



Markiya Simone Dickson

March 2, 2010 - May 26, 2019

Markiya Simone Dickson Whitfield was born to Mark Whitfield, Sr. and Ciara Dickson on March 2, 2010 in Richmond, Virginia. Markiya came in the world with a beautiful smile that will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

Markiya was a full time student at Crestwood Elementary School and often spoke about the amazing days she spent with her awesome teacher, Miss Crystal. She would often highlight her enjoyment of being able to visit her sister, Samaya's, classroom and check on her as much as she could!

Markiya was also a full time sister to Samaya and her little brother Mark Jr. When she wasn't at school, she spent her time enjoying their company. As sisters, Samaya and Markiya would often make videos on Tik Tok and their YouTube channel which allowed her to show off two of her favorite attributes, singing and dancing. Although youthful, Markiya also managed to find herself working at her family owned restaurant, Sallie's Kitchen, as a greeter. She would flash her unforgettable smile to customers as they entered, often resulting in obtaining her goal, a gift of cheese sticks, which was a favorite dish of hers. Markiya was full of surprises. She enjoyed writing and drawing whether on paper, computers or tablets as she had a knack for electronics early. Some of her writings revealed that she was also fascinated with spy training, which is obviously top secret, so be sure not to repeat it.

Her selfless spirit and love for family and friends was displayed throughout the community by her willingness to help others with her hugs. Markiya's open personality and glorious smile was certain to brighten your day.

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, Markiya knew that death is not to be feared as the absolute end, because the dead who are "in God's memory" will be resurrected.

Markiya is survived by her loving parents, Mark Whitfield, Sr. and Ciara Dickson; brother, Mark Whitfield, Jr.; sister, Samaya Dickson; grandparents, Preston and Cheryl Dickson; uncles, Dion Tuell, Sr., Shawn Whitfield and Anton Whitfield; aunts, Monique Whitfield and Heather Lewis (Lavar); great aunts, Tawney Rawlings (Bruce) and Melody Whitfield; great uncles, Jeronald Tuell (Dawn), Brian Tuell, Darian Tuell and Darius Tuell; cousins, Kalen Henderson, Korey Henderson, Dion Tuell, Jr., Tiawni Tuell, Cordell Tuell, Keshona Hardy, Derrica Cash, Davionna Brown, Precious Jones, Mija Lewis, Ky'von Whitfield, My'kalai Hieskill, My'kel Hieskill, Jy'mir Hieskill, Armonni Jones, Levar Lewis Jr., Kahlia Lewis, Landn Lewis, Nekitra Tuell, Robert Mitchell (Clorissa) and Taylor Mitchell, and host of other relatives, close friends, and classmates.

Cemetery Details

Maury Cemetery

2700 Maury Street
Richmond, VA 23224

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Arthur Ashe Junior Athletic Center
3001 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd.
Richmond, VA 23230

Tribute Wall



“ *Markiya Simone Dickson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was Markiya's reading tutor at Crestwood ES this year. It was an honor to work with her and watch her grow to love reading. Indeed she did like pink. That was the color marker she would always grab to work with. I enjoyed her stories about home events and how excited she was for her Birthday celebration this year. The last time we passed in the hall I received that big Markiya smile and a hug. She was such a personable young lady. May God continue to give you strength through this difficult hour.*

Martha Flinn

Martha Flinn - June 09, 2019 at 02:41 PM



So sad to hear. LORD, heal her Mother, grandmother, father family and friends.

Sandra Preston - July 04, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the family. Our hearts are heavy as we too mourn the loss of Markiya. We are reminded of her father Mark's words at Markiya's vigil, "Learn to love everybody." May God Bless You All! Citizens Against Crime Inc., founded by Alicia Rasin.*

Albertina Rasin Walker - June 07, 2019 at 06:01 PM

RB

“ From me & my staff at the Knolls 3 Cafe at Capitol One we send our sincere condolences to Cierra, Mark & the Family during this difficult time. I pray God give you peace, strength & understanding....



Regina Bracey - June 07, 2019 at 09:57 AM

NH

“ TO THE FAMILY OF MARKIYA WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS JUST TO THINK ABOUT IT WE WAS OUT THERE THAT DAY SHE WAS PLAYING WITH MY DAUGHTER WATCHING THE HORSES IT HURTS MY SOUL JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. THE FAMILY IS IN OUR PRAYS



FROM: NICOLE & DONT'E HARRIS (P.I.T AUTO CLUB FAMILY) SENDS OUR PRAYERS

Nicole Harris - June 07, 2019 at 08:22 AM

KH

“ Karen Harris lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



Karen Harris - June 06, 2019 at 10:40 PM

LW

“ *Markiya was a classmate of my son Campbell. He said she was kind, loved anything to do with unicorns and loved to laugh. He said one time he and his classmate Cameron made Markiya laugh so hard she had tears coming out of her eyes. She will truly be missed.*

Leslie Wert - June 06, 2019 at 05:43 PM

DM

“ *I would like to say to Markiya family that this trying time has to be difficult for you. I feel like she is a part of our family. It saddens me that here life ended so young from our family to yours we send our love. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Dale Moser - June 06, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Markiya Simone Dickson.*



June 06, 2019 at 11:05 AM

MM

“ *Maleata Nettles & Jemia Mason purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Markiya Simone Dickson.*



Maleata Nettles & Jemia Mason - June 06, 2019 at 09:56 AM

DJ

“ Dale Jennings lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



Dale Jennings - June 06, 2019 at 09:49 AM

Lakeshia Thomas

“ My condolences to your family you are in our prayers from the Thomas family



Lakeshia Thomas - June 05, 2019 at 08:28 PM

DA

My condolences to you and family love you all .

Deborah Allen - June 05, 2019 at 08:29 PM

TJ

“ My condolences to the family....



tashawn jones - June 05, 2019 at 07:12 PM

KK

“ *Ke e lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson*



Ke e ke e - June 05, 2019 at 06:49 PM

AJ

“ *My Condolences to the family*

angela jones - June 05, 2019 at 06:47 PM

EB

“ *My condolences to the family...*



Eric "PeWe" Boisseau - June 05, 2019 at 06:32 PM

YF

“ *Your Friends in FDIR purchased the Pretty Pleas e for the family of Markiya Simone Dickson.*



Your Friends in FDIR - June 05, 2019 at 04:19 PM

YG

“ Yvonne Green lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



Yvonne Green - June 05, 2019 at 01:00 PM

TB

“ Tracy Barr lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



Tracy Barr - June 05, 2019 at 11:50 AM

DR

“ My sincerest condolences to the parents and family of little Markiya. May God give you the strength, love and comfort to endure this loss. You all will remain in my thoughts and prayers.



*Dana Redfern
Crestwood E.S. parent*

Dana Redfern - June 05, 2019 at 11:19 AM

JA

“ JACQUELINE lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



JACQUELINE - June 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM

JA

May GOD continue to wrap his arms around you ...

JACQUELINE - June 04, 2019 at 09:44 AM

CH

“ Pumpkin Patch with Samala and Taniyah



Cassandra Henderson - June 03, 2019 at 08:05 PM

MM

“ Melissa Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson



Melissa Mitchell - June 03, 2019 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ *Darryn Greene (Crestwood) lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson*



Darryn Greene (Crestwood) - June 03, 2019 at 10:33 AM

GV

“ *Gwendolyn Y Vincent lit a candle in memory of Markiya Simone Dickson*



Gwendolyn Y Vincent - May 30, 2019 at 08:29 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 30, 2019 at 02:02 PM