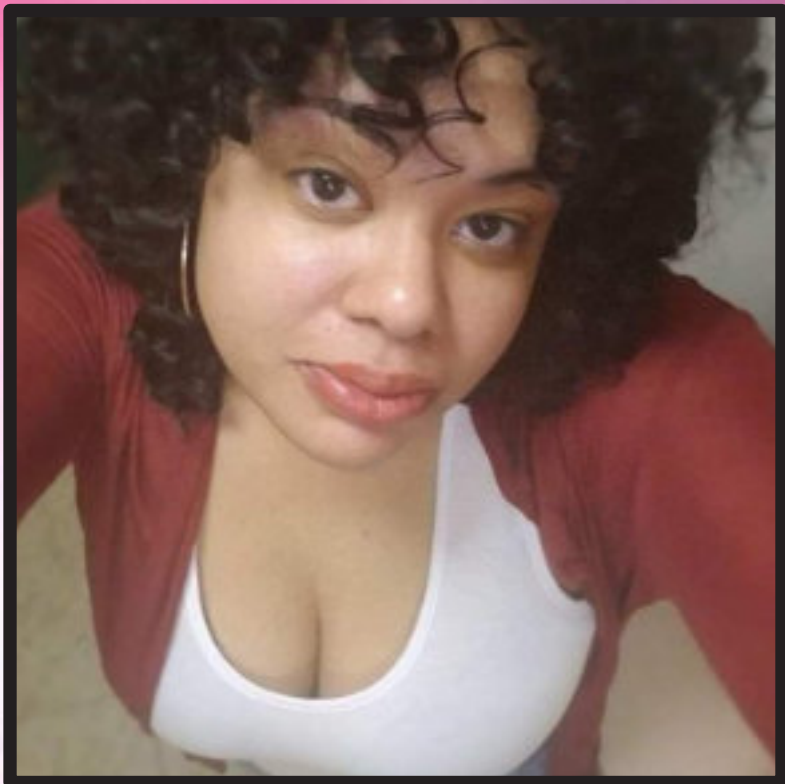


Celebrating the Life of



Brittani Elease

Sunrise: June 29, 1985 - Sunset: March 26, 2022

**Service:
Friday, April 8, 2022 - 3PM**

**Mt. Zion AME Church
1765 Madison Avenue • New York, NY**

Obituary

Brittani Elease was born on June 29, 1985, in New York City. She was healthy, happy, delightful, and a very smart baby. At age 3, Brittani started school at Nazareth Nursery, a Montessori School, where she learned to read. She began ballet classes at the Dance Theater of Harlem, where she was selected, at age 5, to train with the professionally touring troop at the Dalton School.

The Village Community School, an independent co-educational day school in Manhattan, selected Brittani to attend elementary school. There, she excelled at Math and discovered a passion for playing Basketball, as part of the Village Community School team. Brittani joined Hammer's all-girl basketball team, a summer program at the Douglas Center, and this was where she flourished. When Hammer launched an all-girl summer basketball program, Brittani joined. She played in numerous tournaments and brought home many trophies by the end of the summer. Brittani returned to her Village Community School team with improved ball-handling skills, and before graduating, she was able to take her school team to their first finals playoff season.

Moving on to high school, Brittani attended Notre Dame, taking on new interests and graduating. She went on to study at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she made the Dean's List in her 1st and 2nd year. During that time, Brittani gave birth to her daughter Jordan and her son Jayden. Jordan and Jayden were the light of her life. Brittani was a loving mother, continuing her education with kids in tow and taking them with her everywhere. She transferred to the College of New Rochelle, earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Psychology, and became a mom to baby number three. Brittani's third child is an adorable little girl, named Charlie. All three children were the love of Brittani's life. Brittani, a working mother, began her career at Homeland Security, TSA. She eventually moved on to a position with the United States Postal Service.

Brittani's love, joy, and warmth have touched the lives of her three children Jordan Smith, Jayden Smith, and Charlie Richards, who have all made her very proud: She is survived by: her Father, Mother and Stepfather, brother, and Grandmothers and Grandfathers (predeceased), along with a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Selection ...“I Won’t Complain” - Pastor Marshall Morton
Scripture Reading..... Wilfred Lee
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Kahlil G. James
Musical Selection..... “I Need You Now” - Jeff Redd
Condolences, Acknowledgements, & Remarks..... Sheila Lewis
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Eulogy.....Rev. Kahlil G. James
Musical Selection“Stand” - Pastor Marshall Morton
Musical Selection“Isn’t She Lovely” - Jordan
Dedication.....Charlie, Jayden, and Jordan
Committal.....Rev. Kahlil G. James
Benediction.....Rev. Kahlil G. James
Recessional

Organist, Pastor Marshall Morton
Videographer & Sound Technician, Alvin Jowers

Verse
***Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.***
Proverbs 31:29 KJV

Interment:
George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for you to weep;
This is a debt we all must pay,
You will see me again someday.

I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.

But life for you must go on,
You must not worry because I'm gone.

You stood beside me all the way,
When I was down, you knew what to say ...

You always told me, "get some rest,"
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.

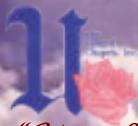
So please let me rest in peace,
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I
thank God because He came for me.

-Emily Dickinson

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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