



Kya Nickole West

December 25, 1993 - November 9, 2025

Kya Nickole West, 31, passed away Sunday, November 9, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of bravery, compassion, and unwavering service to others.

Born on December 25, 1993, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She grew into a woman defined by strength, empathy, and a deep desire to protect and uplift those around her. She was baptized at a young age, beginning her life with a foundation of faith that remained with her throughout her journey.

She was a graduate of Ooltewah High School. Kya went on to dedicate her life to serving her community as a firefighter with the Forest Park Fire Department. Kya committed herself to helping others in their most vulnerable moments. Her courage on the job was matched only by the tenderness she showed in her personal life.

Even while carrying her own struggles, she continued to offer comfort, understanding, and unwavering support to anyone who needed it. Kya was known not only for her compassion but also for her adventurous spirit. From a young age, she chased thrill and excitement with a fearless joy that never faded.

She loved to swim long before she actually knew how and would leap into the deep end with full confidence. She rode her bike straight through flood waters,

jumped off 13-foot diving boards without hesitation, and swam so far out that life guards regularly had to jump in after her. That same fearless energy carried into adulthood, showing up in every challenge she faced and every life she touched.

Her friends, colleagues, and family will remember her for her generous heart, quick sense of humor, boundless empathy, and the way she made people feel genuinely seen. Kya was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Everlina Turner and Cassie Wise. She is survived by her mother, Angela Turner; father, Jermaine West; siblings, Cordarius Cochran, Asia (Stef) Jordan, and Khaleen Malone; grandfather, Randy Orr; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, firefighting family, and countless friends who will forever carry her memory.

Though her time here was far too short, her impact remains in the lives she touched, the people she helped, the adventures she embraced, and the love she shared. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered. A memorial service honoring her life will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 12 noon at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

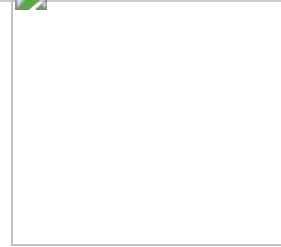
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Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church
1734 East 3rd Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404-2556

Tribute Wall



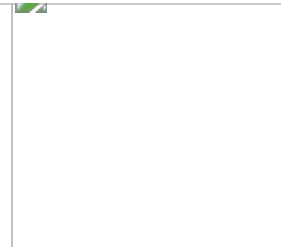
“ *Rah Brown lit a candle in memory of Kya
Nickole West*



Rah Brown - February 25 at 04:25 PM



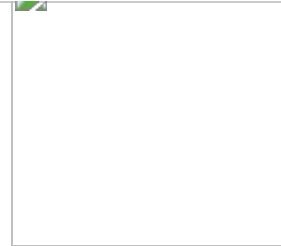
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Nickole West*



Rah Brown - February 25 at 04:21 PM



“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Kya* ☐☐☐



Zimielle Daniel - December 26, 2025 at 04:07 AM

A

“ I just found out you left this world, and my heart is shattered. I'm struggling to find the right words because nothing feels big enough to carry the love I had, and still have , for you. I'll never forget your laugh, your kindness, your presence, all the little pieces of you that made life brighter for everyone who got to know you. I hope wherever you are now, you've found the gentleness the world didn't always give you.

Thank you for the memories, for the conversations, for being part of my life. I'll carry you with me always. Rest in paradise, my friend. ❤️

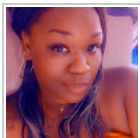
❤️❤️ Condolences to your family and everyone who loved you 🌸

Ambi - December 04, 2025 at 01:11 PM

T

“ My condolences to all who loved her. I didn't know her personally but I've heard wonderful things.

Tracey Thomas - December 04, 2025 at 05:04 AM



“ I'm soooooo going to miss you. It took me so long to write this because I don't even want to believe this is the new reality. I love you forever my friend 💕 I pray you found comfort in the arms of the Lord🕊️



Marcy Anthony - November 25, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ Still hard to believe you’re gone.. it’s really heartbreaking. Love you so much ☐ Long Live Kya 🕊️

Zimielle Daniel - November 22, 2025 at 07:30 AM



I knew her . I just found out . How did she pass?

Darien Williams - December 08, 2025 at 02:34 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Bertha Orr Jenkins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Kya Nickole West.



Aunt Bertha Orr Jenkins - November 21, 2025 at 05:17 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Bertha Orr Jenkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kya Nickole West.

