



Tekeia Michelle Clay

August 15, 1972 - July 9, 2022

Tekeia “KeKe” Michelle Clay, 49, of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2022, in a local hospital. She was born to the late Glorius Clay Joiner in Hillsboro, Alabama on August 15, 1972. KeKe graduated from Kirkman Technical High School in 1990. She earned an Associate of Applied Science degree and an Office Systems Specialist Technical Certificate from Chattanooga Technical Community College in 2018. She was a faithful servant of Jehovah God at the Avondale Congregation. She was baptized June 17, 1989. KeKe was previously employed at First Tennessee Bank and recently employed at Chattanooga State. She was a kind and sweet hearted woman who kept a smile on her face. She loved her family and close friends, a devoted Aunt to her nieces and nephews. KeKe was preceded in death by her mother, Glorious Clay Joiner; grandmother, Cartie Ree Clay; aunts, Ruthie Clay Dillard and Alice Clay; uncle, James Clay; and great-nephew, Melakhi White. Survivors include brother, Kelvin Clay, Sr.; aunt, Carolyn Clay Jones; uncle, Robert Clay; nieces and nephews, Kendrea Clay McKnight, Damareus Wellington, Keya (Melvin) White, Brittany Clay, Camill (Allen) Ray, Kelvin Clay, Jr., Kelvin Clay, III, Ivan Clay Newsome, and Kristopher Clay; a host of other nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; cousins; other relatives; close friends, Marie Moore, Linda Roberts, Alice Cameron, and a host of other friends.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL **21**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ I just learned of the loss of Tekeia. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, most humble people I have ever known. I was new to Kirkman our Jr. year. She treated me as though I had been her friend our entire lives. We would run into each other over the years after graduation and she was always just as though I had seen her yesterday. And though it has been years since I have seen her heart is broken. This world lost a wonderful person. I will never forget you my friend. Amy Thomas Hardyman KTHS Class of '90

Amy Hardyman - October 19, 2022 at 09:33 AM

ME

“ Keekee and I went to school together always had a smile on her face to brighten your day

Mildred Eady - July 29, 2022 at 12:12 AM

ME

“ Mildred Eady lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay



Mildred Eady - July 29, 2022 at 12:07 AM

BC

“ Kevin, my heart goes out to your and your family during this very difficult time. Stay Strong! Stay Prayed Up! #GoneToSoon!



Brecia Carr - July 28, 2022 at 05:02 PM

LH

“ I met Tekeia "KeKe" close to 30 yrs ago at First Tennessee Bank and we became Friends as soon as We both spoke to each other. Her Nephew and my older Son grew up knowing one another through sports and We will giggle at the thought of how we stay connected through our young children knowing each other! Every time I saw her we Would talk like it was yesterday since we last saw/spoke to one another! I'm going to Miss my Friend soft words and affection giggle. Heaven gain a Sweet, kind Soul! 🥹🙏❤️ My Deepest Condolences to her Family🙏



LaNetta Holland - July 23, 2022 at 03:53 PM

RK

“ I miss Tekeia's wonderful laugh, sweet spirit and kind heart. It was such an honor to present her with her diploma from Chatt State. Heaven certainly has gained from our loss. Love you Tekeia! My condolences to your family and all who were touched by your presence. Ruth Kirkendall



Ruth Kirkendall - July 21, 2022 at 06:51 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Tekeia Michelle Clay.



July 20, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ I am going to miss my dear friend. She was always there in a time of need, to share a smile with, eat a meal with, and cry a tear with. It hurts so much to go with our hearing her beautiful laugh and up building encouragement. I will remember our good times together. Love you Ke. Until we meet again.

Sparkle Denise - July 20, 2022 at 08:26 PM

AC

“ April Crenshaw lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay



April Crenshaw - July 20, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JA

“ This is so hard for me to write, I remember KeKe as a little girl with her Mom Gloria, she was such a beautiful young lady and grew up to such a wonderful person. My family shared a lot of fun times with KeKe as well as with her Mom. The fun memories of our times together is helping all of us at this very difficult time.
Jean Armour & Family💔

Jean Armour - July 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM

TP

“ I met Tekeia at First Tennessee Bank back in 2000. She trained me at the East Brainerd location. She was one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I will keep her family covered in prayer!
-Traci Perryman

Traci Perryman - July 20, 2022 at 02:14 PM

KD

“ *Kelli Darden lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Kelli Darden - July 20, 2022 at 11:53 AM

KD

So sorry for your loss Kevin, sending my prayers and condolences to you and you entire family. Orchard Knob forever!!! :O)

Kelli Darden - July 20, 2022 at 11:56 AM

FB

“ *From LaTaucha, Rhonda, Yolanda & Betty purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Tekeia Michelle Clay.*



From LaTaucha, Rhonda, Yolanda & Betty - July 19, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tekeia Michelle Clay.*



July 19, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tekeia Michelle Clay.*



July 19, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Praying for the family of Tekeia as well as her close friends. May God comfort and strengthen.*



Tab Banks - July 19, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *My deepest condolences*



Gary Joiner - July 18, 2022 at 09:38 AM



Sending my condolences and prayers to your family

James Bacote - July 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM

KS

“ *Kristi Strode lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Kristi Strode - July 18, 2022 at 07:59 AM

KS

Tekeia was an amazing light in our Chattanooga State family. We will so much miss her every day.

