



Tekeia Michelle Clay

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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.




Events

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Lie-In-State


 **Thursday**, July 21, 2022

 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET


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



Memorial Service

 **Friday**, July 22, 2022

 4:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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AH

Amy Hardyman posted:

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

October 19 at 5:33 AM

ME

Mildred Eady posted:

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

July 28 at 8:12 PM

ME

Mildred Eady lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 28 at 8:07 PM

BC

Brecia Carr sent a virtual gift in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 28 at 1:02 PM



LH

Lanetta Holland lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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 🙏



July 23 at 11:53 AM



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Ruth Kirkendall lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 21 at 2:51 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Clay family.

July 20 at 5:22 PM



Sparkle Denise posted:

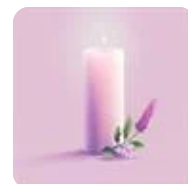
I am going to miss my dear friend. She was always there in a time of need, to share a smile with, eat a meal with, and cry a tear with. It hurts so much to go with our hearing her beautiful laugh and up building encouragement. I will remember our good times together. Love you Ke. Until we meet again.

July 20 at 4:26 PM



April Crenshaw lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

July 20 at 2:00 PM



Jean Armour posted:

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 ❤️

July 20 at 11:49 AM



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Traci Perryman posted:

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

July 20 at 10:14 AM



Kelli Darden lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 20 at 7:53 AM



Kelli Darden July 20 at 7:56 AM

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



From Lataucha, Rhonda, Yolanda & Betty sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Clay family.



July 19 at 3:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Clay family.



July 19 at 7:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Clay family.



July 19 at 5:16 AM



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TB

Tab Banks lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 19 at 4:08 AM



GJ

Gary Joiner lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

My deepest condolences

July 18 at 5:38 AM



JB

James Bacote July 18 at 3:57 PM

Sending my condolences and prayers to your family

KS

Kristi Strode lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

July 18 at 3:59 AM



KS

Kristi Strode July 18 at 4:02 AM

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

KT

Kisha Thomas posted:

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!!!

July 17 at 6:50 PM



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Rhonda Mcwhorter posted:

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.

July 17 at 9:28 AM



Roger Shipley posted:

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

July 17 at 9:00 AM



Teresa Peoples Chatt State Familys lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 16 at 11:17 AM



Brenda Forge..Class Of 69 Riverside High lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 16 at 6:44 AM



Kassandra (Sand) Dyer Terrell lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

Sending prayers and condolences to The Clay family and friends. May the Lord grant comfort and strength to you all. Sand Dyer Terrell



July 15 at 2:31 PM



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CH

Cathy Hughes lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 15 at 2:13 PM

CH

Cathy Hughes July 15 at 2:14 PM

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

AB

Antionette Boston lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 15 at 4:56 AM

AB

Antionette Boston July 15 at 4:57 AM

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

ET

Edna Talley lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 14 at 7:12 PM

TM

Torrance Mcduffy lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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



July 14 at 6:01 PM

AC

Alice Cameron lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 14 at 1:19 PM



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GW

Gaylin Walker lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 13 at 9:58 AM



RK

Renee Kennebrew lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 13 at 9:18 AM



SR

Suzanne Roach lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

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

July 13 at 5:21 AM



MT

Mimi Turner posted:

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!!

July 13 at 3:12 AM

MA

Margaret posted:

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

July 12 at 4:41 PM

CJ

Carmela James lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

July 12 at 3:19 PM





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Carmela James posted:

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.

July 12 at 3:18 PM



Diane Jackson July 12 at 5:04 PM

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



Resa lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 12 at 1:52 PM



Resa July 12 at 1:54 PM

SHE will be miss at Chattanooga State



Jackie Jones- Miller/Family lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 12 at 10:29 AM



Pam Lee posted:

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

July 12 at 10:17 AM



Jada Phifer lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.



July 12 at 10:09 AM



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SC

Stephnie Clark lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

July 12 at 8:53 AM



RG

Renee Glenn lit a candle in honor of Tekeia.

July 12 at 8:49 AM



SA

Sheila Albritton posted:

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!!

July 12 at 8:28 AM

MR

Marcie Robinson July 15 at 8:06 PM

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

MA

Mizell & Gloria Bouldin Decatur, Ala July 15 at 4:49 PM

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



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Tekeia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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