Aunt Bertha Orr Jenkins - November 21, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ I love you so much we shared so much and now all I have are the memories. Atlanta was your city baby you knew how to get everywhere 😭.
Earth Angel to Heavenly Angel 💚💜👼



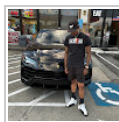
Ask_Shay - November 21, 2025 at 05:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ask_Shay - November 21, 2025 at 05:13 AM



How did she pass ??

Darien Williams - December 08, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ My deepest condolences to family, I knew her from racetrac in Fayetteville always smiling and upbeat! I'm crushed, may her family have faith in god and knowing she's ok now

Sharon Jenkins - November 20, 2025 at 11:04 PM

AM

“ *Angelica Mann lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West*

Angelica Mann - November 20, 2025 at 10:38 PM

AM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Angelica Mann - November 20, 2025 at 10:29 PM

S

“ *Sharron McClarty lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West*

Sharron McClarty - November 20, 2025 at 07:46 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wilson lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West*

Denise Wilson - November 20, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Denise Wilson - November 20, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ For you and your family, I am lighting a candle and will keep you in my prayers forever. Sleep well baby.

Darnella Orr - November 20, 2025 at 06:48 PM

V

“ Valery Norwood lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West

Valery Norwood - November 20, 2025 at 03:45 PM

RO

“ Remembering Kya, you are truly missed and loved. May your spirit rest in peace
— beautifully her own person, unafraid to be exactly who she was, and gorgeous. Our hearts ache without you, but your memories will forever be with us. Love Raven



Raven Orr - November 20, 2025 at 02:47 PM

KF

“ Kendall, Tracy & the Toney family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kya Nickole West.



Kendall, Tracy & the Toney family - November 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM

KF

“ Kendall, Tracy & the Toney family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kya Nickole West.

Kendall, Tracy & the Toney family - November 20, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *My prayer for the family is that God will give you peace and comfort.*

Dianne Hicks - November 20, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *My heart is beyond broken I can't stop crying 😭💔 I love you so much big sister I'm so hurt I couldn't reach out to you sooner I miss you so much sister this hurts ☹️☹️☹️💔 please keep watching over us sister we miss you down here it will always and forever be FOREVER LONG LIVE KYA ☐☐☐☐!!!!*



JerNesha West - November 20, 2025 at 01:52 AM



“ *Kya was one week old when I first met her. Angela, Kya and Asia would visited me and their Uncle Aaron often when they were young. All 3 were beautiful young ladies. I will miss your smile Kya and thank you Angela for sharing her with us! Rest in peace!*

Sharon Orr - November 20, 2025 at 12:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kya Nickole West.*



November 19, 2025 at 02:34 PM



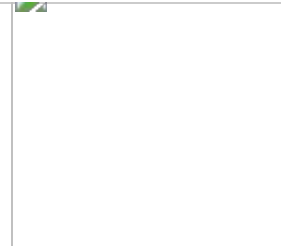
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kya Nickole West.*



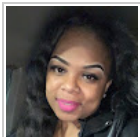
November 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family*



Monica Preston - November 19, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ Missing you so much best friend 🌟 football talk Georgia won but our falcons lost you know how they do us I’m going miss watching football with you and shooting pool laughing crying listening to music just sharing our secrets and saying we got this friend I’m just lost of words watching you learn and grow was amazing I thank you for being my best friend here in Atlanta my favorite firefighter. 🌟👤🌟 gone but never forgotten my forever best friend my new angel 🌟👤🌟

Antinia usher - November 18, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Sorry for your loss

Evelyn Baker - November 18, 2025 at 05:50 PM

ST

“ Sis. Vicky Caldwell, Shirley & Tygima purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Kya Nickole West.



Sis. Vicky Caldwell, Shirley & Tygima - November 18, 2025 at 03:15 PM

NJ

“ Until we meet again Scoob 🍀 I love you for life and after



Nitia Jessup - November 18, 2025 at 12:57 PM

NJ

“ My sweet friend. Kya was such a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. I'm glad I had the pleasure of knowing you. I will always cherish the memories and times we spent together. Until we meet again My Friend 💔 I Love You Scoob 🍀



Nitia Jessup - November 18, 2025 at 12:55 PM



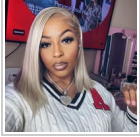
“ *In Loving Memory of kya*

A beautiful and disciplined soul, she showed grace and kindness from childhood. I remember her dedication at the twins' birthday party, working patiently to fix the refrigerator so everything ran smoothly.

