

*Interment*  
Woodlawn Cemetery  
2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Gwynn Oak, Maryland 21207

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Acknowledgements*  
The Family of the late

*Kennise*

SEMAJ JONES

wish to express our sincere appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement.  
Your Thoughtfulness did much to ease our sorrow.

Special "Thanks" for care to the  
University of Maryland Hospital and Staff  
Dr. Teresa Anne York, M.D.  
Nurses, Samantha, Becky, Shirley, Tanika and Mrs. Terri.

John's Hopkins Pediatric Oncology and Staff.  
Dr. Brian Ladle' M.D.,PH.D.D.  
Nurse Lauren and Dr. Jeffrey Rubens, M.D.,  
Pain Management Doctor, Kelly Vasquezna, Social Worker Ella Edelman, LCSW-C

Gilcrest Hospice Care  
Nurse Kristi, Adele, Kimberly, Erin

*Repast*  
(Immediately following service)  
B'More Fit Studio  
1718 Belmont Ave Suite B  
Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244

*Service and Comfort Entrusted to:*  
Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home  
2140 N. Fulton Ave  
Baltimore, Maryland 21217



*Celebration of Life*



*Kennise*

SEMAJ JONES

Sunrise: July 15, 2009 - Sunset: June 21, 2023

*Friday, July 14, 2023*  
Wake: 12:00pm  
Celebration of Life: 12:30pm

*In the Sanctuary of*  
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Kennise Semaj Jones was born on July 15, 2009 to Denise Justice and the Late Demetri Jones. Kennise gained her wings and God welcomed her into Heavens gate on June 21, 2023. Kennise was surrounded by so many loved ones at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Kennise loved anime cartoons where she developed ideas which lead her to draw. Kennise loved to draw and sketch several paintings for many people when she had free time. Kennise loved going to the movies and to get her nails and toes done. Kennise loved going out to restaurants and talking on the phone with her friends all the time. Kennise went to Bethel AME Church and kept going consistently for some time, where she later joined and got baptized by the help of her Uncle Cory. Kennise had a strong love and desire for seafood and would watch her Grandma Valerie cook all the time. Kennise also cooked with her Grandma Anita as well. She started cooking some of her favorite foods; like salmon, shrimp, alfredo and brussel sprouts with some help from YouTube at the age of 8. Kennise also had a passion for different types of pets; dogs, cats, ferrets and lizards just to name a few. Kennise's dream job was to be a Veterinarian when she grew up.

Kennise had an inseparable bond with her Mother Denise, they was like two peas in a pod. They had a strong tight bond that could not be broken between a mother and a daughter. They had a relationship like no other, the bond they shared was together for 13 years. Kennise was Denise's Sweet Pea, Bunny Face or Tinker Bell which Denise called her. They both loved each other no matter what. Kennise also had a special bond with her Grandmother, Valerie whom to Kennise she called her Mama. Valerie and Kennise had a caring and nurturing relationship. Her late Dad, Demetri Jones instilled in her a love for designer sneakers and hats. They loved each other so much and after the passing of Kennise's father the late Demetri Jones in 2014, both her Uncles Cory and DaJuan stepped up and played the role of a father figure. Kennise had a special name for them both, Big Cory and Uncle Juan. Kennise shared plenty of conversations with them. Kennise also loved her Grandmother Anita dearly, whom she called her Grandma Nita. They both loved each other like no other. Kennise loved the conversations they would have over the phone and in person. Both of them use to Sing (Beyoncé's) All the Single Ladies a few years back. Kennise also had a few young friends that she was with at an earlier age; Peyton, Tylia, Kymani, cousin Khorl and cousin Jaylin.

Kennise loved going to school and developed several friendships from elementary to middle school. She also loved to sit on Sis. Cook porch in the summer time and play with her grandkids. Although, Kennise developed an illness in 2022 she did not let that define her. Kennise continued her education and attended school as much as possible. Kennise was determined, so she graduated and walked across the stage on her own on June 9, 2023. She received a certificate of completion from the Baltimore Design School and a Citation from the Baltimore City Councilman. She was straight A student from Pre-K to the 8th grade.



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Kennise is now walking in heaven illness free, painless, no tumors, no medication and is happy as can be. She is now along side with her Father, Demetri whom she loved dearly and her loved ones who have gone home to glory.

Kennise leaves behind her loving Mother, Denise Justice; loving Father, Demetri Jones (preceded her in death); Grandmothers, Valerie Lee and Anita Waugh; Grandfather, Michael Jones (preceded her in death); Uncle, Cedric Waugh, Grandfather, Corvin Justice; Uncles, Cory Justice (Terence Brandford), DaJuan Jones (Danielle Tyson); first Cousin, Legend Jones; close Cousins, Markeara and Jaylin; God-Parent, Tamica Milledge; God-Sister and God-Brother, Kymani and Damien; God-Parents, Dunyelle Mobley-Stewart and Billy Stewart (Preceded her in death); God-Father; David (Duke) Winchester; Her first unofficial pet, Figaro a Cat and also Ferrets she loved dearly, Nuggets, Max, Venus and her Lizard, Zoey; A very close Friend, Autumnraine Tillman and other Friends, Sophia, NyAsia, Cash and Joshua. The Student body of Baltimore Design School and the 8th Grade staff, Mr. Brozene, Mrs. Algarin, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. McMillian and Mrs. Frederick, Sis. Cook and a host of Family and Friends.



