



Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden

August 8, 2007 - July 5, 2026

Daniel Jalán Jackson-Gladden, affectionately known as “DeeJay” by his friends and family, was born on August 8, 2007 in Durham, North Carolina to his loving parents, James Gladden, Jr. and Danielle Jackson.

Daniel’s journey through life was marked by his vibrant spirit and passion for a variety of interests. He graduated from Chattanooga Preparatory School (Chatt Prep) in May of 2025, where he made a name for himself as a determined and dedicated student—from the basketball court, to being a motivational speaker to his peers, and briefly on the football field. In August of 2025, Daniel attended Alabama A&M University on scholarship to pursue Business Administration.

Beyond his academic pursuits and acknowledgements, Daniel had a deep love for fashion, entrepreneurship, a big heart and a vibrant smile that would light up the room. Daniel had no shy bone in his body, just a big people person who lived his family and friends—especially his siblings.

Among those who preceded Daniel in death include his great-grandparents, Emetrius Harris and Marie C. Toney, Leonard Jackson, Jr., and Elizabeth Robinson-Jackson; uncle, Larry (Jay) Cunningham, all of Chattanooga.

Cherishing his memories include his parents, James (Shakira) Gladden, Jr.

and Danielle Jackson; grandparents, Juanna Jackson, Danny Toney, James and Kathryn Gladden, Sr.; sisters, Jada Gladden, Jade Gladden, and Nylah Smith; brothers, Josiah and Amiir Lawrence; uncles, Mark Gladden and Wendell (Lakisha) Gladden, all of Chattanooga, and Christopher Toney of California; aunts, Shanii Cunningham, Jameica (T) Gladden-Crowder, Shamika Toney, and Skye Grace Toney, all of Chattanooga, and Dannai Toney of California; close cousins, Ajuan "AJ" Fields, Xaviera Gladden, Ajani (Malik) Fields, Zipporian Patterson, Mark "Lil' Mark" Gladden, Jr., Malachi Steele, Laia Cunningham, Camden Willis, all of Chattanooga. He also leaves a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends that love him.

Daniel Jackson-Gladden's memory will forever be cherished by his family, friends, and all who had the honor of knowing him. His legacy as a beloved son, brother, friend, and bold spirit and personality will continue to inspire those he touched.

As we bid farewell to Daniel, we remember the warmth of his smile, the depth of his passions, and the love he shared with those around him. Rest in peace, DeeJay, and may your spirit live on in our hearts.

Daniel will lie-in-state on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Canaan Church, located at 4801 TN-58. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Timothy Ward as Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Canaan Church
4801 Tennessee 58
Chattanooga, TN 37416

Funeral Service

JUL **18**. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Mount Canaan Church
4801 Tennessee 58
Chattanooga, TN 37416

Burial

JUL **18**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

B

“ Sending my deepest condolences to this family. Let not your be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me...in my father's house is many mansion; if it were not so I would have told you I go and prepare a place for you...I send my deepest loved to this family...May God blessed you and keep you.

Barbara Andrus - July 23 at 04:24 AM

B

“ Barbara Andrus lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden

Barbara Andrus - July 23 at 04:08 AM

DS

“ Dirria Stone-Bell lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden



Dirria Stone-Bell - July 20 at 03:14 PM

N

“ Sending my deepest condolences to DJ's family! Praying for strength, comfort, and peace for everyone who loved you. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Rest in heaven, DJ 🕊️💙.

Natalia - July 19 at 12:35 AM



“ *Lit a Candle in memory of DeeJay from your cousin Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Parker* ❤️

Yahunna Wadley - July 18 at 03:49 PM



“ *Christopher Cooper lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

Christopher Cooper - July 18 at 01:31 PM



“ *James Woods lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

James Woods - July 18 at 11:45 AM



“ *My heart and prayers are with you during this time. Only meet him once, but he was polite with a beautiful smile.*

Yulvoncia O'Bryant

Yulvoncia O'Bryant - July 18 at 02:00 AM

WK

“ *Walmart Deli and Bakery and KaTasha purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden.*



