

The Obituary

Jante Deonte Graves was born on October 20, 1996, to Allison Graves and the late John Graves Jr. He departed this life on June 13, 2026.

Jante attended Durham Public Schools and later graduated from Kittrell Job Corps Center. He dedicated nine years of service as a Food Service Worker at the Durham VA Medical Center, where he was known for his strong work ethic, warm personality, and ability to brighten the day of everyone he encountered.

To know Jante was to know laughter. He was a natural comedian whose humor could light up any room. No matter the circumstance, he had a way of making people smile and forget their troubles, if only for a moment. His gift for bringing joy to others led him to pursue stand-up comedy in his spare time, sharing his jokes and infectious spirit at local comedy clubs.

Above all else, Jante's greatest joy in life was being a father. His son, Mehki, was the center of his world, and he cherished every moment they spent together. Jante loved his son deeply and took great pride in being his father.

Jante was preceded in death by his father, John Graves Jr.; his brother, JaVaun Graves; and his grandfather, Clarence Harris. Jante leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving mother, Allison Graves (Harris) of Louisburg, North Carolina; his beloved son, Jante "Mehki" Graves, and Mehki's mother, Kiana Royster, of Durham, North Carolina; his sisters, Bianca Jones (Jay) of Franklinton, North Carolina, and Jessica Currie of Durham, North Carolina; his brothers, Gregory Currie II (Kyandra) of Concord, North Carolina, and John Graves III of Durham, North Carolina; and his grandmother, Marion Bailey of Durham, North Carolina.

In addition, he is lovingly remembered by three nephews, Jhamari Barton-Graves, Gregory Currie III, and Zachariah King; two nieces, Journee Jones and Bella Jones; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, friends, coworkers, and loved ones who will forever cherish the memories they shared with him.

Though his time on earth was far too short, Jante's laughter, love, and unforgettable spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His legacy of joy, kindness, and devotion to family will never be forgotten.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day."



FOREVER IN OUR
hearts 

Order of Service

Close of Wake Hour
Apostle Jesse Mills (Officiant)/Musicians

Musical Solo
Minister Timothy Faison

Scripture Reading | Old & New Testament
Apostle Jesse Mills

Prayer of Comfort
Apostle Jesse Mills

Remarks/Reflections (2mins)

Acknowledgments
Yulanda Horton

Obituary-Family/Friends (To be read silently)

Musical Selection

Eulogy
Reverend Kenneth L. Alexander Sr.

Musical Solo
Minister Timothy Faison

Recessional



Forever Loved

Though our hearts are filled with sorrow,
We know your love will never end.
You were a son, a father, a blessing,
And a friend to all who knew you.
Your laughter filled our days with joy,
Your smile brought light wherever you went.
Though you are gone from our sight,
You remain forever in our hearts.
We will cherish every memory,
Hold tight to every laugh we shared,
And carry your love with us always.
Until we meet again,
You will be forever loved and never forgotten.
With Love,
Mom & Mehki

Do Not Cry for Me

Do not cry for me, my loved ones,
For I am at peace today.
Though I have left this earthly life,
My love will never fade away.
Remember me with smiles and laughter,
Not only tears and sorrow too.
For every precious moment shared
Will live forever within you.
When you think of me, look to the sky,
Feel the warmth of the sun above.
I may be gone from your sight,
But never from your hearts and love.

Honorary Floral Bearers

Co-Workers from VA Medical Center
Family and Friends

Honorary Pall Bearers

Gregory Currie II
Mehki Graves
Jhamari Barton-Graves
DeCario Harris
Christopher Hammond
Antwoine McLendon
Jay Jones
John Harris

Internment

Markham Memorial Gardens
4826 Trenton Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27717

Repast

2601 Kingdom Way
Durham, NC 27704

PEAKS & WATERS MEMORIAL FUNERAL CARE

4914 N. ROXBORO ST. DURHAM, NC 27704
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JANTE DEONTE GRAVES

OCTOBER 20, 1996 - JUNE 13, 2026



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 | 1:00PM
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
1415 HOLLOWAY ST, DURHAM, NC 27703