



Jamel Kenyatta Murphy

May 26, 1975 - May 19, 2022

Our beloved Jamel Kenyatta Murphy was born May 26, 1975, to the late Barbara A Smith-Murphy and Alton L Murphy Jr. He entered eternal life on May 19, 2022.

A graduate of Highland Springs High School, Jamel had a love for cars that he acquired from his dad. He worked at a Honda dealership as an auto mechanic. Later, he moved to Atlanta where he worked at BMW as a head mechanic until opening his own business as an auto mechanic and auto sales. He could tell you what was wrong with a car by how you described what was going on with it.

Jamel loved people. If he saw a need, whether friend or stranger, he would extend his hand to help. He had a love for kids. To them, he was Uncle Mel. He enjoyed having fun, laughing, and joking. We could count on Jamel to have a good time when he came in town. He loved cooking on the grill and being with his family. Mel promised a great time for those who traveled to Atlanta. He had a kind and loving heart.

After his mother passed, Jamel devoted his time to taking care of his father who suffered from early stages of dementia until he became ill. They did everything together. They went to car shows, concerts, movies, cookouts and many other outings together. He had a love for Virginia Tech as well as the

Atlanta Falcons. He also loved his dogs Blue and Buddy.

Jamel was preceded in death by Barbara A Smith-Murphy (mother) and AlVeda (sister). He leaves to cherish his memory Alton L Murphy Jr (father) and J'Quann (brother), Mai'Layah (niece) and Messiah (nephew) Murphy, a loving and devoted aunt Brenda Jefferson McLaurin who he loved dearly and affectionately called "Ma" and she called him Albert. When he came to town, he looked forward to eating her delicious chitterlings cooked especially for him. Two dedicated and devoted cousins Sherri S Jefferson who was more like a sister than a cousin and Shacara B Hayes who he treated like a daughter. One special friend who he cared for dearly and stuck by his side and a host of aunts and uncles Eddie Murphy (Sarah), Aaron Murphy (Debra), Ronte Murphy (Shirley); Deborah Peterson (Jackie), Brenda Jefferson McLaurin (Reginald), Cheryl Murphy, Velma Samuels, Tony Mclaurin (Des), James Jones, a great uncle George Murphy and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Jamel's philosophy was YOLO "You Only Live Once". He always said don't limit yourself. If it's something you want to do or never did, do it. We are only given one life and we should live it to the fullest. And he did.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 2. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with live streaming

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jamel Kenyatta Murphy, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - June 01, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Jamel Kenyatta Murphy*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I will miss you Jamel I enjoyed working with you at Westport.. I love you..*

Always Brookie (brooks)

Keseanda Brooks - June 03, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jamel Kenyatta Murphy.*



May 31, 2022 at 05:58 AM

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“ Mountain West Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jamel Kenyatta Murphy.



Mountain West Church - May 26, 2022 at 01:28 PM

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“ Jamel even though we were cousins you were like a brother to me. I can still here saying Cupcake what you doing, lol. You would call once a week just to check on me a Cara. Lord we had some good times and made some great memories none will replace your physical presence. I remember when Mia and Cara were small a you would pick the up and keep them all day just to give me a break. And that year the super bowl was in Atlanta and told us to drive down you showed us the best time ever. You loved your family and you touched each one of us in your own special way. And anytime anyone came to Atlanta you made sure you showed them a good time but on Sunday morning you let it be known that we were going to church. You were not afraid to acknowledge God's presence in your life. I looked up to you because when I saw all that you were doing with your life it made me proud. You are definitely a gift that was shared with us and I'm glad I had a front row seat. Your were my best friend my brother and most of all my hero! I will miss you but I will NEVER forget you and joy and laughter you brought into our lives.... Cupcake

Sherri (Cupcake) - May 25, 2022 at 07:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jamel Kenyatta Murphy.*



May 25, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *I am very sorry to learn of this news.*

Suzanne Ecklund - May 25, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - May 23, 2022 at 03:37 PM