# Order OF Service



Opening Hymn "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" Randy Sellars

Scripture Old Testament - Rev. Marlene McBride  
New Testament - Patricia Johnson

Prayer Apostle Sybil Johnson

Worship Arts Moment "The Battle Is Not Yours" Bethel Dance Ministry

Words of Reflection (upon family's request - 2 minutes)

Selection "I Won't Complain" Randy Sellars

Obituary Reading Neea Reid

Selection "Walk Around Heaven All Day"

Eulogy Apostle Sybil Johnson

Benediction Apostle Sybil Johnson

Closing Hymn "I Shall Wear a Crown"



# Tributes OF Love

Roses Are Red ... Violets Are Blue ... and Some are Cute Just Like You!!!  
When you're there and when you're Not. My Rose Still Blossoms For you.  
Pluck the Petals of my Rose and when they are Gone that does Not Mean I'm Gone.  
Take a tour on my Rose Kennise and you will find a Door that says YOU ARE STILL A ROSE...  
I'll Love you Forever my TinkerBell

*Love Always. Your Mother Denise*

In life I loved you dearly and death I do the same.  
You gave me good memories I will cherish in my heart forever.  
All of the precious times I spent with you Kennise my baby,  
they are worth more than Gold.  
You shine just like the stars, bright as the Sun on a Sunny day.  
I will always love you, forever and always.

*Love Always. From Mom, Valeric*

Holding my granddaughter in my arms, sound asleep. Kissing her forehead gently so as not to wake her up.  
Heart swelling with love beyond itself, eyes stinging from tears of joy. My Precious grand baby  
I would pay so much to hear your voice one more time. Sleep peacefully my only granddaughter.

*Grandma Anita. Love you Kennise*

Last Journey is near, there is a train that's going to keep going. But Kennise you're on a one way ticket  
straight to heaven. I was proud to share 13 years of life with you, the good, the bad, the happy and the sad.  
We been through a lot in so little time. Rest easy my niece I know God, Grandma Becky and Demetri  
picked you up at the next train station on life's journey.

*Love Always. Your Big Cousin and Terence*

Oh my sweet niece so young and bright Taken from us all.  
I cannot fathom the pain we bear.  
As we say goodbye, with love and care.  
But know I will hold your memories close as stories are told.  
You were so smart and talented too, and now we are so lost without you.

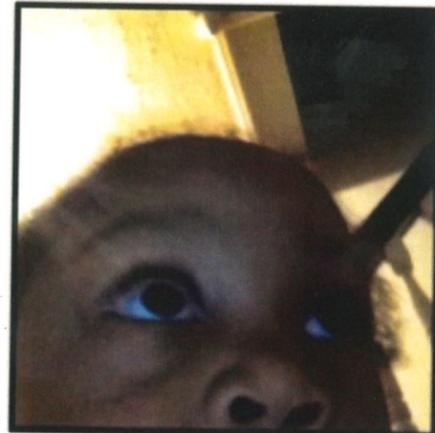
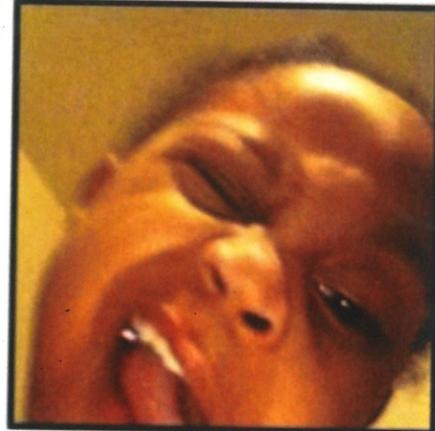
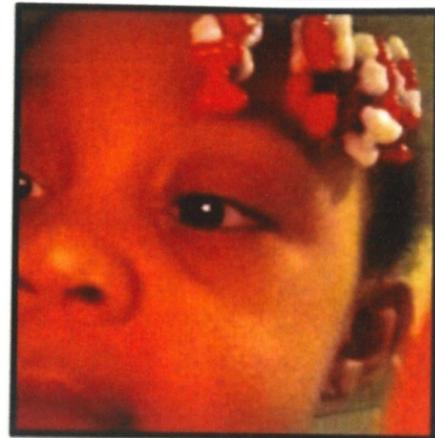
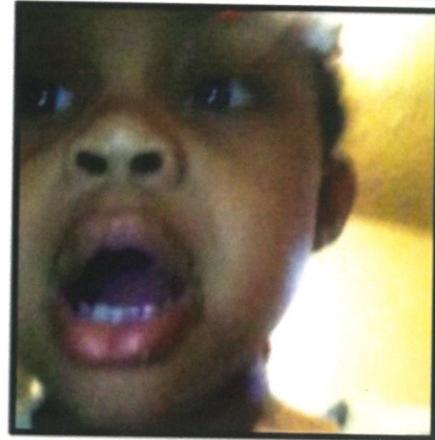
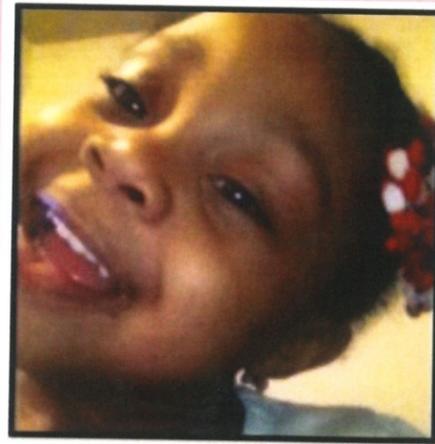
*Your Uncle Juan*

I can remember the first time I seen your face; but I do know within my life no one can take your place.  
My first Cousin. Love you Kennise forever.

*Markcara and Jaiglin*

A short life of time we shared, we walked by leaving footprints in our hearts forever...

*Love. Cousin Khori*



Treasured MEMORIES  
WILL LAST A Lifetime!



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FOREVER  
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