
KEON TALIK MCDANIEL











Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Visitation 10:00AM - Service 11:00AM

First Church
651 M.L.K. Jr St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Officiator
pastor Jerry Bishop

Homegoing Celebration Of The Life Of

Celebrating the Life of

Keon Talik McDaniel

A life of purpose, Service, and Unforgettable Love

"Well done, good and faithful servant."
Matthew 25:23



Sunrise	Sunset
June 28, 2000	June 16, 2026

Keon Talik McDaniel

Order of Service

Prayer.....Pastor Jerry Bishop

Scripture.....Pastor jerry Bishop

SOLOIST.....Avalon Cutts Jones

Remarks.....Please Limit (2 minutes)

Reading of Obituary.....Taniesha Edwards

Soloist.....Avalon Cutts Jones

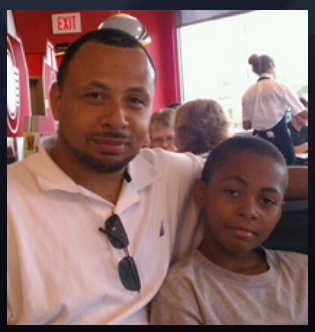
Eulogy.....Pastor Jerry bishop

"Without faith, it is impossible to please him, for he that comes to God must believe"
Hebrews 11:6











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OBITUARY

Keon Talik McDaniel began his journey through life on June 28th, 2000, in Panama City, Florida. Born to Christopher McDaniel and Tashiba McDaniel, Keon was the baby of the family.

Growing up within an Air Force family, he moved around to multiple locations throughout his childhood. From Panama City, Florida, to Ramstein, Germany, to San Antonio, Texas, then on to Battle Creek, Michigan, and finally to Las Vegas, Nevada, before moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to finish out his childhood. At each location, his family and friend group expanded exponentially.

Keon went on to graduate from Grand Rapids Central High School in 2019. Keon's first jobs while still in high school were at Jimmy Jazz and Foot Locker. He enjoyed both because it allowed him to pursue his love for shoes and build up a huge collection of his favorite sneakers. From there, he worked various jobs trying to gauge where he wanted to go with his life. He was always fascinated with fast cars and wanted to learn all he could about them. Keon ended up at Enterprise detailing cars. He then pursued and obtained his Automotive Technology Certification from Grand Rapids Community College. This sparked his passion for working on cars and helped him figure out which direction he wanted to take in life. He loved trying to analyze and figure out how to fix things and make them work. This led him to one of his lifelong dreams of following in his Dad and brother's footsteps to serve in the United States Air Force.

He decided on the Michigan Air National Guard and joined the 110th Wing located in Battle Creek, MI. He was thrilled about getting the opportunity to join the Civil Engineering Squadron as a Power Production Apprentice. He thought it would be the coolest thing in the world to learn how diesel engines worked and how the power produced would be distributed. With boundless optimism and excitement, he went to Air Force Basic Military Training, assigned to the 326th Training Squadron(the Bulldogs), Flight 465. While in his 6th week of training, Airman First Class Keon McDaniel experienced a medical emergency and passed away on the 16th of June, 2026, at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Keon leaves to cherish his memories a very loving family. His grandmothers, Nancy McDaniel, and Barbara Miller. Devoted parents Christopher McDaniel and Tashiba McDaniel. His "Bonus Mom" Sonya Grady, and a host of siblings: Christian McDaniel, Na'Stochia McDaniel, Novia Gay, Nathias Grady, Katelynn Grady, Nyier Grady, Makensie Grady, Nathan Grady, and Joshua Grady. Dedicated Uncles and Aunts: Michael and Toni McDaniel, Sherri McDaniel, Steven and Venus McDaniel, and Derrick Miller. Preceded in death by his grandfathers, Clention McDaniel, and Gregory Williams.

He also leaves a large number of Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, family, and friends.

Keon had many hobbies. His love for cars drove him to attend car shows in different cities, and he would happily bring anyone along who was willing to share in his passion. His dream car was a Hellcat. He also enjoyed attending concerts and music festivals, with his favorite being Rolling Loud. He came back with so many stories that brought us all many laughs. He enjoyed target practice with guns and sharing his knowledge on the range. He was also known to spend multiple hours online playing video games with friends and family. We can hear him now yelling, "Come on, Bro, what are you doing!" We also spent many competitive nights bowling and arguing about who had the best technique. Inspired by his Mom, he dived headfirst into fishing. He had a goal of catching the biggest Largemouth Bass he could find from any water hole. Last, but not least, his family and friends meant everything to him. His true joy in life came from spending quality time with family. Camping, hiking, bonfires, going to the beach, playing games, or even simply sitting around having family "discussions", Keon loved it all.

His presence will be sorely missed within our family and the world. He was a light radiating and ready to explode, and his irreplaceable presence will be missed by all. His memory and legacy will continue to hold us all together forever.

Obituary

Pallbearers

Wright Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard

Honorary Pallbearers

Christian McDaniel
Sermar O'Connor
Nathias Grady
Jon Phillips
Michael McDaniel
Steven McDaniel
Nathan Grady
Josh Grady

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through rivers, they will not sweep over you; When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned"
Isaiah 43:2

Acknowledgment & Appreciation

We, the family of Keon T. McDaniel, would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you all.

"Aim High... Fly, Fight, Win"

Final Resting Place

Military Burial

Repast

Riverside Park Pavilion
2001 Monroe Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

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