



Jemiya Bates

November 21, 1996 - December 16, 2021

Jemiya Shemika Semaj Bates was born November 21, 1996, in Kankakee, Illinois to Jemiko James Bates and Sherre Patrice Martin. Her mother preceded her in death. On July 10, 2016, Jemiya was baptized in Jesus Name House of Prayer Apostolic Church of God (Kankakee, IL) under the leadership of Elder Pastor Claudius C. Anderson, where she was a faithful member.

She received her education in the Kankakee School District #111 and was an agile and highly skilled Track and Field athlete. Jemiya was a Kankakee Track Legend! She was a 2x State Champion and a 6x Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Medalist. In 2013, she helped her relay team to a First Place in the 4x100 meters, Third Place in the 4x200 meters relay and Eighth Place in the overall standing. In 2014, she helped her relay team finish First Place in the 4x200 meters, Third Place in the 4x100 meters and Seventh Place as a team. In May 2015, Jemiya graduated from Kankakee High School. Her love for this sport led her to coach at both of her alma maters, Kankakee's Junior High and High School to train, inspire, and instill confidence to student athletes (2018-2020). Also, she coached the Kankakee Eastside Widgets and PeeWee's Cheer Squad (2014-2019).

Jemiya studied Early Childhood Development at Kankakee Community College. She was employed at Lasting Impressions Daycare and her most recent job was at Millie Progeler School, where she enjoyed cultivating and

educating children.

Jemiya was a loving, amazing, and compassionate mother to her son Jayden Jamar Petty who she lovingly referred to as “Poodah Butt”. As young as three weeks old, Jayden faithfully attended church with her. They both enjoyed spending quality time and often challenged one another in racing. This was her way of teaching him the fundamentals of track and field. At bedtime, Jayden enjoyed snuggling with his mother. He always displayed attentiveness and affection towards her.

Jemiya will fondly be remembered for her beautiful smile, charismatic and fun-loving personality. She was the “Queen of Pranks” and will always be remembered for “pinching backsides” and capturing many antic moments on her phone. Jemiya loved sharing and making memorable bookmarks with her friends. She was devoted to her family and enjoyed giving herself unselfishly to everyone.

For five years, Jemiya, a true woman of valor, fought a mighty battle against the illness that eventually called her home. On Thursday, December 16, 2021, Jemiya made her transition from this life into eternal rest surrounded and supported by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her loving mother Sherre Patrice Martin, Louise Pendleton (paternal great-grandmother), Rakeya Smith (aunt) and Misty Thomas (godmother).

Jemiya memory will be forever cherished by her father Jemiko James Bates and son Jayden Jamar Petty. Grandmothers: Denise (Anthony) Stanley and Azalea Martin. Grandfathers: James Bates and Jimmy (Mary) Martin Sr. Sisters: Rayven Bates (Indianapolis, IN) and Yoni Wills (Kankakee, IL). Brothers: Marc Odeneal (Kankakee, IL) and Jemiko Bates Jr. (Bourbonnais, IL). Aunts: Shaniece Wilson (Hampton, GA), Rosa Martin (Bourbonnais, IL) and Cassandra Martin (Kankakee, IL). Uncles: Donald (Marshea) Washington

(Kennesaw, GA), Michael Bates (Ft. Meyers, FL), Jimmie Martin Jr. (Kankakee, IL) and Terrance Haynes. Godsisters: Aariyan Thomas, Jakayla McCullor and Shaunisha Lewis. Godbrother: Davon Odeneal and a host of great aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

DEC **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
717 N. Wildwood
Kankakee, IL

Service

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family*



Samuels Family - January 02, 2022 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ *Joann Box lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Joann Box - December 30, 2021 at 08:19 AM

DG

“ *My deepest sympathies to her family, The sweetest, most kind young lady. She went to Taft Primary School when she was little while I was a secretary there and I'll never forget that beautiful smile and big dimples. You all are in my prayers.*

Deanna Gaytan

Deanna Gaytan - December 29, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BF

“ Prayers and condolences to the family.



Brenda Felton - December 29, 2021 at 12:04 AM

JS

“ Sending My deepest condolences to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss praying for all of you.
Jodi



Jolan Shell - December 28, 2021 at 02:23 PM

CM

“ Camilia M. lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates



Camilia M. - December 28, 2021 at 02:21 PM

SB

“ Stella B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jemiya Bates.



