



Mr. Jabari Nicholas Wesson

November 20, 1987 - May 27, 2024

Jabari Nicholas Wesson came into the world on November 20, 1987 in Mount Pleasant, SC, bringing joy to his loving parents Anita Browne and Stephen Wesson.

Jabari's years at Shiloh High were marked by his exceptional talents in both music and athletics. He distinguished himself as a standout member of the Shiloh High School Concert Band, showcasing his mastery of the saxophone and bassoon, while also making waves as a key player on the Shiloh tennis team. Upon graduating in 2005, Jabari's transition from Shiloh High School to Tuskegee University was defined by his steadfast commitment to both his deep affection for animals and his dedication to athletic endeavors. He moved seamlessly into collegiate tennis, where he proudly represented the Tuskegee University Tigers with his exceptional talent and love for the sport. After years of dedication and hard work on the tennis courts of Tuskegee University, Jabari's commitment to excellence led to a significant milestone in his career as he was appointed Assistant Coach of the Men's and Women's tennis teams, a role in which he continued to inspire and mentor aspiring athletes. Jabari's academic achievements at Tuskegee University, culminating in his graduation in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and a minor in Agriculture, stand as a testament to his intellectual curiosity and dedication to his studies.

After college, Jabari had the opportunity to work as a counselor at Camp Winaukee in New Hampshire. Through this role he not only enriched the lives

of the campers he mentored but also fostered a sense of community and belonging that transcended his time there, as evidenced by the overwhelming outpouring of love and condolences from those he once guided.

2013 marked a pivotal moment in Jabari's life as he attained his long-awaited dream job at Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center, where his passion for animals merged seamlessly with groundbreaking opportunities in primate research.

On May 27, 2024 God called Jabari to rest. He leaves behind a legacy cherished by his loving mother Anita Browne and devoted father Stephen Wesson (Montressa). In memory of Jabari his dear brother Jonathan Wesson (Natasha), sister Jordan Browne, cousin Burnquetta Lomax and nieces Jada, Peaceful and Wisdom Wesson hold onto precious moments shared together. Fond memories of Jabari are held dear by a multitude of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, each touched by his warmth, thoughtfulness and unselfish nature.

Jabari's presence is eternally felt by his fiancé Shanika Smith, who treasure the time spent with him and her sons Rashad Jr. and Ricardo.

Jabari's gentle spirit and uplifting demeanor left an enduring legacy, his genuine love and compassion touching the lives of many. His infectious smile, like a beacon of hope, lit up every room he stepped into, bringing warmth and joy to all those around him. In addition to his caring nature, Jabari had a deep love for cooking, camping, and fishing, passions that further exemplified his zest for life and appreciation for the simple pleasures. These interests added depth to his character, enriching the lives of those who shared in his adventures.

At Berean Christian Church - Gwinnett, Jabari and Shanika found a sanctuary for their souls, where Jabari embraced his faith and publicly declared his devotion to Christ through baptism on May 19, 2024, just one week before his

passing.

While his earthly journey ended too soon, his family and friends can find solace in the assurance that he now resides in the eternal embrace of heaven.

Jabari N. Wesson, 36, of Snellville, GA passed on Monday, May 27, 2024. Celebration of Life Services (Livestreamed) will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024 11:00 AM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 with a Final Viewing observed from 10:00 AM until service begins. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024 from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM at our Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 with Family Hours observed from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM. Interment will be held at Gwinnett Memorial Park 925 Lawrenceville Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Repast will be held at Berean Christian Church 1465 Highpoint Rd., Snellville, GA 30038 immediately after interment. Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045.

Celebration of Life Service for Jabari N. Wesson will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4378258>

"In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Lupus Foundation of America at <http://www.lupus.org> in memory of Jabari Wesson.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Family Hours

JUN 14. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Gwinnett
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

JUN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Interment

JUN 15 (ET)

Gwinnett Memorial Park
925 Lawrenceville Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30046-4705

Repast

JUN 15 (ET)

Berean Christian Church
1465 Highpoint Rd
Snellville, GA 30078-2729
(678) 240-2213

Tribute Wall

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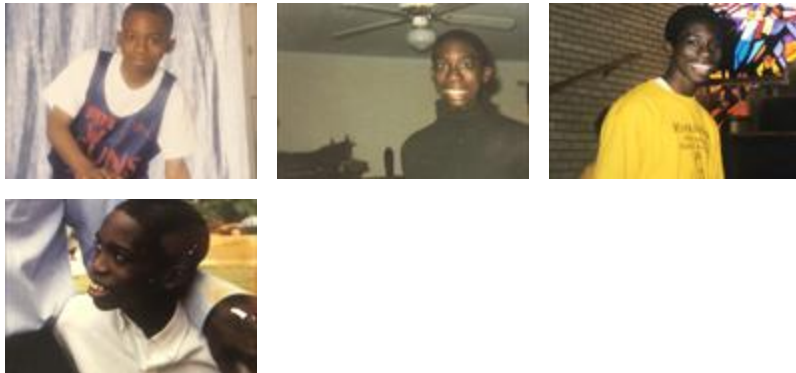
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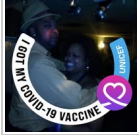
Shanika Smith - June 19, 2024 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ Dear Sweet Baby Boy. May the Most High Divine Creator cradle you in his loving embrace as you ascend to the sacred realm of God's holy place. It was an honor and joy to be a part of your big, beautiful life.