Kristi Strode, Pam Weeks, and Jaime Butler

Kristi Strode - July 18, 2022 at 08:02 AM

KT

“ *Wow, God must have needed a smile to add to his garden when he called you home Tekeia. My Bursars buddy, I will miss you and that infectious smile. Rest well in Jesus!!!*

Kisha Thomas - July 17, 2022 at 10:50 PM



“ *It is surreal to even write this. Tekia was a woman who I never saw have a bad day and if she did she never let it show. She was such a great woman and gentle soul. She was part of my Chatt. State family and will greatly missed ❤️ To the Clay family, I offer my deepest condolences and I hope that you are able to find peace knowing that our sister is with the Lord.*

Rhonda McWhorter - July 17, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ *Tekeia had a sincere heart and shared her love through her smile and her genuine connection she could make with anyone. She was very professional and served the Bursars Office well. I will never forget her laugh, it was contagious. We kept each other up to date on the latest and best movies to watch. My condolences go out to her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.*

Roger Shipley

Roger Shipley - July 17, 2022 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ *Teresa Peoples Chatt State Familys lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Teresa Peoples Chatt State familys - July 16, 2022 at 03:17 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Forge..class Of 69 Riverside High lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Brenda Forge..class of 69 Riverside High - July 16, 2022 at 10:44 AM

KT

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to The Clay family and friends. May the Lord grant comfort and strength to you all.*

Sand Dyer Terrell

Kassandra (Sand) Dyer Terrell - July 15, 2022 at 06:31 PM



CH

“ *Cathy Hughes lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*

Cathy Hughes - July 15, 2022 at 06:13 PM



CH

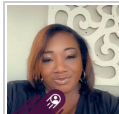
RIP Tekeia! You will be missed but live in our hearts forever!!

Cathy Hughes - July 15, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Antionette Boston lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*

Antionette Boston - July 15, 2022 at 08:56 AM



Kee Kee you will forever be remembered and your smile is lighting up Heaven

Antionette Boston - July 15, 2022 at 08:57 AM

ET

“ *Edna Talley lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Edna Talley - July 14, 2022 at 11:12 PM

TM

“ *My condolences to the family. Classmates, and friends forever...* ❤️❤️❤️



Torrance McDuffy - July 14, 2022 at 10:01 PM

AC

“ *Alice Cameron lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Alice Cameron - July 14, 2022 at 05:19 PM

GW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Clay family at this time.*



Gaylin Walker - July 13, 2022 at 01:58 PM

RK

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. "T", as I called her will forever be in my heart. Heaven has gained another Angel!



Renee Kennebrew - July 13, 2022 at 01:18 PM

SR

“ Tekeia was a special soul and it was always a joy to be around her. She will be very missed at ChattState.



Suzanne Roach - July 13, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ You never saw Ke without a smile. Her smile and laugh were infectious!! I can't wait until I can laugh forever with her. See you soon friend!!

Mimi Turner - July 13, 2022 at 07:12 AM

MA

“ Sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with y'all they really do need to do something about this gun violence

Margaret - July 12, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CJ

“ *Carmela James lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Carmela James - July 12, 2022 at 07:19 PM

CJ

“ *I'm sadden to hear this news. Tekeia was bubbly,smart, helpful. I worked at First Tennessee Bank with Tekeia for at least 10 years and I loved every single minute of it! I know I didnt keep in touch after I moved like I should have but, you were never forgotten!❤️❤️*
❤️ *Carmela J.*

Carmela James - July 12, 2022 at 07:18 PM

DJ

My heart hurts, My sweet sweet friend is gone but never forgotten.❤️

Diane Jackson - July 12, 2022 at 09:04 PM

RE

“ *Resa lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Resa - July 12, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RE

SHE will be miss at Chattanooga State

Resa - July 12, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JM

“ *JACKIE JONES- MILLER/FAMILY lit a candle
in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



JACKIE JONES- MILLER/FAMILY - July 12, 2022 at 02:29 PM

PL

“ *Praying for the family. She will be missed. Pam Lee (Chattanooga
State)*

Pam Lee - July 12, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JP

“ *Jada Phifer lit a candle in memory of Tekeia
Michelle Clay*



Jada Phifer - July 12, 2022 at 02:09 PM

SC

“ *Stephnie Clark lit a candle in memory of
Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Stephnie Clark - July 12, 2022 at 12:53 PM

RG

“ *Renee Glenn lit a candle in memory of Tekeia Michelle Clay*



Renee Glenn - July 12, 2022 at 12:49 PM

SA

“ *Tekeia was a shining light to all of us at Chattanooga State. She always had a ready smile, a kind word, and a great laugh when things were getting too serious. She helped out students through difficult times and was always willing to go above and beyond. My life is better having known this precious woman!!*

Sheila Albritton - July 12, 2022 at 12:28 PM

MA

So Sorry to hear of the passing of Tekeia I had not seen her since she was a little girl her mother and I grew up together I pray For your strength

Mizell & Gloria Bouldin Decatur, Ala - July 15, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MR

Martha and Marcie Robinson, Send Our Condolences To The Clay Family.

Marcie Robinson - July 16, 2022 at 12:06 AM