

Order of Celebration

- Processional..... Family and Clergy
- Prayer Pastor Rodrick McCollum, Sr.
- Scriptures Rev. Demetria McCollum
- Remembering Our Cellist..... From His Siblings
- Cello & Violin Duet..... “Appalachia Waltz” by Mark O’Connor
Performed by Joanna Klett & Katherine Williamson
Arkansas Symphony Orchestra
- Eulogy..... Pastor Rodrick McCollum, Sr.
First Missionary Baptist Church Rockport, Malvern, AR
- Doxology Rev. Demetria McCollum
- Recessional..... Family and Clergy

The family requests no phones, no pictures, no live feed.



A Boy and His Timer

“How long?” he’d ask, as each new moment began.
Then he’d set his little timer, with courage in his plan.
He watched the minutes pass, waiting patiently to see
when that little alarm would ring and finally set him free.
Though some moments felt so long, he faced them with his might,
Brave and strong, with a gentle heart, holding on with all his might.
That little timer in his hand became his faithful friend,
Helping him through every moment, until the waiting came to an end.
Now time has stopped for our precious boy, but his memory will always stay.
His laughter, love, and beautiful smile will never fade away.
And when we hear a timer softly chime, we’ll pause and think of him—
of Myles’ courage, his precious smile, and the little timer in his hand.
His time may have come to an end, but his love will forever remain.
He’ll live within our hearts and memories, again and again and again.

Our Gratitude

The family of Myles I. Tatum would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the PICU staff of Arkansas Children’s Hospital, who ensured that the care given in Myles’ final goodbye was extended to family and friends alike. Their diligence, kindness, and conversation acted as a comfort in a time of uncertainty.

We would also like to thank everyone who shared kind words, memories, thoughts, and prayers since our loss. We know that in all of your hearts and minds, Myles will continue to thrive in remembrance, through laughter and love, just as he lived.

*A little boy with a brilliant mind,
So curious, thoughtful, and wonderfully kind.
Myles loved to learn, to question and know,
And wherever his interests led, he would go.
The stars and the planets captured his eyes,
The world and its languages filled him with surprise.
The periodic table, numbers, and more—
There was always something new to explore.
With piano keys and cello strings,
He discovered the beauty that music brings.
He studied each note with patience and care,
Creating sweet music for all to share.
Though nine little years may seem far too few,
The love that he gave will forever shine through.
His laughter, his kindness, his wonderful ways
Will live in our hearts through all of our days.
A bright little light, forever to be,
A beautiful gift to our family.*



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Forever My Favorite Cellist

Myles Ilan Tatum

Service
Saturday, August 22, 2026 • 11:00 AM
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1220 Carmichael St.,
Malvern, AR 72104

Remembering Myles

With a heavy heart, Myles Ian Tatum, 9, of Malvern, Arkansas, transitioned on Monday, August 10, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at Children's Hospital with family by his side.

Myles was born at CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs on July 31, 2017, to his loving parents, Marcus Tatum and Sasha Smith. He was raised in the quaint town of Malvern, Arkansas, where he captured the hearts of both family and friends throughout his brilliant lifetime.

He was preceded in rest by his grandmother Nanny, Clara Mae Smith, who, although she never had the chance to be with him physically, is now forever and always accompanied by him through memory and spirit.

Myles was an enthusiastic student at Malvern Elementary School. He was a scholar in many subjects, his favorites of such including the periodic table, astrology, multiplication, linguistics, and geography. He also had a proficient interest in music, with much of his free time being dedicated to studying both the piano and cello.

Myles' vivid and unique personality gifted many moments of laughter, joy, and compassion to his loved ones. More than anything, he loved to play in the company of his relatives, most notably enjoying spending quality time with his mother, father, and four older siblings. Some of his favorite activities included swimming, visiting the Urban Air trampoline park, solving Rubik's cubes, and playing sandbox games on his tablet.

Myles leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Sasha Smith, along with his father, Marcus Tatum. He is also loved and remembered by his siblings, Yelena Beck (Star Beck), Sydney Erwin, Tristynn Tatum and Mekhi Tatum. He will be missed by his grandparents, Jacquelyn Tatum and Ray Tatum, along with a host of uncles, aunts, and cousins.

