



## Maleek M. Surrette

September 23, 2004 - September 13, 2020

Maleek Malachi Surrette, the beloved son of Major Surrette and Yolanda Miller, was born on September 23, 2004. He was tragically taken from us on Sunday, September 13, 2020 (just ten days before his 16th birthday).

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an old African adage applicable to raising the average child but Maleek was far from average. It took several villages to raise him because his frenetic energy could not be contained by just one. In all things, Maleek just wanted to be free.

Academically, Maleek was a straight 'A' student in Math and Science. Because of his keen interest in these subjects, he attended the Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aeronautics Academy, a K-12 program at Morgan State University. He was fascinated by drone technology. He attended a summer camp and after school program offered by Global Air Media, LLC. He was super proud of the drone he made after attending this program although it ended up on the roof of his grandmother Mary Surrette's house.

Outside of school, Maleek's creativity was channeled through art lessons with his cousin and renowned artist, Darren Guest. Music was another creative outlet he pursued through African drum, regular drum, guitar and flute lessons. Along his path, Maleek met and was mentored by Sensi Carl Matthews who taught him karate and (best of all) loved him like a son.

In 2014, Maleek participated in the Mentoring Male Teens (in the Hood) a program run by Cameron Miles at New Shiloh Baptist Church. To help him calm his restless spirit, in 2016 Maleek began practicing yoga as part of Changa Bell's Black Male Yoga Initiative. Changa was another mentor who loved and counseled Maleek. Londyn de Richelieu also took Maleek under her Angel wings. She loved Maleek like a son, took him everywhere with her, counseled him and cultivated his love of the finer things in life.

Anyone who knew Maleek knew he was a troubled and restless soul. As happy as you were to see him come, you were equally happy to see him leave. This doesn't mean you didn't love Maleek, it just took all your energy to keep up with his. He was a constantly moving ball of energy. He can best be described as "erky." He loved doing things to drive you nuts. Maleek could have tried the patience of Job, but we still loved him and that's all he ever wanted.

He was preceded by grandparents: Major Surrette Sr. and Michael E. Miller Sr. Maleek left to mourn a loving father and mother, Major Surrette and Yolanda Miller; Brothers Dominic, Allen Michael, Akiel, and Pierre. Sisters London, Tashawna, Keyonna, A'liyah and Lailah; Grandparents Mary Surrette and Regina Branch; Aunt Kizzy Miller; cousins Nigel, Shiand and Zuri Miller; a host of other aunts, uncles and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## viewing

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

SEP **25.** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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(410) 542-2400  
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## Service

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SEP **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Maleek M. Surrrette, Please Click the Link below.



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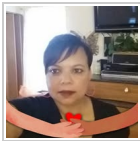
**March Funeral Homes** - September 21, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Maleek M. Surrrette*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I had the opportunity to meet you cousin last year for the very first time. It was truly a pleasure because I could see the resemblance we all shared together. May you Rest In Peace..you will never be forgotten!*

*Michelle Branch  
Hampton, Va*



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**Michelle Branch** - September 25, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *To the Surrrette Family. I am sending my condolences to each and everyone of you. He is my youngest grandson. Prayers to all of you.*

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**Regina Branch-Austin** - September 25, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Maleek M. Surrette.*



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September 24, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Maleek M. Surrette.*



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September 23, 2020 at 08:02 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 17, 2020 at 08:23 AM