



Makayla Haywood

August 30, 1998 - March 6, 2025

Makayla Haywood, 26, of Chattanooga, peacefully passed away Thursday, March 6, 2025, at her residence. She was born on August 30, 1998, to Michael Haywood Sr. and Karen Haywood. She was a 2016 graduate of Tyner Academy, and attended Chattanooga State Community College. She was a Customer Service Representative at Wilkins Research, as well as a DJ and Photographer for NM3 Media.

Makayla's life was one filled with love, kindness, and devotion to her family. She was a cherished daughter, a devoted sister, and an adoring aunt. Her warm spirit and infectious smile will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Makayla was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, George and Dorothy Mcpherson, and Charles and Julia Haywood Sr.; uncles, Gary Mcpherson and Billy Mcpherson; and aunt, Bonita Crockett. She leaves behind a legacy of love and beautiful memories, and she will forever be remembered by her father and mother, Michael and Karen Haywood, Sr.; two brothers, Antonio (Adrienne) Whatley and Michael Haywood, Jr.; one sister, Lakita Haywood; nieces and nephews, Jamya Parker, Jordan Parker, Janaye Parker, Amiya Eady-Haywood, Tyreke Smartt, Jaden Smartt, Royalty Smartt, Princess Smartt, Atlantis Jones, Jr., and Armanie Smartt, all of Chattanooga; aunts and uncles, Carolyn Collier, Victor (Jackie) Mcpherson, Georgia May Petty, Wade Mcpherson, Angela Mcpherson, Iris Mcpherson, Kevin

Mcpherson, Edwin Mcpherson; all of Chattanooga, Stacy (Beth) Mcpherson of Kansas City, Kansas, Charles (Treva) Haywood Jr., and Terry (Hiawatha) Haywood of Chattanooga; many cousins, loving relatives and friends.

Makayla's love for her family, her resilience, and her heart will remain with us always. She will be missed more than words can express. Makayla will lie-in-state on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. in the chapel with Minister Lameechie Jones as the Eulogist. Burial in Summit Community Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

MAR 16. 3:00 PM.

Summit Cemetery
Ooltewah, TN

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Rosalyn Turner lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood*



Rosalyn Turner - April 10, 2025 at 03:01 PM

ER

“ *From The Hill- Ringer Family We send our Love and Prayers. May God continue to shine His Light upon you and the rest of our family and give you peace.*



Elizabeth Ringer - March 16, 2025 at 10:25 PM

TH

“ *Tatia Reed Harrison lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood*



Tatia Reed Harrison - March 16, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KG

“ *Katrina Gordon sent a virtual gift in memory of Makayla Haywood*



Katrina Gordon - March 16, 2025 at 06:12 AM

KG

“ *Katrina Gordon lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood*



Katrina Gordon - March 16, 2025 at 06:12 AM

TB

“ *Thomasa Ballou lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood*



Thomasa Ballou - March 15, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LF

“ *Love Adrian & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Makayla Haywood.*



Love Adrian & Family - March 14, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SG

“ *Makayla you are AMAZING! Every time we saw each other it was always all SMILES AND LAUGHTER!!! We are going to miss you friend. Love you dearly ❤️🌸🥺 ~MamaRed*

sherrill Geter - March 14, 2025 at 08:48 AM

AB

“ Anna Butler lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood



Anna Butler - March 14, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CW

“ Carlethia D Watts lit a candle in memory of Makayla Haywood



carlethia d watts - March 12, 2025 at 11:23 PM

WY

“ Wilson and Reviere Families. Love you. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Makayla Haywood.

Wilson and Reviere Families. Love you. - March 12, 2025 at 09:45 PM

WY

“ Wilson and Reviere Families. Love you. purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Makayla Haywood.



Wilson and Reviere Families. Love you. - March 12, 2025 at 09:45 PM

PC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Antonio and the entire McPherson Family. We are praying that the love of God will keep your heart and mind stayed on Him. Be confident to know that God will never leave you or forsake you. May you cherish the memories of Makayla with a smile. Praying for comfort now and in the days ahead.*
Roosevelt/Peggy Cochran and Maxwell Family.

Peggy Cochran - March 12, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Makayla Haywood.*



March 12, 2025 at 06:12 AM