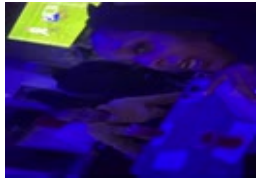
At just 31, her life was full of promise, and her loss is deeply felt. This has reminded me how precious family is and the importance of expressing love openly. Her memory inspires me to cherish and honor those I love every day.

Rest peacefully—you will always be loved and remembered.
Aunt Kitty

Belinda Poe - November 18, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ My Kya my friend since RaceTrac way back in 2018. One of my longest lasting friendships that I still have. The nicest friend at that & the one always willing & trying to help someone else. Never thought that November 1st would be our last time hanging out I'm truly not okay. Our last conversation just keeps replaying & I just wish you would've told me & I could help. But just know I love you & you know I don't play about my Kya. All the memories, secrets, laughs & road trips that'll never leave my heart. My friend I love you I wish you would've called me. Until we will meet again my girl, your world #FOREVERKYA 🎧📦💚🙌.



Jocss Worldd - November 18, 2025 at 04:14 AM

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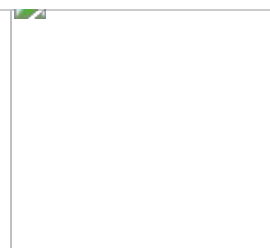
“ Kya Nikole girl you mess your Atlanta Family up From when I 1st met you at racetrac to sharing a son with you as his Godmother to watching you take these tests to be a firefighter to seeing you working at Riverdale fire station to the hospital to Forest Park fire station celebrating our Birthday together. I watch you grow you so love your lil brother and Josiah as if they were your kids. I’m sorry I couldn’t protect you from all the things you couldn’t handle alone. Today your Atlanta family held a balloon release to honor you babygirl and for those that cant make it Saturday. The kids are taking this hard you were just at the house sad about your Grandma birthday. I am still waiting for you to call so we can get on this boat in December for our Birthday 83/93 twin I Love you baby.



Jessica Weldon - November 18, 2025 at 03:41 AM

M

“ MarQuia Bell lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West



MarQuia Bell - November 18, 2025 at 02:57 AM

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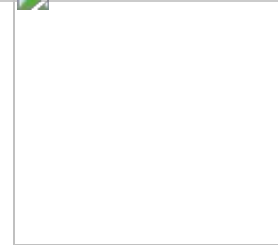
“ Kya was the sweetest person ever. Just spent time with her in July for my grandmas birthday and she was so excited to see my kids and I. She was so shocked to see how big my oldest son had gotten and she let him bowl for her lol. It was never a dull moment when Kya was around.. a breath of fresh air I should say. We're truly going to miss you down here! Thanks to my aunt for introducing us to the sweetest person ever, until next time ☐👉



MarQuia Bell - November 18, 2025 at 02:56 AM

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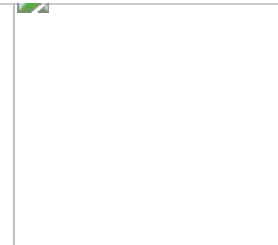
“ Reginia Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West



Reginia Hamilton - November 18, 2025 at 02:52 AM

JW

“ To my Godmother
My heart is hurting you left me without saying
see you later the last thing you said was I love
you when I was in bed for school and my
breakfast was on the stove in the morning.
Please come back so I can hug you again.....Love Josiah Shumate
your Godson



Jessica Weldon - November 18, 2025 at 02:02 AM



“ Kya West... The SWEETEST soul I've ever encountered. Kya was the definition of a true friend. You will be missed by so many. May you be within peace and the presence of the Lord forever. Amen.



Bria Sibley - November 18, 2025 at 12:39 AM



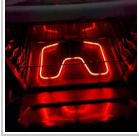
“ Kya was such a sweet and respectful person. When I meet her she treated me like family. She had the most beautiful smile and personality towards people . She will be truly missed but never forgotten. Get your Rest Kya ❤️

Cathy Haines - November 18, 2025 at 12:02 AM



“ From Earth Angel to Heavenly Angel ❤️ I love you.

