



## Tariq A. Donald

February 15, 1982 - September 30, 2025

### Tariq's Life Story

Tariq was born on February 15, 1982, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Though born hearing impaired and later diagnosed with renal failure at just seven years old, Tariq's life was defined not by his challenges but by his incredible strength, courage, and spirit. At 21, when doctors said he needed a kidney transplant, his devoted mother, Beverly Donald, gave the ultimate gift of love—donating her own kidney to her son.

From an early age, Tariq proved himself a fighter and a learner. His educational journey began in Mannheim, Germany, where, at only two years old, he began learning sign language. Upon returning to the United States, he continued his studies at the Hampton School for the Deaf and Blind in Virginia, later attending Lakeside Elementary, Moody Middle School, and ultimately graduating from the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton. Determined to keep learning and growing, Tariq went on to earn a certificate in Child Care Assistance from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

A gifted athlete, Tariq excelled in both basketball and wrestling, winning two basketball championships at VSDB and numerous wrestling matches. His drive and determination inspired everyone who knew him. He refused to let

any limitation define what he could achieve.

After college, Tariq poured his heart into caring for others, working as a childcare assistant in Richmond, Virginia. He later joined the workforce in shipping and receiving, where his work ethic shone through. Even when his health challenges grew and dialysis became necessary, his spirit never faltered. His desire to work, to give, and to live fully remained steadfast.

Tariq's bright light touched everyone around him. His laughter was infectious, his smile disarming, and his kindness unmatched. He loved playing video games, attending wrestling events, and connecting with his friends every day. He never met a stranger. His strength, warmth, and joy left a lasting imprint on every heart he encountered.

Though his transplanted kidney gave him 18 blessed years of renewed life, Tariq's earthly journey came to an end after his body could fight no more. Yet his spirit endures—resilient, radiant, and free.

Tariq leaves behind a legacy of love and perseverance cherished by his mother, Beverly Donald; his father, William Donald; his daughter, MyKayla Tabron Bugg; his sisters, Keena Stewart (Damian Stewart) and Tynika Donald; nieces Azhai, Nia, Sanai, and Zaya; nephew Bryce Stewart; and a host of family and friends. We find peace in knowing that Tariq is whole again, resting in eternal grace, his smile shining forever in our hearts.

Tariq's legacy of love and togetherness will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road  
Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
4247 Creighton Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

## Funeral Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Ms. Thea and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tariq A. Donald.*



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**Ms. Thea and Family** - October 08, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ *Ms. Thea and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tariq A. Donald.*

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**Ms. Thea and Family** - October 08, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ *Ethel M Atkins lit a candle in memory of Tariq A. Donald*



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**Ethel M Atkins** - October 06, 2025 at 01:24 PM

CS

*Catherine Seay  
Lit a candle in memory of Tariq A. Donald*

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**Catherine Seay** - October 11, 2025 at 08:13 AM

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*Catherine Seay and Family  
Thinking of You with love and sympathy may your son's memory bring you peace and comfort. His memory will always live on in the hearts of everyone who knew him.*

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**Catherine Seay** - October 11, 2025 at 08:16 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 03, 2025 at 05:31 PM