



## Zakary Aaron Osiris DeGross

August 4, 1995 - June 18, 2010

Zakary Aaron Osiris DeGross was born on August 4, 1995 at 4:02 p.m. at Johns Hopkins. God reached down and carried Zakary to eternal rest on June 18, 2010 at 11:37a.m. after a fourteen month battle with cancer.

Zakary's love of learning began at a very young age with the nurturing he received at Arlene Sutton's Daycare. His interest in learning continued at the Mount Zion Baptist Christian School where he excelled in every subject, especially reading. Zakary was recognized as a Bible and Reading Scholar in his early years at Mount Zion Baptist Christian School. At his fifth grade graduation, he received special recognition for testing beyond the twelfth grade level in reading. Zakary continued his education at The Boys' Latin School where he excelled as a Latin Scholar. When diagnosed, Zakary's main concern was being able to graduate with his eighth grade class. Throughout his illness he remained dedicated to his school work, maintaining above average grades.

Zakary began his Christian experience at Grace Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Stanley Fuller. Zakary gave his life to Christ and was baptized when he was eight years old. He was active in the Youth Ministry and regularly attended Bible Study, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Zakary was very involved with extracurricular activities. He played various sports, such as basketball, baseball, football and lacross. Zakary took pride in knowing that he always gave his best, even if he was not acknowledged as the best athlete on the field. Zakary participated in the PRAISE Program under the direction of his mentors, LaMarr Shields, David Miller and Scott Johnson. PRAISE expanded his cultural and academic horizons. Zakary was also known to be avid movie fan. He had a quirky sense of humor and loved playing practical jokes. Zakary loved all babies and babies loved him back. He was a quiet, well-mannered, compassionate and considerate thinker. He was dedicated to his mother and admired her strengths.

Zakary was blessed to have been surrounded by positive male role models who were dedicated to ensuring that he develop into the young man he was meant to be. The bond he had with his grandfather was something to be admired. During his illness Zakary found comfort in the gentle touch and soothing words received from his "Pop Pop". Pop Pop cared for him from the day he was born and remained by his side until he took his final breath. Zakary was very proud to have an older brother and he cherished his relationship with him. He also received encouragement from his uncles and godfathers.

Memories of Zakary will be forever cherished by: his loving and devoted mother, Lesli DeGross; father, Troy Lee, Sr.; sister, Adonneka Lee; brother, Troy Lee, Jr.; grandfather, Steven DeGross, Sr.; grandmothers, Geraldine DeGross and Sharon Barnes-Thomas; honorary grandmother, Kathy Gilliam; uncles, Steven DeGross, Jr. (Patricia) and LeVon DeGross, Sr. (Ebony); aunts, Shani Darby (Frank), Sharie DeGross and Chinara DeGross; cousins, Patrice, Erika, Phylisha, Alexis, Jazmine, Gabrielle, Arjani, Steven III, Aryel, Levon Jr., Sidney, Savannah and Aliyah; godparents, Shani Darby, Ricky and Andrice Taylor, LaWanda Parker Dates and Eric DeGross; his Boys' Latin family and a host of other relatives and friends.



# 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

## Visitation

**JUN 25.** 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**JUN 26.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Lutheran Church Of The Holy  
5513 York Rd  
Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



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**Jack** - September 30, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Zakary Aaron Osiris DeGross*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ganny lit a candle in memory of Zakary Aaron Osiris DeGross*



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**Ganny** - July 07, 2015 at 02:00 AM



“ *Zak,*

*I'm missing you more and more with each passing day. You will forever be on my mind and I will cherish your memory for the rest of my life until we see each other again. I love you, my little Poodie.*

*Ganny*

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**jeannette lee** - July 13, 2010 at 01:09 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** - July 09, 2010 at 08:40 AM