Ask_Shay - November 17, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ Kya your baby sisters was waiting on you to come to Alabama to visit they was very excited when they found out you was a firefighter 🚒. Just when my life changed for the better this happened 😭

I will always remember you as of always.. I had been waiting on my beautiful niece to make that call Kya wanna see you.. My doors always been open for you and all my children.. I'm your parent too if I knew of your pain I would've protected you..

Love ❤️ you Kya



West Jay - November 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM

KC

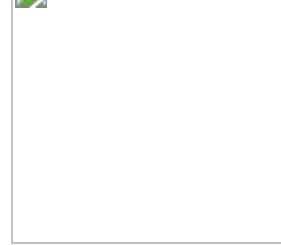
“ I'm really heartbroken that this happened. I wish things could have gone differently for you. I'll always remember your smile and your big heart. We had so many good times running around Atlanta after our shifts at Racetrac. You'll always hold a place in my memories. Rest in peace, Kya.



Keona Carter - November 17, 2025 at 12:56 PM



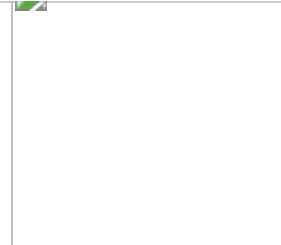
“ *Rest easy my friend*



Andria Porter - November 17, 2025 at 04:24 AM



“ *Rest easy my friend*



Andria Porter - November 17, 2025 at 04:23 AM



“ This is hard.. I can not believe i'm saying Rest In Peace to you Kya.. never in a million years would i had thought you would leave this earth in this way and especially not this young. We were so much so fast in so many ways, but more than anything you were family. Even when you got on my nerves, i loved you anyways lol. I went through all our pictures and all our videos and laughed and cried. We did EVERYTHING together, when you seen me, you seen Kya, we were really best friends and I HATE how you went out, I HATE you didn't call, this really hurts and really hard to say goodbye. I pray you met God on the other side and now i know you no longer have to feel that pain you felt on the inside. I love you so much.

May your soul finally rest in peace, forever in our hearts and ALWAYS LOVED.

-Zimi ☐



Zimielle Daniel - November 17, 2025 at 03:40 AM

R

“My beautiful neice Kya. We had so much fun together. I will hold on to the memories that we've shared. You were truly an amazing person who lit up any room that you entered. I enjoyed you wanting to hang out with me, driving to Huntsville to see your granny, the talks, and the things you shared with me. Thank you so much for trusting me. You have forever had a special place in my heart and you forever will.

Last week, I found out how you truly felt about me. It really had me in tears but it made me happy at the same time.

You will be missed. I pray that you have found your peace. Heaven has truly gained a sweet angel. Until we meet again. Love you. ❤️



Rochelle West - November 17, 2025 at 03:28 AM

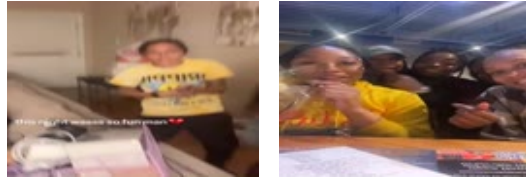
R

**niece (typo)*

Rochelle West - November 17, 2025 at 03:30 AM



“ Kya we been with each other since we was 17yrs old 😞😞! My forever friend , my drinking partner!!! You'll forever be with me ! You was the realest friend . I love you beyond life ! Thank you for choosing me as a friend ! I miss you man . Love you 4Life and After.



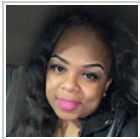
Chyna Dave - November 17, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to Randy and the entire family! My prayer is that God hold you'll in the hollow of his hands, give you guy's strength and peace, during this difficult time💜🙏💜



Beverly Silva - November 16, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ Kya 7years of friendship you was so sweet understanding a amazing best friend I'm going to miss u here in Atlanta we watch football together and etc friend the long talks and singing laughing shooting pool man so much fun I will miss u it's always been us against the world my favorite firefighter💚👤💜 I will cherish the memories and our friendship forever we made sure we told each other we loved each other! So know you will forever be in my heart!💚👤💜 my new angel👼 gone but never forgotten.

Antinia usher - November 16, 2025 at 04:30 PM

MT

“ My Cookie!

I am deeply saddened and hurt. You were not just my niece but a shining example of courage and kindness. I will forever cherish the memories and laughter we shared and the light you brought into our lives. Though my heart is heavy, I find comfort knowing you are at peace. I love you so much and I'll see you again.

