

# Moment of Gratitude

Our family would like to express our love and heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us in any way during the passing of Jayce.

Words can never fully express how thankful we are.

To Sanders Funeral Home, thank you for the special care you showed Jayce as you prepared him for his eternal rest.

To St. Paul #2, thank you for the love and kindness you have shown Jayce and our family from birth until now. We are forever grateful.

To Jayce's health care teams at Duke, UNC Chapel Hill, WakeMed, ECU Transplant, and Wake Forest Baptist Transplant, we sincerely thank you for your care, dedication, and compassion.

To Ashleigh Martin, you were the best primary care provider our family could have hoped for. You took wonderful care of Jayce from infancy until his passing. You were always just a message away and quick to respond. During cold and flu season, when infection rates were high, you went above and beyond by coming out to the car to see him, easing our worries and protecting his health. We are forever grateful for your kindness and dedication.

To Tracy, Michaela, and Megan, thank you for taking such loving care of Jayce Man at every appointment. Tracy Mooring, Jayce loved you so much. You always made his day brighter. You were always just a text away and continued to check on us daily, even after Jayce's passing. We love you and are so thankful to have known you.

To Aunt Clara and Tesa, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

-James and Dr. Artoryia Holmes



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# Celebrating

## The Life Of



**JAYCE ZY'KELL HOLMES**

**September 1, 2018 – November 30, 2025**

**Friday, December 19, 2025**

**1:00 pm**

**St. Paul #2 Disciples of Christ**

# Order of Service

Officiant  
Elder Myrtle Richardson

Musical Prelude  
Church Choir

Processional  
Clergy and Family

Musical Selection  
Church Choir

Reading of the Scriptures  
Old Testament- Elder Doris Sutton  
New Testament- Deacon Willard Sutton

Prayer of Comfort  
Lady Sherran Richardson

Musical Selection  
Church Choir

Reading of the Obituary  
LaQuada Sanders

Solo  
Alicia McLamb

Eulogy  
Elder Adrian Richardson

Mortician's Brief  
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

Interment  
Selma Memorial Gardens

# Obituary

Jayce Zy'kell Holmes, beloved son of James and Dr. Artoryia Holmes, was born on September 1, 2018, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He entered eternal rest on November 30, 2025.

Jayce was a fighter from the very beginning. At birth, he faced serious kidney complications. Through every challenge, he showed strength far beyond his years. As his condition progressed from Stage 2 Chronic Kidney Disease to end stage kidney failure, Jayce began dialysis at just four years old. Even during the hardest moments, he kept a bright smile and a joyful spirit. His happiness could light up a room. He especially loved watching his favorite movie, The Bee Movie.

Affectionately known as Jayce Man, he worked hard at his therapy appointments and never backed down from a challenge. His courage, joy, and determination touched everyone who knew him.

Jayce was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. Billy H. Newton, Larry D. Sanders, Anne-Marie Holmes, and Michael Holmes.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving parents, James and Dr. Artoryia Holmes; two brothers, Sire Holmes and Zavien Holmes; four sisters, Zaya Holmes, Jayla Holmes, Alaya Holmes, and Aleiya Holmes, all siblings of the home; grandmothers, Lady Clara Newton and Olivia Sanders of Smithfield, North Carolina; four uncles, Christian Maas (Manu) of Germany, Mitchell Holmes Jr. (Karen) of Raleigh, North Carolina, Dwayne Sanders, and Kenneth Howell (Michelle) of Smithfield, North Carolina; three aunts, Tesa Sanders Lackey (Jeffery) of Smithfield, North Carolina, LaQuada Sanders of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Pamela Nicholson of Smithfield, North Carolina; along with a host of cousins, great aunts, great uncles, other relatives, and friends.

Jayce will be remembered for his strength, his smile, and the love he brought into this world.