

Homegoing Service for
Tanji Dajuan Dewberry

June 26, 1976 - April 13, 2014

&

Evan Ogando Soler

January 9, 2006 - April 13, 2014



Monday, April 21, 2014 - 12:00 Noon
Viewing/Visitation 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

St. Matthew A.M.E. Church

336 Oakwood Avenue

East Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor

Reverend Dana P. Owens, Officiant

Pastor Jackie Robinson, Eulogist

Comes The Dawn

After a while you learn the subtle difference
Between holding a hand and chaining a soul,
And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning
And company doesn't mean security,
And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts
And presents aren't promises,
And you begin to accept your defeats
With your head up and your eyes open
With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child,
And you learn to build all your roads on today,
Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans,
And futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight.

After a while you learn
That even sunshine burns if you get too much.
So you plant your own garden and decorate your own soul,
Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.
And you learn that you really can endure...

That you really are strong,
And you really do have worth.
And you learn and learn...
With every goodbye you learn.

—*Veronica A. Shoffstall*



Trust, your sleepers will always love you!
Theta Alpha Chapter / S.S.A.S.E.L.L.I.R.
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Reflections of Life for Tanji Dajuan Dewberry

Tanji D. Dewberry was born on June 26, 1976 in Dayton, Ohio to the Late Darrell Dewberry and Cynthia Robinson.

She received her formal education at The Thacher School in Ojai, California, Class of 1994. She received her undergraduate degree in Radio, Television and Film at Northwestern University in 1998. She was a Spring 1996 Initiate of Theta Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, at Northwestern University.

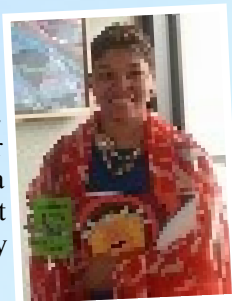
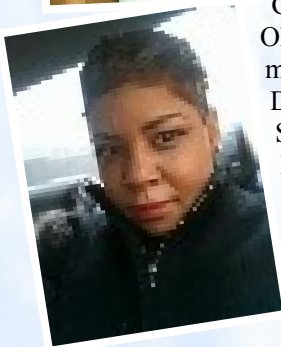
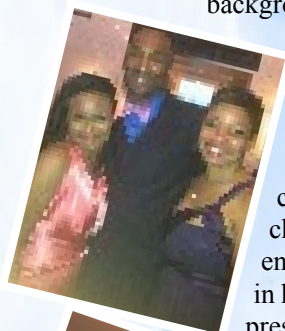
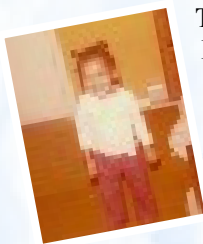
Tanji was a friend to many - never meeting a stranger and able to build relationships with people of all backgrounds. Her vibrant personality, keen business acumen, and quick wit enabled her to be successful in all that she ventured. She was a self-motivated and assertive business woman, always striving for the next opportunity to enhance her career and not afraid to embrace new challenges. Most importantly, Tanji was passionate about enriching the lives of others and making a difference in her community. We celebrate today for Tanji's presence was truly felt in this world.

She was a former employee of WL Ross & Co. LLC as a member of the Investor Relations Team. In 2012, Tanji authored a children's book titled "Oh Fiddlesticks!" her first children's book of which she was extremely proud.

On Sunday, April 13, 2014, Tanji was called home with her son, Evan, by our Heavenly Father. She was preceded in death by her father, Darrell Dewberry; paternal grandmother, Doris Dewberry; paternal grandfather, Charles Dewberry; and maternal grandfather, Charles Dixon.

Tanji leaves to celebrate her life and honor her legacy: her mother, Cynthia Robinson of Lithia Springs, Georgia; brother, Jajuan Sylvan of Dayton, Ohio; sister, Canjah Dewberry of Dayton, Ohio; maternal grandmother, Evelyn Mitchell of Dayton, Ohio; maternal grandmother, Carolyn Sparks of Kannapolis, North Carolina; nephews: KaeBrien and Railan Derriso, and Jameon Dewberry; a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, many other relatives, and close friends.