Walmart Deli and Bakery and KaTasha - July 17 at 11:48 PM



“ *Mary Hall Hall lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

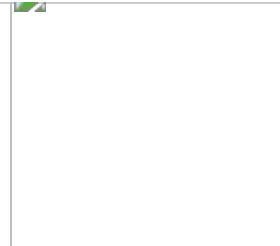


Mary Hall Hall - July 17 at 02:49 PM

Y

“ *sending Comfort, Prayers and Condolences to the Family & Friends.*

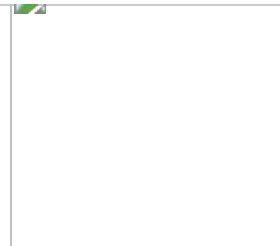
*Sincerely,
Sanders Family*



Yvonne Sanders - July 17 at 12:44 PM

NB

“ *Na-Na Brown lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*



Na-Na Brown - July 17 at 05:17 AM

NB

“ *The smallest person with the BIGGEST HEART❤️❤️❤️ You will be truly missed DeeJay😭😭😭💔💔💔DEUCE & I WILL FOREVER LOVE YOU👤👤👤 Sending my deepest condolences to the Gladden, Jackson, & Toney Family #Gone2Soon*



Na-Na Brown - July 17 at 05:09 AM

MT

“ *To dear Danielle,
I too lost a son, that's a heartache that is so so unbearable. I had to really seek the Lord Jesus for help to bear this horrific burden. It will not get easy; but He will carry you day by day. Nobody knows how you feel except Jesus Christ. I promise when everyone is gone and left, He will be there with you baby. Just call Him and He will answer.*

Mary Ann Tucker - July 16 at 10:55 PM

J

“ *May Jesus comfort the Toney, Gladden and Jackson family as they lay Daniel to rest. My prayers have been sent up.*

Jackie Wood - July 16 at 06:11 AM



“ A young life with endless possibilities gone too soon. Dear family I am so so sorry for the loss of your sweet DeeJay. Even though I do not know your family my heart breaks for you. 🥹💔🙏

drusilla burton - July 16 at 04:58 AM



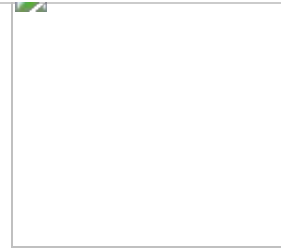
“ Mr.& Mrs. Oliver D. PARKER purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden.



Mr.& Mrs. Oliver D. PARKER - July 15 at 06:52 PM



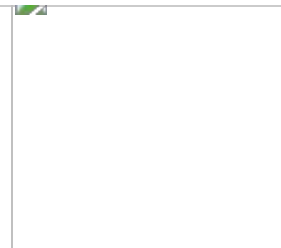
“ Sending my prayers to the family at this time.



LaWanda Smith - July 15 at 06:27 PM



“ Gloria Lewis lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden



Gloria Lewis - July 15 at 05:26 PM

GL

“ *My you rest in peace...*

Gloria Lewis - July 15 at 05:24 PM

MH

“ *My sweet DeeJay, my heart is heavy with sorrow. You were a bright light in this world, and your absence will be profoundly felt. Please know that you will be truly missed. Auntie loves you forever.*

Maiya Hill-Mosley - July 15 at 04:24 PM

LM

“ *To Danielle, the Jackson, Gladden, and Toney family. May the Lord give you all peace that surpasses all understanding. My prayers are with you now and the days ahead.*

Latosha Mitchell - July 15 at 01:30 AM

C

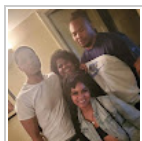
“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to the Gladden and Jackson family. May you feel God presence as you go through the loss of your love one. Know that others share in your loss. May God provide you with the strength and comfort you desire.*
Cassandra Tibbs

Cassandra Tibbs - July 14 at 11:13 PM

TB

“ *Sending my condolences to the Gladden and Jackson families. Words cannot express my sadness, may you find comfort in all beautiful memories you shared. Someone so special will never be forgotten.*
Love Tonia

T Ball - July 14 at 10:00 PM



“ *Angela DeLoach lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

Angela DeLoach - July 14 at 04:30 PM



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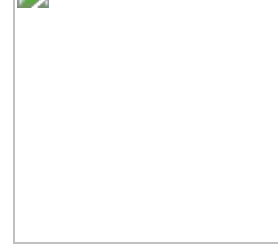


“ *Condolences 🙏 from Pamela Whigham (Nana) and family.*

Pamela Whigham - July 14 at 03:55 PM



“ Vincent Robinson lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden



Vincent Robinson - July 14 at 02:33 PM



“ Always by Your Side - Glassware was purchased for the family of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden.