~Melissa 



M Turner - November 16, 2025 at 02:42 AM

MA

“ I'm lost for words! I love you friend! And I'm glad you knew that. 




Markisha Anderson - November 16, 2025 at 02:40 AM



“ I know your granny Cassie & uncle Horace
arms wrap around you tight now get you rest
beautiful twin... your popz



West Jay - November 15, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JL

“ *Jermaine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kya West.*

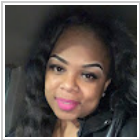
Jermaine L. - November 15, 2025 at 10:40 PM



Freeman
Freeman

“ *My deepest condolences to Kya's entire family and everyone who loves her. Angela, I love you and I will be sending a special prayer up for you 🙏*

Freeman Freeman - November 15, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *Dear Kya my best friend we formed a 7 friendship here in Atlanta I'm so hurt friend we talk about everything friend we had so much fun I told. U I was proud of you of all the dreams you accomplished you was best firefighter here in Atlanta friend u served for the people here in Atlanta job well done her in Atlanta thank you so much it's still us against the world 💚👤💜 my forever best friend*

Antinia usher - November 15, 2025 at 04:22 PM



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November 15, 2025 at 04:16 PM

AS

“ Asia & Stef planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kya West.

Asia & Stef - November 15, 2025 at 04:16 PM

M

“ Margaret ELackey lit a candle in memory of Kya Nickole West

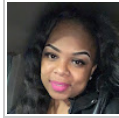
Margaret eLackey - November 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM

BL

“ Ohhh Kya ... I'm so heart broken 💔 girl . The years we shared with each other were nothing but good and fun memories.. it's like my family had adopted you girl lol you know you loved you some My mama my sisters my nephews and nieces .. we loved you so much such a sweet soul a very pretty kind hearted girl.. I knew everything about you and that's what makes it so hard to accept this 😭😭💔... thank you for trusting me and telling me all your secrets they stayed with me and you know I always tried my best when it came to helping you listening to you being your shoulder to cry on ! I'm so happy you at peace but gosh Kya I'm 😭 so hurt how it ended .. my family is torn from this .. we will always love you and you know that just like you always loved us .. I'll be to see you I just hate it's this way . Get your rest pretty girl ! 💔💔😭😭😭😭 -Bree L.



Bree Lomnick - November 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM



Praying for your strength from Kya best friend here in Atlanta

Antinia usher - November 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM

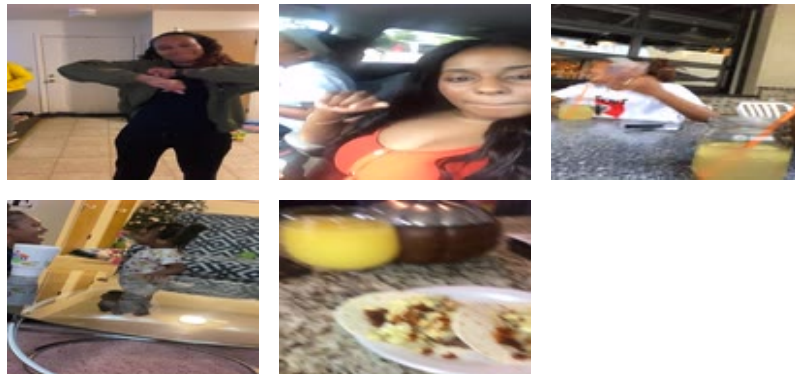


“ *To the Family of Kya West, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Sending you love, peace, healing, and comfort during this difficult time. Please know that you are in my prayers. Sincerely, Vickie Emry and Family*

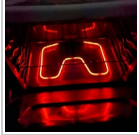
Vickie Emry - November 15, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ *To my dear friend Kya thank you for always being genuine my Capricorn twin. I am beyond sad we have been friends for over 20+ years. All I have is good memories we looked out for each other no matter what. I am praying for your family. This is a hard pill to swallow for me my heart is broken. I pray you are at peace my friend until we meet again I will never forget you* 🍷🍷💔