Stella B. - December 28, 2021 at 11:01 AM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. I love you all so much!* ”



Corsica Campbell - December 28, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SB

“ *Jemiya, you was a beautiful person. Every time I seen you, you were always smiling and full of life. It was a pleasure knowing you. You will be missed and I'm praying for your family. We love you from the Bender/Walker family. Rest easy beautiful.* ”



Stella Bender - December 28, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JV

“ *My prayers are with Kassandra and her Family! Believe that he walks with you during this time, and he will be there to see you through. Love Friend Julia* ”

julia veaxey - December 28, 2021 at 10:19 AM

TW

“ *Jemiya, you will be deeply missed. I'm so glad we became friends we've had so many fun times over the years. I'll never forget all the things we've done together. Thank you so much for supporting my kids with their sports. You were always full of smiles and sunshine no matter how you were feeling. Almost everywhere I go there is a crazy memory of something you did funny. Thank you for being a friend. #LL4L 🌈* ”

Tysha Ward - December 28, 2021 at 09:39 AM

KJ

“ *Keyania Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Keyania Johnson - December 28, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LA

“ *Praying for your family Rest In Peace beautiful*

LaToya - December 28, 2021 at 08:14 AM

AC

“ *I love you Jemiya!! My track sister forever. I'll never forget you. Until we meet again #ForeverMiya*



Alexis C - December 28, 2021 at 12:26 AM

CG

“ *Chitara Gunn lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Chitara Gunn - December 27, 2021 at 11:24 PM

SR

“ *Shayon Rauster lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Shayon Rauster - December 27, 2021 at 10:26 PM

AR

“ *April Reed lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



April Reed - December 27, 2021 at 08:44 PM

MR

“ *I love you & I'll miss you so much, Jemiya! I'll cherish every funny moment, picture, & video that we share* 💜.



Maria Rivera - December 27, 2021 at 08:22 PM

TR

“ *Terry Robicheaux-Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Terry Robicheaux-Lloyd - December 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

EJ

“ *Condolences to the Martin and Bates family.*



Elaine Jackson - December 27, 2021 at 06:39 PM

LJ

“ *Lynnette Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Lynnette Johnson - December 27, 2021 at 05:34 PM

VF

“ *Vickie Farrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Vickie Farrell - December 27, 2021 at 05:29 PM

BU

“ *Bridgett Underwood sent a virtual gift in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Bridgett Underwood - December 27, 2021 at 04:18 PM

BU

“ Sending heart felt condolences to the family and friends of Jemiya!!!! We will definitely keep the family in prayer!!!



Bridgett Underwood - December 27, 2021 at 04:17 PM

MH

“ To Jemiko and family. Losing a child is very heartbreaking. We send our condolences to you and your family. We pray that God gives you the strength to get through the days ahead.



Love, Montoya Harper and The Harper Family

Montoya Harper - December 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ Joyce Majors lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates



Joyce Majors - December 27, 2021 at 01:48 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Prayers for your strength in your time of sorrow.



Mary Ann Gaddy - December 27, 2021 at 01:44 PM

ST

“ To Denise, Jemiko, and family you all have my deepest sympathy and prayers. So sorry for the loss of Jemiya.



Shenicka Taylor - December 27, 2021 at 12:39 PM

MM

“ Sincerest love and prayers to the family. Jemiya's beautiful infectious spirit was a blessed gift to all she encountered.



Michael & Rita Morris - December 27, 2021 at 11:22 AM

KM

“ If only we had more time I Love you soooo much lil cousin 💔



Kajsha Martin - December 27, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JH

“ Hey, Family i knew Miya ever since i been a member at Morning Star Baptist Church me and my family. Miya became very close to me and my family and she always came over my house when i was living on Hickory with Cassmine to see my son Derrick all the time so we will definitely miss her smile, laughters, and her jokes most of all, She always made me and my family laugh so family just know that me and my family loved us some Miya and yes we will miss her dearly it is a very hard time for me and my family as well but we know that God saw fit to call her home so this mean they have indeed gained a beautiful talented young lady in heaven with a big heart. Miya you will be missed by all whom you came in contacted with or who's hearts you touched.



