



## Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford

April 7, 1981 - May 4, 2024

BUFORD, Ms. JaQuaya Denise - Age 43, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Hurley Medical Center. Memorial Service will be held on 4:00 PM Friday, June 14, 2024 at Hasselbring Community Center, 1002 W. Home Ave. JaQuaya Denise Buford was born April 7, 1981, in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Willie James Buford and Karen Price. JaQuaya graduated from Flint Northern High School, "Class of 1999" and was currently a doula, with aspirations of becoming a Certified Midwife. She was a long-time employee of the Mass Transit Authority (MTA) beginning in 2013 and was much loved by all of her colleagues. During her time at MTA, she served as a bus operator as well as a union representative. She was recently hired to work full-time with the ASCME union and was looking forward to using her experience as union representative in her new role.

JaQuaya loved to spend time with her children, friends, and grandson. Although singing and dancing were not her strong suit, she loved performing and having fun. She also enjoyed knitting/crocheting, a hobby she learned from her mother, exercising, reading, hanging with her dogs, and watching movies. She spent the past few years discovering different aspects of spirituality and shared that information with her loved ones.

JaQuaya Denise Buford leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved children, LeTrelle (22), JaQaila (20), and JaNelle Walker (17); father, Willie James Buford, all of Flint MI; brothers, Trevor (LaToya) Buford of Douglassville, GA, Derry (Angela) Buford of Eudora, AK, sisters, Riana (JP) Buford of Upper

Marlboro, MD, Kanayko Buford of St. Louis, MO, and Sharonda Sumner of Houston, TX; three bonus children, Ty'Kese Billingsley (21), Dacarion (16) and ZaRyah Walker (14); grandson, Luke (9 months); grandmother, Barbara Buford, all of Flint, MI; best friends, and her children's god-mothers, Aletha (Clenton) McDaniel of Flint, MI and Tia Morgan of Indianapolis, IN; JaQuaya was the loving aunt to 15 nieces and nephews, Demetrius, Keion, Jasmine, Caress, Trevor Jr., Miguel, Jamila, Nickolas, Jacari, Tayshaun, Markell, Aaren, Karen, Dante', and Bry'Lee; a host of other relatives and friends including the mothers of the bonus children, D'Antonina and Ashanti; loving cousins, Jazmaine, Harrisha, Corey; and friends, Micah, Adrian, Emmanuel, Vincent, Wayne, John, Trina, Toi, Mia, Quayera, Dominisha, Marketia, Crystal, and Darryl, all of Flint, MI.

JaQuaya was preceded in death by her mother, Karen Denise Price; nephew, Deondrae Buford; grandmother, Helen Price; grandfather, Willie B. Buford; uncles, Donald Price, Kenny and Alvin Buford; and cousin, Qe'Turah Jones. The family would like to express special thanks to the Hurley Medical Center Pediatric ICU team including nurses Tiffany, Tammy, Stephanie, and Sarah.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 14 (ET)

Hasselbring Community Center  
1002 W. Home Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Best Friend...I can't even put into words how much I miss you. I just can't believe all of this happened to you. I know you are in heaven happy and doing so good. I love you so much. See you next lifetime homegirl.*

Aletha McDaniel - June 17, 2024 at 12:24 AM

TP

“ *Tamey Plewes lit a candle in memory of JaQuaya Buford*



Tamey Plewes - June 14, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SI

“ *Quaya was a fun person to be around. I got the chance to watch her grow from a newborn up. I will miss all of the times we ran into each other at a store or just in passing on the road. This one was the spitting image of her mom. I loved her in life, & will continue to love her forever. ❤️*

Sonceria Ingram-Ford - June 14, 2024 at 10:42 AM

JD

“ *JOYCE ANN DUNSON lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



JOYCE ANN DUNSON - June 07, 2024 at 02:22 PM

AO

“ Alice Odneal lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Alice Odneal - May 27, 2024 at 03:56 PM

ME

“ Marlisse Etherly sent a virtual gift in memory of Jaquaya Buford



Marlisse Etherly - May 25, 2024 at 11:40 PM

VW

“ Victoria Webster lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Victoria Webster - May 22, 2024 at 09:41 AM

TA

“ Teresa ReRe Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Teresa ReRe Anthony - May 22, 2024 at 04:20 AM

