



## Iyuania Friend

December 20, 1974 - June 18, 2010

FRIEND, Ms. Iyuania - Age 36, the sunset of her earthly life was Friday, June 18, 2010. Family hour 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, 2010 at Ebenezer Ministries, 2130 S. Center Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12Noon, Min. Harry Prince officiating, Senior Pastor Urundi Knox, Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Friday. Ms. Friend will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12Noon-8 p.m. Thursday. The sunrise of Iyuania Lee Friend's life was December 20, 1974 to Jerome D. and Ava M. Friend of Flint, Michigan. Iyuania graduated with Honors from Flint Central High School in 1993, and received her Bachelor's degree in Finance from Michigan State University in 1998. She was employed with AT&T Detroit until 2006 due to illness. Iyuania accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Ebenezer Ministries in Burton, MI. She enjoyed traveling, reading, inspirational scriptures and helping others. Most of all she adored her daughter. Throughout her four year illness, she always wore a smile on her face and could make others laugh. Iyuania had a heart of gold. The most memorable moment in her life was January 14, 2000 at 3:06 a.m., when Naijha Shanta Friend was born. She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Naijha S. Friend; parents, Jerome D. Friend and Ava M. (Thomas E.) Coffey, all of Flint; grandparents, Jimmie L. (Annie M.) Friend of Mt. Morris, MI; two sisters, Angela M. Friend of Grand Ledge, MI and Dr. Fawn T. (Dr. Victor) Ukpolo of

New Orleans, LA; one brother, Shawn E. (Lanel) Coffey of Idlewild, MI; four aunts, Arleatha Logan of Mt. Morris, MI, Brenda A. (Us Via) Soles III, Carolin K. (Edward) Brown, all of Flint, Dixie L. Friend-Brown of Detroit, MI; five uncles, Roy M. Richardson of Warrenton, NC, Jimmie L. Friend, Jr. of Detroit, MI and Joe O. Friend of Flint; special friends, Michael Fleming, Heidi Mathis, Naketa (Gary) Brown, Shunta Rhodes, Jason TeGenet, Mother Linda Ridgeway, Velma Williams, Paula (Jerome) Threlkeld, Aunt Chuckie (Raymond) Briscoe, Anita Banks, Uncle Butch (Rutha) Hill; numerous cousins; other relatives and friends. Iyuania was preceded in death by her grandparents, Leroy (Mary J.) Richardson, Clifford (Edith) Coffey; and aunt, Delphine Betts. The family would like to express special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Henry Ford Medical Centers in Wyandotte and Detroit, MI, Genesys and Hurley Cancer Institute, Hurley Medical Center especially the staff on 9 East; Avalon Hospice and Michigan Physical Therapy Associates.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My BFF since 1st grade! I was not ready to let you go but you shared two experiences with me and I knew the inevitable was nearing. What you shared with me provided comfort and acceptance. It's never goodbye, it's I'll see you later. I love and miss you. 1980-infinity*

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**Heidi (George) Gordon** - August 21, 2024 at 03:27 AM



“ *Iyuania Friend*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Yana, I wish my time with you could have lasted forever, but I am truly grateful for the 6 years of great friendship that I was blessed with....You were the god-mother of the twins and you will forever hold a place in our hearts, and I will definitely keep your spirit alive....you are no longer in pain, and as long as i can still hear your laugh and mentally see your beautiful smile i know it will be ok....I cry because i miss you but i also cry with joy, to have been blessed to have you in my life....RIP my dear friend and see ya when God calls me to the Kingdom of Paradise.*

*Forever loving you my dear friend.*

*Jackie*

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**Jacqueline Ricks** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Yana, it's hard to believe that a beautiful spirit such as yours has left this Earth. You were such a jewel. Your daughter, your family will forever be in my prayers. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." I hope your family will take solace in that statement.

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**Lynetta Richardson-Warren** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello,

*My name is Pamela Traeye. I just wanted to take this time to send my condolences to the family. I too have lost a loved one in my lifetime. Did you know that the bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die? ( Gen 1:28 ) The bible also tells us that God has the power to bring the dead back to life and that he will do just that!! Isaiah 26: 19 states, "Your dead ones will live... They will rise up". Jesus further reminds us at John 5: 28,29 " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." If you would like to find out more about God and his promise of the resurrection, please come visit the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 7184 Davison Rd Davison, Michigan 48423 or contact me at my email address [pamelatraeye@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelatraeye@hotmail.com).*

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June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Gone to soon. Your daughter and entire family are in my prayers. Every time I saw you and we spoke, you always had a smile on your face. They don't make very many people like you. No more pain. You are one of God's angels now!