Lovingly submitted, the Family



Order of Service

Musicians.....Emory Lee (Organist)
Robbin Gordon-Cartier (Harpist)

Officiant.....Dana P. Owens
Messiah Baptist Church
East Orange, New Jersey

Musical Prelude / Slide Presentation - "Happy"

Processional

Scripture.....Pastor Randy McNeill, Mt. Zion Church, Red Bank, NJ
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Pastor Randy McNeill

Musical SelectionSoloist

The Thacher School Tribute Dermond Thomas

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Expressions Rosalyn Ford

Poem - Comes The Dawn Marilyn Griffin

Musical Selection.....Robbin Gordon-Cartier

Readings

St. John 14:1-6Rosalyn Ford

Matthew 18:2-6Austin J. Alfonso

Reading of the Obituary of Tanji Dewberry..... Beatrice Adewole

Reading of the Obituary of Evan Soler..... Timothy Pratt

Reflections/Remarks (*limited to 2 minutes per person please*)

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| 1) Rich Daniels | 4) Julie Antoine |
| 2) Coach Malik Jones | 5) Garrett Winn |
| 3) Irene Hoos | 6) Rob Robinson |

Musical Selection Soloist

Eulogy.....Pastor Jackie Robinson
Valley Peace Missionary Church, Dayton, Ohio

Musical Selection.....Robbin Gordon-Cartier

Benediction & RecessionalRev. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton

The family respectfully request that no cameras, cell phones or other recording devices be used during the service.

Honorary Ushers

Garrett Winn	Michael Johnson
Torrence Moore	Rick Carter

Immediately following the service, family and friends are invited to join for repast in the church dining hall.

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Reflections of Life for Evan Ogando Soler

Evan O. Soler was born on January 9, 2006 in New York, New York to the Late Tanji Dewberry and Virgilio Soler, Jr.

Evan was a very bright second-grader at Heywood Avenue Elementary School in Orange, New Jersey. He was a honor student and a regional finalist in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 2013.

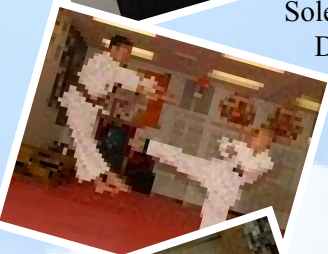
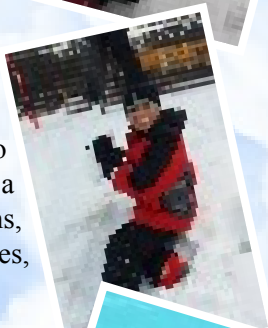
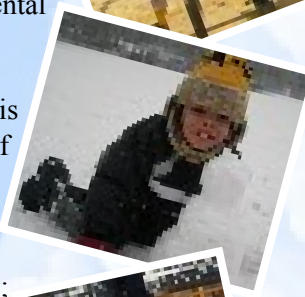
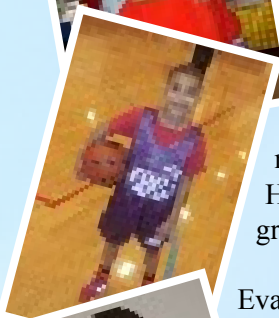
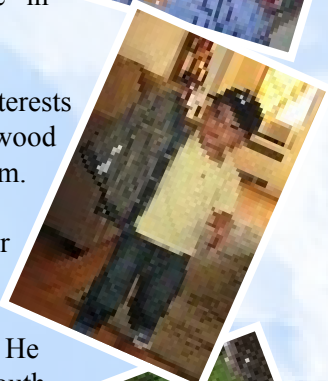
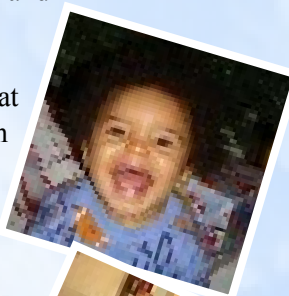
Among his many school-related interests Evan was a member of the Heywood Drama Club and the Scholars' Program.

Outside of school, Evan was a member of the Zoo Crew Basketball Club in Newark, New Jersey and the South Orange YMCA Basketball Program. He also played baseball for the South Orange/Maplewood Baseball Program, The Village Barbers.

On Sunday, April 13, 2014, Evan and his mom were called home by our heavenly Father. He was preceded in death by his parental grandfather, Virgilio Soler.

Evan leaves to celebrate his life and honor his legacy: his father, Virgilio Soler, Jr. of Maplewood, New Jersey; paternal grandmother, Ycelsa Ogando of New York, New York; aunt Elaine Mateo and uncle Plinio Mateo of Chicopee, Massachusetts; aunt Nayla Collado and uncle Angel Collado of Bronx, New York; aunt Ianna Soler and uncle Dionilsy Soto of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; and a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, honorary aunts and uncles, classmates, and friends.

Lovingly submitted, the Family





1 Corinthians 13:13

*So now faith, hope and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*



Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the expressions of love, prayers, support and kindness shown to them during the passing of their loved ones.

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