Jacqueline D. Harris-Shorter - December 27, 2021 at 10:18 AM

BU

“ Condolences to the families of Jemiya❤️❤️
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Bridgett Underwood - December 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM

RF

“ Renee Fulton lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates



Renee Fulton - December 27, 2021 at 08:10 AM

KH

“ Our deepest condolences to the families of Jemiya Bates may God be your comfort and guide in the coming days ahead 🙏🙏🙏

Kevin and Cheryl Hawkins - December 26, 2021 at 11:43 PM

SF

“ PRAYERS, CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF JEMIYA BATES, REMEMBER JEMIYA AS A LOVING PERSON, DON'T FORGET WHO SHE WAS, AND MEANT TO US ALL, HER PRESENCE ENERGY AND MORE, WHAT SHE PUT OUT AND THIS WORLD. BABY-GIRL REST EASY & FLY HIGH. GONE NEVER FORGOTTEN, LOVE U FOREVER!



SHIRLEY MOORE & FAMILY - December 26, 2021 at 08:48 PM

TT

“ Jermiy will forever be in my heart. I will never forget her saying auntie Tasha where is uncle Phil. And I will say he's at home baby and she will laugh and say ok tell him I'll be over for that plate. I'm really gonna miss here.. Tasha

Tasha Turner - December 26, 2021 at 08:35 PM

JS

“ To the family of Jamiya, words are not quite enough to express how beautiful Jamiya was just being herself with such a beautiful dimpled smile. God knows best in these situations better than we could ever comprehend. I, we will miss her dearly. Most sincere condolences and continued prayers for all loved ones, friends and her beloved family.
Rest In Peace beautiful one.



Joyce Shoemaker - December 26, 2021 at 08:10 PM

CS

“ My condolences and prayers to the family.
May the Lord keep you and comfort you.



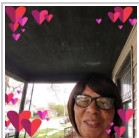
Capri Smith-Brooks - December 26, 2021 at 05:31 PM

KL

“ *Kenyatta Levy lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Kenyatta Levy - December 26, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ *Prayers And Condolences*

Mattie Simon - December 26, 2021 at 04:10 PM

SR

“ Rest in Paradise Jemiya Bates ❤️🕊️🌸



Shioban Reed - December 26, 2021 at 03:26 PM

SR

“ Rest in Paradise Jemiya Bates



Shioban Reed - December 26, 2021 at 03:22 PM

SR

“ Jemiya Bates was such a sweet friendly person
I know she loves to smile and laugh all the time
everybody loved her rest in Paradise Jemiya



Shioban Reed - December 26, 2021 at 03:20 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Wilson lit a candle in memory of
Jemiya Bates



Cheryl Wilson - December 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM

EL

“ *My deepest condolences to Jemiya’s entire Family. May she rest in the arms of the Father*



Ethel Lee - December 26, 2021 at 01:02 PM

VJ

“ *To Denise and family,
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your entire family. Jemiya was a blessing and a ray of sunshine to anyone she encountered. I will forever remember that contagious smile and those beautiful dimples!!! Rest up baby girl and continue to watch over Jayden. It's never goodbye, rather until we see each other again. Fly high Jemiya.*

Verlon Jordan - December 26, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JF

“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



JOANN FORD-BOX - December 26, 2021 at 10:34 AM

UW

“ To The family of Jemiya Bates and extended family. The life of Jemiya will never be faded, she is and always will be light shining in the mist of any troubles. She is a fighter and an encouragement to anyone who ever had or have to fight to overcome. My prayer is both families love on each other to strengthen great nephew.



Ursala Williams - December 26, 2021 at 02:30 AM

SP

“ Shaquia Pickens lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates



Shaquia Pickens - December 25, 2021 at 11:08 PM

BB

“ To the family of Jemyia Bates I offer my deepest sympathy for your loss, But she is also our loss and therefore we share the pain of her passing. For you see, Jemyia was the God Given Gift that blessed our family with my 14th great grand child. And though I didn't know her very long, I will always remember the gentleness of her voice and her infectious smile whenever we were in each other's presence.



Bobby Jean Williams Blanchard

Bobby Jean Williams Blanchard - December 25, 2021 at 03:59 PM

DW

“ *My condolences to the families,*



Debra Williams - December 25, 2021 at 03:53 PM

BB

“ *Bobby Jean Williams Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Jemiya Bates*



Bobby Jean Williams Blanchard - December 25, 2021 at 03:45 PM