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**Masharri Riddle-Rogers** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *What a sweet soul you were and will always be. May God bless you and keep you in perfect peace... Gone too soon.*

*Dawn and Keito Hurd  
Flint Central Graduates, class of 93'*

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**Dawn Hurd** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to both sides of the family. Remembering when Iyania was such a pretty baby and turned out to be a lovely woman. She is now in the arms of God without sickness and worry. She will truly be missed, but never forgotten. Continue to look for God during these times and forever. Our prayers will continue as well.*

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**Robbie Cobb-Byrd** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *So sorry for your lost. My heart bleeds for you.*

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**Robin Miller** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Dwight, if there is ever anything that you need don't hesitate to call on us. Your friends, Vince & Cathy Trombley*

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**Cathy Eichorn-Trombley** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I am sadden by your passing but happy that you are free from pain now. I will be praying for your daughter, Angie, Pam and the rest of your family.

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**Serbrena Alston-Green** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ You have our deepest sympathy in the lost of your Daughter. We will continue to pray for you and your Family. God Bless and Keep You Strong.

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**Danny & Everline Knight** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I worked with Iyuania at AT&T formerly when it was SBC she was a joy to be around my daughters use to baby sit Najjah who was a very mannerable and loving child. Iyuania will be missed I pray that God comforts your family in this time of bereavement.

*God Bless*

*Darrell, Megan, Carmin, Jazmin and Jalib Davis*

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**Megan Davis** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“*"To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord", II Corinthians 5:8.*

*Yana "Ya", I am so happy to call you family. You don't know what it meant to me and Oliver to have at our wedding last year, despite your sickness. Everyone is still talking about you and Angie on the dance floor. I miss our conversations, but I know heaven has a special place for angels like yourself. You were truly a gift from God, and I have peace knowing that you are now in the arms of our Heavenly Father. We love you!!!*

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**LaTisha "Tee" Friend Dorsey** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“*I was saddened when I heard the news of you passing. My heart goes out to your daughter and your family. I know now you're at a place of having no pain and your burdens are now lifted. Thank you for always being a friend to me. Your personality would light up a room that's one of things I remember most about you.*

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**Janika Blamo** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Friend Family: We the Moore children, was sorry to hear of the lost, of Iyuania. Know that we are praying with you, and for you all. May God continue to:lead, guide, protect keep and strengthen you all.

Prayerfully,

The Moore Family

Kenneth/Deborah, Barbara/Shermen, Patty, Sheila, Billy/Vivian and Nita/Kenny.

Grandchildren: Dr.Kim, Tiffiany, Sheree', Kristin/Tony, Kevin II/Talaya,

Terry II, Sheena', Dominique, Kyla, Kavottis, Keira, Doron', Doren and Kendrick. Greats: TeAira & Armonie.

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Doris B. Moore-White & Sons/Family - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Rest in Peace Yana. You will be missed. Now the pain and suffering is over and you are home at last.

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Calvin Brown - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ My Yana, Girl we miss you soooooo much! I'm happy your suffering is over and your not in anymore pain. Watch over your granparents and moma for me. Thank you for welcoming Kayla into your family, thank for you for making me laugh, I thought you were one of the funniest women I have ever met. I love you and miss you so much. I pray for your familys strength. I will see you soon.....

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Kim Lewis - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Yana, I'm glad to have known you. You were one the sweetest persons I've known. I will miss your smile and your humor. You always wanted people to be happy and that's something "Bird" will carry home. I know your in a better place and out of your pain. You will be greatly missed, I love You Yana Bug!! Rest In Peace. To the family we are here you and Bird if you need us.

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**Dawn"freda"McNeal** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Yana, I?m glad I got the chance to catch back up with you when you started working at AT&T. You were still the same as I remembered from high school? Smiling, laughing and positive? You will truly be missed and I know that you?re in a place where there is no more pain or sadness and where you can look down on your daughter?

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**Gina B** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are truly saden by this news.Our prayers go out the family. We will truly miss our friend!

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**stafford watts** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ HI AYANA, IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE KNOWING YOU. I ENJOYED THE TALKS YOU AND I HAD TOO LIFT EACH OTHER SPRITS UP. YOU TRULEY WERE A BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. MY SON ANTONIO REALLY ENJOYED WATCHING YOUR DAUGHTER. I WILL SURLEY MISS YOU.  
LOLETA

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**LOLETA REDRICK** - June 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM