

Acknowledgement

The family of Jalen Keaton wishes to thank everyone for their many expressions of love, acts of kindness and especially the many prayers during his unexpected death. We would like to send a special thank you to our Family & Friends, our Flintridge Baptist Church Family, our Masonic Family especially Grace Chapter #100 Order of the Eastern Star, Brothers of King David Lodge #116, Nobles of Alla Baba Temple #53, Silverbacks of Toledo, the Ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the NPHC of Columbus and the Columbus community as a whole for the support and care provided to us during our time of bereavement.

His Journey's Just Begun

by Ellen Brenneman

*Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much*



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*Celebration
OF THE Life
OF*



**Jalen Christopher
KEATON**

June 1, 2002 ~ December 20, 2021

~Service~

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace East

**5456 E. Livingston Avenue
Columbus, Ohio**

Pastor Rodney Richberg, Officiating Minister
Pastor Reginald A. Moore Sr., Eulogizing Minister
FLINTRIDGE CHURCH

Obituary

Jalen Christopher Keaton, born June 1, 2002 in Columbus, Ohio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, December 20, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Jalen was the son of Bryan Tyrell Keaton and Adrienne Renee Edwards. He was a member of Flintridge Community Church, where he engaged in Youth Ministry for several years as a Jr. Usher and part of the Dance Ministry. Jalen accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 10 years old.

He loved to dance, cook, listen to music and enjoy life. He was a very faithful friend; often putting the needs of others above his own. Jalen started dancing at a very young age as a part of The Chocolate Nutcracker. By the fourth grade, he joined the Momentum program where he excelled achieving XO status for eXtraOrdinary! He would go on to land several lead roles for the yearly performances and was even asked to come back to participate once he aged out of the program. By middle school he was designated as Gifted and Talented in Dance. Dancing was truly his passion! Naturally, he matriculated to Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School where he immediately joined the Dance Ensemble, a rare achievement for a male Freshman! He added several more performances to his resume including family reunion entertainment and a dance with his sister Jocelyn in ShadowBox Live STEM Rocks the Box!

When it came to cooking, Jalen would try anything once and make it TASTY! He often whipped up meals for the family from boxed meal kits that turned out delicious! He was like an old soul where everybody was eating! Whoever was at our house, Jalen would make sure they got a plate! He loved to serve in this way.

Jalen was initiated nearly 10 years ago in the Henry Sims chapter and served as it's Past Master Counselor. He served the state of Ohio as the Past Right Valiant Grand Deputy Counselor of the Most Venerable Grand Chapter Order of Pythagorans.

Jalen leaves a vibrant legacy and memories to be cherished by his parents, Bryan Keaton and Adrienne Edwards; his five siblings, James Walker, Manzel Shyheim Sette, Jocelyn Sequoia Marie Edwards, Bryson Jerrell Keaton and Avery James Nathaniel Keaton as well as his two sibling cats, Isaac & Iris.

Jalen's last call on earth was to answer the prayers of five families through organ donation. His heart, lung, right and left kidney and his liver was successfully matched to others in need. Jalen will forever remain OUR HERO!

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE.....	Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW.....	Immediate Family (Closed Casket)
SCRIPTURE READING	
Old Testament	Bryan Keaton
Psalm 62:5-8	
New Testament.....	Adrienne Edwards
Romans 8:38-39	
PRAYER.....	Lakendrick and Angelic Brown
SELECTION	"You Will Know"
	(Arrangement by Stevie Wonder)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CARDS	Deniesha Newby
REMARKS.....	Designated Persons
	(2-3 Minutes please)
READING OF OBITUARY	Jocelyn Edwards
POEM	Mia Douglas
SELECTION	A Tribute To Jalen

The Eulogy

PASTOR REGINALD A. MOORE SR.
Flintridge Church

COMMITTAL AND BENEDICTION.....	Pastor Rodney Richberg
RECESSIONAL	"We Gone Be Alright"
	(Arrangement by Tye Tribbett)

***I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.***

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26