stopped working. He continued working for several other fast-food restaurants and his most recent job was at a Subway restaurant. As Tadarius' Subway manager saw his dedication and commitment to his job, she entrusted him with more job responsibilities which he performed very well. Tadarius also had a side hustle to earn additional money. He offered his services to his uncles, aunts, and others in the neighborhood by cutting grass, raking leaves, washing cars, or using his muscles to help them to move.

Tadarius as a young teenager accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior under the leadership of Pastors Andrew & Dr. Cheryl Johnson, at Rose of Sharon Life Changing Ministries. During that time he was also baptized. He actively participated in the Rose B.U.D.S Youth Ministry serving as a Youth Usher and participating in Game Nights and Teen Bible Study at Rose of Sharon. His claim to fame was winning the pie eating contest at the Fall Festival.

The Bible says in Psalm 116: 15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Tadarius was precious to his heavenly Father, his loving mother, and to all those who loved him. Sadly, our precious and beloved Tadarius was called home on August 14, 2024, at 1:30 pm to live eternally with his heavenly Father. The Good Lord allowed Tadarius to spend 19 years, 7 months, 26 days, 1 hour, 22 minutes on earth with us. To God be the Glory for His wonderful blessings!

Tadarius was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Garnie L. and Robert L. Massey, Sr.

Tadarius leaves precious memories to a loving and devoted Mother, Susanna Massey; Uncles: Gregory Grant, Robert Massey, Jr.; Torrie Massey, Sr. (Nafeesah); JoeNathan Massey; and Shiron Massey. Grandmother: Theresa Tucker; Aunts: Lynnetta White and Lytonia Tucker; God Mother: Shamehia Wynn, and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

AUG 31. 2:30 PM (ET)

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1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *J. Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



J. Williams - December 21, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JW

“ *I didn't know Tadarius at all, but I wish I did. I just so happen to came across his story via social media. His story shattered my heart. Reading his obituary, he seemed like an astonishing young man. To the family, friends, I am sincerely sorry for your loss; he did not deserve to go through that and I hope and pray you all get the justice you deserve. You all are all in my thoughts, heart, and prayers during this difficult time.*



J. Williams - December 21, 2024 at 03:48 PM

TG

“ *Toyea P Gunn lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



toyea p gunn - August 31, 2024 at 09:15 PM

KD

“ *Kristie Dennison lit a candle in memory of
Tadarius Marquise Massey*



Kristie Dennison - August 27, 2024 at 11:40 AM

LW

“ *♥ Nephew♥*

You gave no one a last farewell,nor never said goodbye . You were gone before we knew it,and only God knows why. A million times we will miss.

you,a million times we will cry. In our hearts you hold a place,no one else can ever fill. It broke our ♥♥ hearts to lose you,but you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you,the day God took you home. I'm so grateful that God chose me as one of your Aunts while you were here on earth.

*♥♥Loved beyond words♥♥
Missed beyond measure!!!!*

You will always and forever be in Auntie ♥ Heart.



Lynnetta White - August 26, 2024 at 10:23 AM

LW

“ *Lynnetta White lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



Lynnetta White - August 26, 2024 at 09:43 AM

SK

“ *To be honest I'm not entirely sure how to express what I feel. I just know I'm in pain. I grew up with Tadarius, I learned him, I respected him, I cared for him, I loved him. We share so many memories and went through so many aspects of life together and now I have to carry them alone. I'm so hurt for his mother and his family. I truly appreciate his mom for creating such a beautiful person, so full of life and ambition even though sometimes it wasn't the right way to go. Tadarius and I had multiple ups and downs, a few times we went without talking for months but we always bounced back. I'm just so in denial about it all. I wish I could have said goodbye or spoken to him one last time, heard him laugh, saw him smile.... He always checked on me to make sure I was okay and always wanted to see me smiling, came to my house just for hugs and a conversation. Can't believe he is gone. I know he's in a better place. This world is wicked and cruel. Bless him and his family. His mother is in my prayers. My condolences- Sadé*



Sadé King - August 24, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SS

Very BEAUTIFUL comment.continue to cherish the memories of your dear friend.Praying for you and the family of this young man.

Shelia Simmons - August 28, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LP

“ *LaShanda Perkins lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



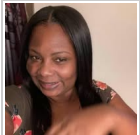
LaShanda Perkins - August 23, 2024 at 01:17 PM

LP

“ *LaShanda LaTrell Perkins lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



LaShanda LaTrell Perkins - August 23, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *MzTisha Love lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



MzTisha Love - August 22, 2024 at 08:03 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



Terric Durden - August 21, 2024 at 03:22 AM

JA

“ *Jackie sent a virtual gift in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



Jackie - August 20, 2024 at 09:16 PM

JA

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Family and friends. I'm so sorry for your loss. The Bible tells us Weeping may Endure for a night but Joy cometh in the morning. Stay Strong in the Lord. Love Jackie.*

Jackie - August 20, 2024 at 09:16 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Grant lit a candle in memory of Tadarius Marquise Massey*



Patricia Grant - August 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM