



Aaron Diarius Kirkland

July 13, 1983 - January 24, 2023

Aaron Diarius Kirkland, fondly known as AK to many, entered this world on July 13, 1983, in Thomasville, NC, born to Rebecca Kirkland and the late Marvin P. Gathings. He peacefully departed this life on December 24, 2023, to join the Most High. Aaron pursued his education at Jack Britt High School in Fayetteville, NC, graduating as part of the Class of 2002. His exceptional athletic prowess earned him recognition as the #1 Football Recruit in the State of North Carolina and the #7 ranking nationwide. Beyond football, he showcased remarkable talent in Basketball, attracting offers from renowned Division I schools such as Michigan State University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and Florida State University. Ultimately, Aaron committed to playing football at the University of Tennessee. As a member of Kingdom Harvest Church in Charlotte, NC, Aaron found guidance and mentorship under the wise leadership of Pastor Tirrell Greene. Known to those close to him as a "Gentle Giant," Aaron's kindness and boundless generosity were defining characteristics that he shared abundantly with those he held dear. A devoted father, Aaron displayed patience and unwavering dedication while spending time with his beloved children. He instilled the value of education and surrounded his children with love and unwavering support. Aaron is survived by his mother, Rebecca Kirkland; his cherished children, Giselle and Brandon Kirkland of Charlotte, NC; five siblings, including Tanatilie Kirkland of Charlotte, NC; Melinda, Chamelle, and Ramone Drayton of High Point, NC; and Twyla Gathings of Winston Salem, NC. He also leaves behind a special

friend, Lakesia Christian, along with numerous relatives and close friends who will forever hold his memory dear.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

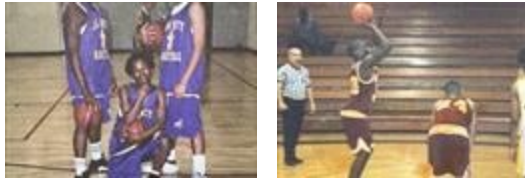
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“ Jack B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aaron Diarius Kirkland.

Jack B. - January 06, 2024 at 03:18 AM

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Marcellus Williams - January 05, 2024 at 11:23 PM