July 14 at 01:44 PM



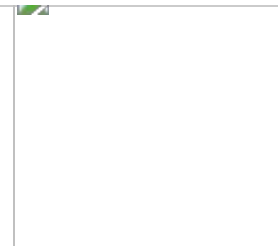
“ DJ, may you rest in sweet peace. You will always have a place in my heart! Love Aunt Renee



Renee Phifer - July 14 at 12:25 PM



“ Sending my sincerest condolences to his Mother, Father, and family.



Alicia Smith - July 14 at 03:08 AM



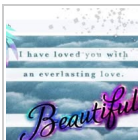
“ *Please accept my sincere condolences and praying for Gladden and Jackson families. May God strengthen you and comfort you during this difficult time. RIP*

Vanessa Sewell - July 14 at 01:27 AM



“ *Condolences and prayers family and friends Marvin & Kathy Hill*

kathryn smith - July 14 at 12:37 AM



“ *Condolences and Prayers to His Family. May God Hold and Comfort you Continually.*

Constance DeRamus - July 13 at 11:04 PM



“ *Praying for the entire family during this difficult season of bereavement. God is a very present help in times of trouble. Rest in peace, Cousin Rev. Henrietta Erskine-SMBC 🙏*

Henrietta Erskine - July 13 at 07:26 PM



“ I am lighting a candle for my cousin Daniel "DJ" Jackson, from the time I have known you, you were a respectable young man. You will be truly missed 💕💕💕 Love you DJ, Danielle, Josiah, Amiir, and Nylah. Love Janiya

Janiya Rodgers - July 13 at 05:23 PM



“ May God be with the Gladden, Jackson & Toney families during this difficult time. May He grant each of you His comfort and peace in the days ahead. Sending heartfelt condolences and hugs.
Kim McKinley-Washington & Family

Kimberly Washington - July 13 at 04:38 PM



“ My Heartfelt Condolences to The Family 💕
🙏❤️

Tracy Spralling - July 13 at 04:29 AM



“ Rest in peace cousin. 💔
Sandarius and Kaylee Toney

Pamela Toney - July 13 at 03:16 AM

SJ

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND
PRAYERS TO THE GLADDEN,JACKSON
AND TONEY FAMILY 🙏❤️



Sandra Jordan - July 12 at 11:52 PM



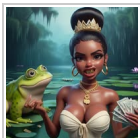
“ Praying for his family during these hard times.
God bless you and keep you forever and ever
❤️❤️❤️

Wanda Elder - July 12 at 02:45 PM

RK

“ My deepest condolences. May God continue
to bless each of you, and may He continue to
embrace you in His loving arms. I love y'all.

Regina Kelley-Starr - July 12 at 10:24 AM



“ To my grandson
My heart is broken
You will forever be in my heart
Love Nana Donna & family

Dee Russell - July 11 at 11:17 PM

DT

“ *In memory of my Grandson, DJ. You will forever be in my heart. Rest in Peace son.*
Love Nana

Darlena Toney - July 11 at 11:06 PM

DT

This was from Nana Donna!

