



Tanisha Latonya Smith

July 8, 1983 - October 4, 2024

TANISHA LATONYA SMITH affectionately known as Tonya by her family was born July 8, 1983, in Baltimore, Maryland to Larry L. Smith Sr. and Cathy D. Woodfork. From this union, she was the third child and baby sister of two sons, Larry Jr. and Tavon (Tony). In 1992, the family welcomed twins Dominick and Dominica. After battling a long-term illness, she entered eternal rest on Friday, October 4, 2024. Her life was a testament of strength and resilience.

Tonya accepted Christ at the young age of five and was baptized at the age of eight. She joined Beth-El Temple Church of Christ in 2017 where she was a dedicated member of the Mother's Board, Women's Ministry, Hospitality/Nurse's Unit, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Ecclesia Ministry.

Tonya received her education at Junior Academy, Father Charles A. Hall and All Saints Catholic Schools during grade school and junior high where she enjoyed being on the Cheer Team. She received her high school diploma from Forest

Park Senior High School and was a dedicated member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) Program. After High School, she furthered her education at Baltimore City Community College where she studied Business Administration. Tonya worked and maintained steady employment in the retail industry in Baltimore City for over 20 years.

At the age of 22, she welcomed her first daughter Jayla into the world, as Jordan and Jalia would soon follow. Tonya enjoyed being a mom and loved her girls deeply with every fiber of her being. She enjoyed the simple things in life with her daughters like spending quality time with them, playing dress up, hosting at home fashion shows, and visiting the Inner Harbor. Birthdays and holidays were extra special!

Although soft spoken, Tonya was wise beyond her years and would often call you out by giving great advice to help maintain your integrity and keep you on the right path. Tonya was genuinely thoughtful, kindhearted, and caring. Her big bright eyes would light up any room! She will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three loving daughters, Jayla, Jordan, and Jalia Diamond; her devoted parents, Larry L. Smith Sr, and Cathy D. Woodfork;

her protective big brothers, Larry Jr. (Chanel), Tavon, aka Tony (Tecola); younger siblings, Dominick and Dominica (Daniel); three nephews, Terrance (Dominique), Larry III, and Caiden; six nieces, Imoni (preceded in death), Tyla, Aaliyah, Talia, Loren, and Taylor; 3 great-nieces, Tailyn, Soleya, and Yara, her Beth-El Temple Church Family; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

OCT 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beth-El Temple Church Of Christ
3910 W. Rogers Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TR

“ *I am so heartbroken to learn of your departure. My heart goes out to your family. Rest in GOD's arms forever more.* ”

Talia Richardson - November 09, 2024 at 06:48 PM

MJ

“ *Michele and John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tanisha Latonya Smith.* ”



Michele and John - October 17, 2024 at 12:36 PM

MO

“ *Rest well my princess* ”



Mom - October 16, 2024 at 11:52 PM

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“ *Gone but never forgotten* ”



Mom - October 16, 2024 at 11:51 PM

RH

“ Renee HB lit a candle in memory of Tanisha Latonya Smith



Renee HB - October 15, 2024 at 12:51 PM

RH

“ My Condolences to the Smith family. Tanisha and myself (Renee HudsonBrown) worked for Marshalls. I adored working with Tanisha. "What a PHENOMENAL person with a beautiful personality". Tanisha always spoke well of her daughters. Tanisha now you are resting well in peace you will forever be missed, but close in my heart. We will meet again Tanisha!

My Condolences,

Renee HudsonBrown

Renee HB - October 15, 2024 at 12:38 PM

TS

“ My Sister in Love was 13 years old when I met Tavon (Tony) and our bond was genuine and never forced. I'm happy I got to share a few special moments with her throughout her life until the very end. My heart broke when I learned of her illness but I'm so thankful I had the opportunity to be there. It settles my heart to know that she was happy seeing us there at her appointments and having heart to heart conversations the last week of her life. I realized now that she was saying goodbye. A true angel on earth and now in heaven. I know you are resting in eternal peace.

I love you Sister, Tecola

Tecola Smith - October 14, 2024 at 11:41 PM

TF

“ Tavon’s OMP Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanisha Latonya Smith.

Tavon’s OMP Family - October 14, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tanisha Latonya Smith.



October 14, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LA

“ Tonya was a beautiful soul and an inspiration to her children. Our new guardian angel 🙏 watch over all of your family. Love You !!!
Your Big brother Lil Larry (Sleep in Peace)

Larry - October 13, 2024 at 10:25 AM

UF

“ Uncle Glen & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanisha Latonya Smith.

Uncle Glen & Family - October 12, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tanisha Latonya Smith.*



October 12, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *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 - October 10, 2024 at 12:52 PM