

Celebration of Life for

Ariana E. DeGree Jayah R. DeGree

Sunrise: August 7, 2008

Sunset: August 18, 2017

Sunrise: January 15, 2011

Sunset: August 18, 2017

Obituary

Ariana Elizabeth DeCree, age 9, and Ajayah Royale DeCree, age 6, were taken into the arms of Our Heavenly Father on August 18, 2017.

Ariana, whom everyone knew as "Ari" was born August 7, 2008. Her little sister, Ajayah, who was affectionately called "AJ" or "Snootie" was born on January, 15, 2011. Both were born in Hackensack, NJ to Anthony DeCree and Bathsheba Sumter. The girls attended Lincoln Elementary School in Newark, NJ.

Ari was excited to begin 4th grade and Ajay was to set to start 1st grade this coming Fall. From birth, Ari showed herself to be a loving, caring, kind, sensitive and friendly child. But make no mistake, she had just the right amount of sass. At an early age, she learned to do household chores of her own volition. Simply because she wanted to be of service. The recurring theme whenever anyone describes her is helpful diva. Wholeheartedly, Ari personifies the true meanings of her name, which are "Holy One" and "Oath of Elohim" (God).

Since the day she made her grand entrance into this world, AJ filled our hearts and lives with her humor, warmth, and love. She possessed a strong-willed, outspoken and honest personality. She also had a sparkling nature, that made those around her take pause. In short, she was fabulous. In her brief time on this Earth, Ajayah was the embodiment of her name, "Unconquered Queen".

Each girl, in her own right, was amazing, but together, they were a Dynamic Duo! They lived loud, loved unconditionally and embarked on adventures fearlessly—always together. These beautiful and boisterous little girls staged performances that often required multiple wardrobe changes. At the end of the of the show, the amount of laundry that remained could easily rival that of Diana Ross or Whitney Houston, after a concert in Radio City. At other times, they would stage an impromptu fashion show on the sidewalk, in the living room, or on a staircase. The outfits they created were an endless display of their whimsical, bubbly and outgoing natures. Having established themselves as the "masters of dress up" they frequently commandeered most of mom's, auntie's, big sissy's and grandma's accessories and wigs with reckless abandon.

They were born in complete balance of one another and were instantly best friends. Although they loved to play with other children, they were a party unto themselves. They brought light wherever they went. Loving, never holding a grudge, and possessing no guile, this pair touched the hearts of everyone who crossed their path. Precious and beautiful, inside and out, their parents affectionately called them our "Love Babies". They were the embodiment of unconditional love and they were soul mates until their untimely end.

Preceded in death by their grandparents, Josephine & Joseph DeCree.

Surviving: Father, Anthony DeCree, mother, Bathsheba Sumter, grandmother, Evelyn McDaniel, siblings, Akeyla Pendleton and Aziel Pendleton, uncles David McDaniel, Kenneth Taylor, Lee Rogers Taylor, Julius Taylor, Monte Cole, Matthew Levy, aunts: Electa Levy, Elexia Sumter-Watson, Lisa Taylor a host of cousins, including special cousins, Nechelle Coleman, Morgan McDaniel, David McDaniel, Michael McDaniel, Karin Watson, Jonathan Watson, Naomi Levy, Tamar Levy and Ahmanyah Levy a whole host of extended family and friends.



Services

Saturday, August 26, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Bishop Jethro C. James, Jr., Officiating

Paradise Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Order of Service

<i>Processional</i>	<i>Clergy/Family</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>"Uncloudy Day"</i>
<i>Invocation Prayer</i>	<i>Rev. R. David Keith Ebenezer Baptist Church, Newark, NJ</i>
<i>Scripture Readings</i>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Rev. George Blackwell Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark, NJ</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Rev. Vincent Rouse Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Newark, NJ</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Rev. C. Eugene Overstreet New Covenant Baptist Church, Jersey City, NJ</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Choir</i>
<i>Word of Comfort</i>	
<i>Solo</i>	
<i>Open Remarks</i>	<i>3 Minutes Each Please</i>
<i>Acknowledgements/Obituary</i>	<i>Jacqueline Cooper</i>
<i>Solo</i>	
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Anthony L. DeCree (Father)</i>
<i>Parting Viewing</i>	<i>Clergy/Immediate Family</i>
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	<i>Bishop Timothy Lloyd Pernel, Jr. Bet Hashem YHWH, Bloomfield, NJ</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	
<i>Interment</i>	<i>Fairmount Cemetery, Newark, NJ</i>



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