JD

“ JOYCE DUNSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



JOYCE DUNSON - May 18, 2024 at 06:53 PM

JD

“ JOYCE DUNSON lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



JOYCE DUNSON - May 18, 2024 at 07:50 AM

AR

“ Artricia Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Artricia Robinson - May 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MB

“ Martha Brown lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford



Martha Brown - May 16, 2024 at 12:24 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Wanda Harrison - May 16, 2024 at 03:05 AM

LR

“ Lorraine-Bond Riley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Lorraine-Bond Riley - May 15, 2024 at 06:24 PM

ME

“ Marlisse Etherly lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Marlisse Etherly - May 14, 2024 at 10:22 PM

DB

“ Deborah Buggs lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Deborah Buggs - May 14, 2024 at 07:43 PM



“ *Charles Brown Jr. lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



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**Charles Brown Jr.** - May 14, 2024 at 12:21 AM



“ *Earl & Gale Chapman-Utsey lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



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**Earl & Gale Chapman-Utsey** - May 13, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences for the family during this time, Just know that the Lord will cover the family during this time*

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**Rodrick Richardson** - May 13, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *Starletta Diggs lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



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**Starletta Diggs** - May 13, 2024 at 07:03 PM

KE

“ Soar Beautiful Soul! 🕊️💜🕊️



Kristina Elbert - May 13, 2024 at 04:29 PM

BM

“ Barbara McLemore sent a virtual gift in memory of Jaquaya Buford



Barbara McLemore - May 13, 2024 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ Please know our family is sending our heartfelt condolences and prayers to your family during this time. We love you and will miss Quaya's beautiful bright smile.



DJ Brown - May 12, 2024 at 08:09 PM

TD

“ Sending Prayers And Condolences



trece davis - May 11, 2024 at 09:08 PM

EL

“ Emanuel R Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Emanuel R Lewis - May 11, 2024 at 05:42 PM

WR

“ Wendy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Wendy Reynolds - May 11, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ Condolences to you and your Family in the passing from this Earth of your Daughter, sending Prayers.



Carolyn Mayo - May 11, 2024 at 11:54 AM

KR

“ Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 11, 2024 at 08:09 AM

RJ

“ Rena A Jones lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford



Rena A Jones - May 11, 2024 at 04:09 AM



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Tarasa Tray - May 10, 2024 at 11:08 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Buckley lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Carolyn Buckley - May 10, 2024 at 10:14 PM

LP

“ Leola Page lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Leola Page - May 10, 2024 at 01:49 PM

SO

“ *JaQuaya, I will always miss running into you in stores or just driving down the street. You always had a knack for finding pictures of your mom & me, especially when I had bad hair days! You truly were one of my favorites. I was your mom's 1st child/cousin before she had any of you. I feel like I lost my little sister instead of cousin! We just lost Net, now you! I love all of you my family! Time to pull together!*



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**Sonceria** - May 10, 2024 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ *Sending prayers and healing energy to the entire family*



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**Craig & Jenn Williams** - May 10, 2024 at 08:44 AM

TS

“ *Me and Jaquaya was friends since elementary. Then our children became friends. Our children became close. Then me Jaquaya worked together for a lil while at Mta. When I heard I hurt not just for myself for the children. I love you all and I'm here for you all anytime.*

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**Tineisha Smith** - May 10, 2024 at 06:58 AM

KP

“ Kenneth Perkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Kenneth Perkins - May 10, 2024 at 06:26 AM

EW

“ Eusett Waddell-Miller lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Eusett Waddell-Miller - May 10, 2024 at 02:54 AM

TG

“ Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



Tresia Givens - May 09, 2024 at 10:38 PM

MG

“ I am heartbroken at Jaquaya’s passing. She was a former student of mine at Manley Elementary. I knew her loving mother and grandmother. My prayers are with her children and siblings.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Gaines - May 09, 2024 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ *Jo Franklin lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



Jo Franklin - May 09, 2024 at 04:20 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



Sandra Payne - May 09, 2024 at 04:02 PM

KW

“ *K Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jaquaya Buford*



K Wilson - May 09, 2024 at 03:32 PM

MW

“ *Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford*



Mary & Diane Williams - May 09, 2024 at 12:59 PM

BL

“ My prayers and condolences 🌸 to the entire family. 🙏🙏



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**Barbara Leake** - May 09, 2024 at 10:59 AM

IH

“ Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



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**Iris Hare** - May 08, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JC

“ Janis Conerly sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. JaQuaya Denise Buford



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**Janis Conerly** - May 08, 2024 at 07:47 PM