



Suniya A. Brooks

August 15, 2005 - July 25, 2021

Suniya Avanti Brooks, also lovingly known as “Ni Ni” and “Choc”, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 25, 2021. She was born March 15, 2005 the daughter of Lea Taque’ Braxton and Donnell Lee Brooks Sr. in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Suniya accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Trenches Church under the leadership of Pastor James Harris, where she was a part of the music ministry. She later became a member of Greater Joy Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Pastor Jeffrey Townsend.

She attended Gull Lake Public Schools in Richland, Michigan from elementary school to high school where she was presently a 10th grade student at Gull Lake High School. Suniya had a passion to protect anyone who she felt was being mistreated or bullied because they were different. She took the initiative to become an advocate for the students, and her efforts in addressing diversity challenges and barriers in a school setting were noticed by school officials. Suniya was then called on to help coordinate a school assembly to address the need for diversity and protection for those being bullied which was a great accomplishment for her.

Suniya was an over-achiever also in the work place. She was employed at McDonald’s and in her first week on the job she received a certificate for being the Star Employee of the Week! She was a very hard worker who was looking

forward to purchasing a car with some of her savings.

She had many hobbies and interests that included painting, singing and dancing. Suniya was also a “foodie” who loved to eat! Suniya was a “Sweet” sixteen year old with a beautiful smile. Her name definitely symbolized her sunny and bright personality which touched anyone she would meet. She will be greatly missed and forever in our memories and our hearts. We Love You Suniya and We Always Will!

She leaves to cherish her memory, her parents: Lea Braxton and Donnell Lee Brooks Sr.; one sister, Donaijah Brooks; 2 brothers, Donnell Lee Brooks Jr. and Hudson Brooks; maternal grandmother, Shalea Braxton; paternal grandparents, Donald and Stephanie Brook; grandfather, Gerald Fields; great grandmothers, Lea Braxton, Bernadine Williams and Charlie Mae Brooks; great grandfather, Chester (Louise) Williams; a special ‘Grands”, Lenore Campbell; 3 uncles, Donald Brooks Jr., Demetrius Brooks and LeAndre Braxton; and a host of great aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

AUG 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Trenches Community Church
1003 Gayle Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Tribute Wall



“ *Suniya A. Brooks*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Suniya A. Brooks*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Im late I lost g this. I didn't have a phone or a way to post when she was taken so soon. I worked with her at McDonald's. I can attest to her overacheiving at work. She was so kind, so sweet. I remember the very last conversation we had ever had. That was the night before the tragedy that was. I remember her smile. Not a day goes by when I dont remember her. On June second, 2023, I walked across the stage to collect my diploma. Yet, a student was missing in the world. I also walked for her. This september, I will go and begin classes in Criminal Justice and Criminology to become a police officer. I want to try to do everything in my power to stop these things from happening. Suniya, I miss you. Fly high.*

Alexander Taylor - July 27, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Larissamarie Tinkey lit a candle in memory of Suniya A. Brooks*



Larissamarie tinkey - September 29, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LT

“ You were such an amazing friend bbg.. i miss you everyday it has been hard without you and i never got to thank you for never giving up on me even when i knew i had no fight left in me you made me keep pushing you have been my friend since elementary school.. no matter how much she didn't like someone she was there for everyone even when she was going through a hard time.. you were taken to early. God i keep wishing that you would text me and this is all just a horrible dream but i know you are gone and i can't take the pain your parents did a great job you are one of the greatest human i kno to walk this earth and we all love you so much. I know i didn't get to make it there in time for your funeral to say my goodbyes but i promise i'll be by to visit you soon baby 🥹 May you rest in piece and have a great rest of your life

Larissamarie tinkey - September 29, 2021 at 10:28 PM

LS

“ Rest in heaven beautiful we love you Keysha, Tion and Sanaa



LaKeysha Pratt and Sanaa Steel - August 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM

TS

“ Praying for the families



Tamara Spencer - August 19, 2021 at 08:03 PM

GT

“ Gull Lake Transportation purchased the 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel for the family of Suniya A. Brooks.



Gull Lake Transportation - August 18, 2021 at 07:57 AM

JC

“ Suniya was a freshman student of mine. She was never shy about sharing her thoughts and opinions. She was always honest and respectful of me and her peers. She was simply delightful to have in class and had a terrific sense of humor. Throughout her sophomore year, she would come back to my room and say, “do you miss your favorite student, Mr. C?” I would always say “yes, I do.” And, I did ... and I always will, as will the rest of her GL family. Rest In Peace Suniya.

Josh Cunningham - August 18, 2021 at 07:34 AM

MV

“ Ms Varnesdeel lit a candle in memory of Suniya A. Brooks



Ms Varnesdeel - August 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM

AG

“ I’ve known sunyia since I was in the Ryan intermediate. We would always sing Wings by Little Mix during recess no matter what. She was one of the kindest souls ever. We had our rough time in the friendship but always seemed to remain close and be about to talk to each other about anything and everything. She always lit up every room that she walked into.

Abbi G - August 09, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DS

“ Donald Brooks Sr. lit a candle in memory of Suniya A. Brooks



Donald Brooks Sr. - August 08, 2021 at 06:36 PM

PG

“ Pauline (Mills) Gardner lit a candle in memory of Suniya A. Brooks



Pauline (Mills) Gardner - August 08, 2021 at 04:17 PM

JD

“ Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Suniya A. Brooks



Jack Dunigan - August 06, 2021 at 03:16 AM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Suniya A. Brooks*



Jack Dunigan - August 06, 2021 at 03:16 AM

WF

“ *Gone too soon. May God continue to bless and comfort you all during your time of bereavement and beyond. His mercy endureth forever.
We pray with you and for you.
The Fields Family*



Wendy Fields - August 06, 2021 at 12:27 AM

EF

“ *My Condolences to the family I will always keep you in my prayers RIP Suniya*



Earline Fields - August 05, 2021 at 08:28 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Suniya A. Brooks*



Helen Brooks - August 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM