

A portrait of a young Black man with short hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white collared shirt, and a dark bow tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background behind him is a bright, golden sun with rays, set against a sky with soft, white clouds.

Celebration of *Life*

In loving memory of

TAI OSEI OHIKWAREME ODION

April 4, 1999 - August 4, 2022

September 17, 2022 | 11:00 a.m.

Reception to Follow

First African Presbyterian Church
5197 Salem Road, Stonecrest, GA 30038

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Lomax

We will be sharing some of our favorite stories, our memories, to laugh, to cry and to remember such a wonderful person who is greatly missed.

OBITUARY

Tai Osei Ohikwareme Odion, 23, of Snellville, GA and La Marque, TX passed away suddenly on August 4, 2022. His family is shocked and deeply saddened by his loss.

Tai was born on April 4, 1999 to Titilayo and Gege Odion in Atlanta, GA. Tai spent his early years in Newark, NJ where he played baseball, football, took tap dance lessons, and attended the prestigious Newark Boys Chorus School. Titilayo, Tai, and Tia moved to Pearland, TX when Tai was in middle school. He went on to graduate from Robert Turner College and Career High School in 2017. Tai also attended Alvin Community College while in high school. When he graduated high school he also graduated college with an Associate's Degree in General Studies.

Tai went on to attend the University of Houston and then transferred to Georgia State University where he was due to graduate this December with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy. After spending time working with his father and grandfather in their respective businesses and talking to his "Uncle" Lance and "Uncle" Troy he decided that he too would become an entrepreneur.

He loved playing the guitar, making beats, and playing golf...all of which he taught himself. He was a bright and kind individual. Anyone who knew Tai, knew that he was brilliant and forward thinking. He also had a passion for cooking and investing.

In addition to his parents, Titilayo Smith and Gege Odion, Tai will also be missed by his sisters, Tia Odion and Sydney Morenike Smith-Odion, his brother Charles Akhigbe Sherman Odion, grandmothers Gloria Imani Jackson and Lydia Odion, grandfather Faquir Shah Mahdi, great-aunts Juanita "Yaa Asantewaa" Wilson, Louise James, Barbara Jenimisa King, Deborah Agyemang, great-uncles Walter Hart, Michael Jackson, Chireh Alhaji Ibrahim Adams, aunts Florence Odion, Margaret Odion, and Bre Rose Brown, uncles Christian Odion, Farad Shah Mahdi, and Robert Brown, step-father Keith Smith, step-brothers Kyle Smith and Kaden Smith, cousins Mashariki Wilson, Mekka Wilson, Lance James, Hope Hart, Dustin Hart, Brooke Hart Jones, Malkia King, Haiba King-Samuel, ChaChe King, John Baker, Jonathan Baker, Teneerah Baker, Tiamoyia Ross, Taneisha Ross, Ramel Ross, Sanobia Ross, Imani Ross, Ismail Ross, and Bobbi Brown, Godmother Dawn Harris Jeffries, Godfather Troy Harrison, and a plethora of extended family and friends.

His family and friends will miss him more than words can say.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcoming

Reading

By Gloria Imani Jackson

Memorial Video

Created by Savannah Miller

Reflections from Family and Friends

Eulogy

By Rev. Dr. Mark Lomax

Acknowledgments

Closing Song

“I Was Here” by Beyonce’

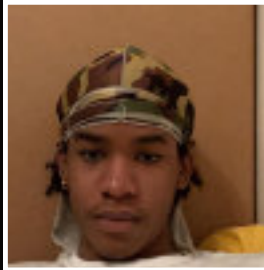
Performed by Ronda Grinds

*We know Tai is smiling down on us today as we share in his memory. If you're able to, we ask that you post your favorite photo of Tai on his memorial website:
<https://everloved.com/life-of/tai-odion/>*

FOR MY DEAR BROTHER,

I'm thankful for the time that I got to spend by your side. You were my best friend when we were younger and I will never forget how you were there for me. When we were calm enough to play together happily, we had such a great time. There's so much more that I want to say about you but I will always keep you here. It will always be the three of us. I'm so glad that you got to get in touch with our family and I know that you've moved many hearts.

*From your younger sister who will always love you,
Tia*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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