

## *Acknowledgements*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Tekeya Jahleah Smith McCollum



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## *In Loving Memory of*



# *Tekeya Jahleah Smith McCollum*

June 14, 1994 - December 23, 2025

Friday, January 9, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Jeremiah Tarfiri, Officiating

## Obituary

Tekeya Jahleah Smith McCollum was born on June 14, 1994, to Alonzo Martin and Pamela Smith, adopted at age 6 by Detra and Anthony McCollum.

Tekeya grew up in College Hill and attended Cincinnati Public Schools, where no one was exempt from her fireball personality. Tekeya was loving and kind but was quick with her words and enjoyed using them. Her over-the-top dramatics allowed her to be bold, and fierce, making the most out of each day, giving everyone a run for their money.

Tekeya loved hanging out with her friends. She loved the hood, having a good time with people and making them laugh. She was ghetto fabulous, the real ghetto fabulous - so much, that it became her FB moniker "Ghetto Fabulous McCollum" and her nickname. She embraced it, loved it and was definitely the life of the party.

Tekeya was fashionable, fast-talking, and witty, with a million-dollar smile. She was mother to five beautiful children who each carry that fire energy. They will grow up knowing their mother loved them and her family. People think her life was cut short, but she lived her life unapologetically, as she pleased, how she pleased.

Tekeya was preceded in death by: adopted grandmother, Patricia McCollum; biological grandmother, Sally Smith; adopted father, Anthony; biological sister, Terra Smith and adopted sister, Michico McCollum.

Tekeya leaves to cherish her memory: her five children, Takiyah, Javier, Day'Meir, Terriyah, and Zyairee; best friend and children's father, Puncho; mothers, Detra and Pamela; father, Alonzo; birth siblings, Tiffany, Tamica, Tiarra, Tarris, Tender, Tamyryn, and Gianni; adopted siblings, Nicole, Levar, DeRonn, Johnda, Devonna, Mariah, and Jada McCollum and a host of family and friends. Her tree was big.

Tekeya will be forever loved and never forgotten.

## Order of Service



Musical Prelude .....	
Parting View .....	Family
Prayer .....	Jeremiah Tarfiri
Scripture .....	Jeremiah Tarfiri
Selection .....	Bianca Graham
"When You Believe"	
Acknowledgements .....	
Remarks .....	2 minutes please
African Dance & Drum .....	Asili Performing Arts Ile
Obituary .....	Read Silently
Selection .....	Phyllis Jordan
"Going Up Yonder"	
Eulogy .....	Jeremiah Tarfiri
Benediction .....	Jeremiah Tarfiri



### *A Precious One*

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we love is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled. And after a lonely heartache and many tears; There's always a beautiful memory of the one we love so dear.