



Elijah Watkins

December 1, 1990 - September 17, 2021

Elijah J. Watkins was born December 1, 1990 in Kankakee, IL, the eleventh of twelve children born to Catherine and Edgar Watkins Sr. (Yashua Ashanti). Elijah attended Kankakee School District 111 and later went on to earn his GED.

Elijah gave many years of service to Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee, IL where he was a dedicated, dependable and compassionate employee. Elijah was a genuine advocate for the residents and enjoyed working with them. He was never afraid to be a voice for them and was passionate about treating them with dignity and respect. He was currently employed with Meijer Corporation until his untimely death.

Elijah loved spending his time reading, bike-riding, working out and engaging in meaningful conversations. He had many talents such as producing music, writing songs, and rapping. Unbeknownst to many, he also had a beautiful singing voice.

Elijah will be remembered for his courage, his humor and his amazing God-given smile. He was loved and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his parents; six sisters, Joycelyn Watkins of Minnesota, Lashaan Lott (Manuel) of Kankakee, IL, Lageanna Watkins of Indianapolis, IN, Kaessa Johnson (Frank) of Sun River Terrace, IL, Adoia Watkins of Minneapolis, MN and Shatevia

Watkins of Bradley, IL; three brothers, Edgar Watkins Jr. of Galesburg, IL, Israel Watkins of Kankakee, IL and Ishua Watkins of Waukegan, IL; 24 nieces and nephews; one great-nephew, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Isaac Watkins; one sister, Yasindi Watkins; paternal grandparents, Daisy and Paul Watkins; maternal grandparents, Sarah and Dave Wheeler; four uncles (brothers) Howard and Sammy Wheeler and (brothers) Nugene Sr. and Tommy Watkins Sr.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at New Vision M.B. Church.

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *E was a friend of mine that will be greatly missed. I will always remember him for being a very genuine person ,the type of guy that would give you the shirt off his back very humble and loyal ,he was definitely one of a kind and I consider myself lucky to have him as a friendFly high brother till we meet again!!!!*

Joseph N - October 10, 2021 at 06:35 PM



Thank you for being more than a friend to my brother.... like a brother? He is at peace now!❤️

Lashaan Lott - October 31, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JB

“ *Joann Box lit a candle in memory of Elijah Watkins*



Joann Box - October 01, 2021 at 01:03 PM

CJ

“ *Catherine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Elijah Watkins*



Catherine Jackson - September 30, 2021 at 05:48 PM