Darlena Toney - July 11 at 11:21 PM

DT

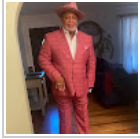
“ *Darlena Toney lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

Darlena Toney - July 11 at 11:03 PM

DT

“ *Rest in Heaven DJ. You will always be in my heart ❤️ Love Aunt Darlena!*

Darlena Toney - July 11 at 11:02 PM



“ *Praying for Gladden and Jackson families.
May God strengthen you and comfort you
during this difficult time.*

Demetria Leak - July 11 at 04:53 PM



“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences and
prayers of comfort and strength for the family.*
🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Walton - July 11 at 02:58 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. Trust
God for strength and peace during this
difficult time.* ☐☐ 🙏🙏

Frankie Anderson - July 11 at 02:47 PM

MB

“Praying for the Family for comfort and strength right now. Words cannot describe the headache this Family is dealing with right now and Lord you know. Asking everyone to be respectful to the Family. Praying for better days ahead while Celebrating Daniel life the short time He was here on earth. Daniel was a outgoing young man. Daniel left a legacy behind the short time he was here on earth. So keep the Jackson, Gladden, Brown and Toney Families in prayer through this difficult time. Daniel will truly be missed. 💔



Maxie Benton - July 11 at 10:38 AM

SL

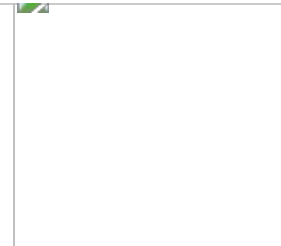
“Sam Lacy lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden



Sam Lacy - July 11 at 08:02 AM

P

“Our hearts are truly broken nephew, rest peacefully in Jesus' loving arms. 💔💔
Love you forever,
Uncle Don, Aunt Pam, and family



Pamela Toney - July 11 at 03:05 AM

VM

“ *Vanessa Madison lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

Vanessa Madison - July 11 at 02:59 AM

B

“ *Sending much love, and prayers to the Gladden, Jackson, & Toney family. DJ was one of a kind, loved by everyone and he will be truly missed.*

Breyanna Percy - July 11 at 01:36 AM

I

“ *Daniel you will forever be in my heart. Boyfriend as I jokingly called him since a toddler, You had a spirit that lit up every room. I love you always baby. We will miss your smiling face.*

Iesha Davis - July 11 at 12:43 AM

S

“ To the Jackson-Gladden families,

My heart is with each of you during this heartbreaking time. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. I pray that God surrounds you with His love, peace, and strength as you walk through these difficult days.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” — Psalm 34:18

May the Lord comfort every heart, carry every burden, and give you the grace to face each day. You will continue to be in my prayers. May the precious memories you shared bring comfort, and may God’s presence be your refuge now and in the days ahead.

*With love and sincere sympathy,
Shwanna*

Shwanna Heard - July 10 at 11:28 PM

DS

“ Dywana Sanders lit a candle in memory of
Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden

Dywana Sanders - July 10 at 11:24 PM

A

“ *May God bless you and your family. Sorry for your loss. Audrey G. High and family*

Audrey High - July 10 at 09:51 PM

A

“ *Audrey High lit a candle in memory of Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*

Audrey High - July 10 at 09:49 PM

M

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I have been praying for you guys.*

Marcia Smith - July 10 at 05:23 PM

AT

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Jackson-Gladden Family May God Give You All Strength And Peace Doing This Difficult Time.*

Ardis Toney - July 10 at 04:50 PM

RF

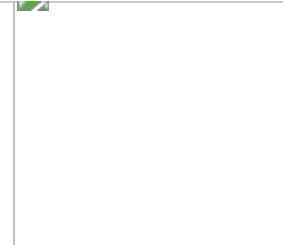
“ *Ruth Flemister lit a candle in memory of
Daniel J. Jackson-Gladden*



Ruth Flemister - July 10 at 04:13 PM

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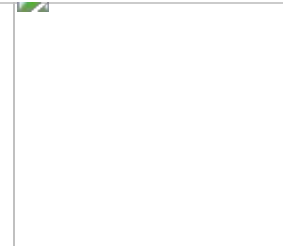
“ *Renee Sharp*



Renee - July 10 at 04:00 PM



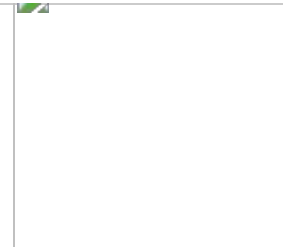
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Angela DeLoach - July 10 at 03:01 PM



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