Vinqueese Dallas - November 15, 2025 at 05:07 AM



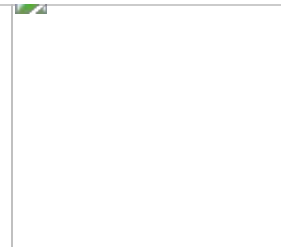
“ My daughter my twin .. We had so much fun together traveling back in forth to California, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee etc.. I remember sometimes when you seen me you would grab your purse and pull out some money saying daddy you need something (pocket checking me) just like my momma use to do me 😊 such a beautiful and sweet daughter..I couldn't ask for a better daughter.. I never know what you was going through until this.. Our journey must continue and I know I will see you again soon.. my beautiful angel 😊 Kya West 💕
Jermaine West ❤️



West Jay - November 15, 2025 at 02:56 AM



“ Rest in peace Kya. My condolences to your Mom and family.



L C - November 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Kya, my beautiful daughter you will be forever loved and missed. I love you so very much!



Angela Turner - November 14, 2025 at 09:06 PM



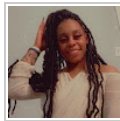
Angela, this is Sheri I'm sending you love and my condolences to everyone 🌸

Freeman Freeman - November 15, 2025 at 06:54 PM



I'm sorry mom Kya love u and her lil bro and family she my best friend here in Atlanta I told I will make sure yall good my promise to her

Antinia usher - November 15, 2025 at 07:37 PM



Praying for the strength of you and kya's brother and the family as well thank you for sharing your daughter with me my sister from another mother 🧡

Kierra Finley - November 15, 2025 at 08:30 PM

TB

“ May your faith see you through these times and know that you have family and extended family who will always be there for you . Reach out to them for comfort day or night they will always answer.

Tara Bryant - November 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM

never fail
Give all your worries and
care to God, for he cares
about you.
1 Peter 5:7

“My heart is heavy, but my spirit is grateful for the time God allowed Kya to be in my family’s life. She wasn’t my child by blood, but she was truly a daughter to my heart. Her smile carried God’s light, and her presence brought peace wherever she went.

As I look back at these memories, I’m reminded that God places people in our lives for a purpose. She was one of my greatest blessings—full of joy, strength, and a spirit that could brighten even the darkest moments.

Though she’s no longer here with us, I know she is resting safely in God’s arms, surrounded by His love. Her journey on Earth is complete, but her impact... her light... her love... those will live on forever.

Rest well, sweet angel. Until we meet again, we’ll carry your memory in my hearts 💕💕

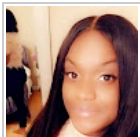


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“ I will miss you. -Rashaunda

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“My fondest memories of Kya will always be wrapped in her love, her support, and the light she carried everywhere she went. She had a way of filling any room with joy whether it was a simple gathering or a full celebration, Kya made sure everyone felt included, uplifted, and cared for.

She wasn't just the life of the party; she was the heart of it. Kya could turn any moment into a good time, and she had a gift for making people laugh, smile, and forget their worries for a little while. As a DJ, she knew how to set the mood and bring the energy, and as a woman with impeccable style, she always showed up looking flawless.

But beyond all of that, what stands out the most is her spirit warm, genuine, and full of love. Kya made people feel seen and valued. She gave without hesitation and loved without limits. Her presence was a blessing, and her absence is deeply felt.

Kya will forever be remembered for her kindness, her vibrant energy, and the joy she brought into every life she touched.

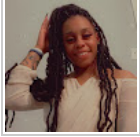


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“We met when she was just ten years old, and we decided to be best friends. I haven't spoken to you in many years, but I never forget how funny you were. Such a beautiful girl, sensitive, but super cool, and loved her some shoes. God bless you, and I'll see you soon, sweetheart.

Shonta Lawrence - November 14, 2025 at 05:44 AM



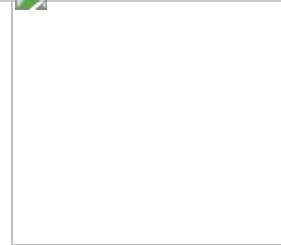
“ I have many memories with Kya and she always was the person that'll give you the shirt off of her back ! This day in particular she made me understand how important our friendship was to her she didn't leave my side ...such a beautiful soul gone way too soon. To my friend,my sister, I will always love you ! You always kept it real with me even when I didn't listen. I appreciate your family for sharing you with me Rest Well Sis !



Kierra Finley - November 13, 2025 at 10:54 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to this beautiful angel family..



Christie Finley - November 13, 2025 at 07:36 PM