Cheryl - June 15, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ *My heart is with you Uncle Wesson and Family*



Helena Culbreath-rogers - June 15, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family*



Denise Henry - June 13, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Beverly Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jabari Nicholas Wesson*



Beverly Robinson - June 13, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Allan - June 11, 2024 at 08:41 PM

ST

“ *To: Steve and Family*

My family sends our condolences for the loss of your dear son, Jabari. You are a wonderful Dad and I know this loss is devastating! We pray that you and your family receive agape love and healing.

Sylvia Townes alumna

Sylvia Townes - June 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

RD

“ *To the Family,*

We are so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May the peace of God keep your hearts and minds as you go through this difficult process. Always cherish the wonderful memories and good times. Know that God will comfort you and give you strength in your personal journey.

*Love in Christ, Regina Alexis Hinkle DuBose
Hinkle - Neal Family Reunion*

Regina A. DuBose - June 08, 2024 at 06:11 PM

AN

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Anita - June 07, 2024 at 05:32 PM

KK

“ *Black Jesus is how I felt about him. Jabari’s spirit radiates forever. In January he came to visit for a weekend, to celebrate my birthday and my grandfather’s life with some friends. Throughout that celebration, his warm smile in conversation and calming presence was a grounding force for everyone he interacted with. It was so proud to tell them about our friendship and who you were to me when they inquired after you went back home.*



Jab had an innate ability to listen deeply. He was a comforting presence whenever I was with him and for all who knew him. Even in competition he struck a beautiful balance between a dogged purpose to win, with love and sportsmanship. From ping pong to one on one bball games to even playing soccer with me, Jab always brought his best self to lift his teammates and competition. The way he played tennis with grace even got me into the sport. His spirit is simply exceptional.

There are specific acts of kindness and love he’s bestowed on me but I prefer to keep that between our spirits. But I’m eternally thankful for those gestures of love and compassion.

Jab had patience like no other person I’ve ever come across and I’m so heartbroken. I love you my brother. Im so sad. I will miss you. I’m sad that till we ourselves pass on, your memory and spirit is all we have. That said, I’ll make the most of that. Just like Andrew said, our children will know who you are. They will know you were an exceptional spirit delivered to us temporarily in the flesh. And we will honor your memory till we join you. I love you Jab. You are an incredible gift.

Kofi Kufuor - June 05, 2024 at 11:27 AM

EM

“ To you Anita and your family. This news came as such an overwhelming shock. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of loss. Praying for comfort and peace. Be well.

Estella Mobley - June 05, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ Anita I can't say enough how sorry I am for your loss. Stay close to God and family.

Calvin Nared - June 04, 2024 at 09:09 PM

PK

“ I watched you from a baby to now. I didn't get to see you as often as you matured but we always picked up where we left off. My last clear memory was the apple crumble that you made for John and me. Your culinary talents were impressive and there was love in every bite. My heart is broken.
Anita and Steve my heart bleeds for you. Take comfort in the wonderful man that you birthed. May God give you peace.

Paula Murray Krueger - June 04, 2024 at 07:21 PM

PW

“ Anita and Family, my condolences for the loss of your beloved son.....

Paula Williams-Norman - June 04, 2024 at 06:13 PM

EV

“ Steve,
So very sorry you're having to experience this. I, definitely, know your pain after having experienced similar, on last year, myself and, am therefore, extending my very deepest condolences to each of you.
I won't say it gets easier as time progresses, but I will say that his precious memories will be cherished & appreciated, even more. GOD's GRACE Is Sufficient and may you find solace in his HOLY WORD to comfort your heart, day by day.
Please know that Your Family shall continuously, be in my prayers.
With much Love,
Your dear friend, Evelyn R Weldon Reed 🙏❤️🙏

Evelyn - June 04, 2024 at 05:45 PM

TD

“ Cuzzo, it hurts to have to write this. You and Jonathan have always been the older cousins in Atlanta I looked up to growing up. You always stay so calm no matter what is going on. I remember when we all went to play paintball and you and I were the last men left. I can hear you laughing now as we tried to stay still while being shot at with super painful paintballs. You always watched out for us younger cousins and now you're doing that in a bigger way. I love you bro! I pray you are at peace. Your legacy will definitely live on forever!



Trace Dorsey - June 04, 2024 at 04:37 PM

TJ

“ I worked with Jabari for many years at the Emory Primate Research Center. He was always so kind, calm, and easy-going. He had a way with the monkeys and with the people. (And a memorable way of naming the rhesus infants.) He will always be a part of our G-11 family!

Trina Jonesteller - June 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

KA

“ We met at Tuskegee and had very many memorable moments. I'm glad to have known him and I consider myself blessed to have experienced his spirit. May his spirit live on.

Jab, thank you for teaching me so much about true love. May your spirit ascend smoothly. Until we meet again. I love you forever.



kalah - June 03, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MC

I'm so very sorry for your loss, my dear cousin. I love you and praying for your strength in the Lord.

Maggie Childers - June 04, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ ### Tribute to Jabari Wesson

What up doe Big Jab!

Jabari, my beautiful cousin with an A-Mayzing spirit, everything happens for a reason, and thank God that he blessed our family with 36 years with you. One thing is for sure, you cannot question God. Period.

But what words can you share about someone who was a silent inspiration to us all? His selfless being, his courageous demeanor, his drive to be the best—Jabari Wesson was a true blessing to all he met. Acts of kindness were Jabari’s middle name. Everything happens for a reason.

How can you simply convey the impact of someone that goes beyond words? For someone who always showed up for you when you called; loved you and your friends like family; had a passion for pizza and animals; loved tennis and education? I am thankful Jab had Shanika to share the most intimate parts of his life with, and I thank God for her.

No tears for this transition, just determination to help your spirit live on. Thank you, Jabari, for being an example to all on how trusting God can sometimes be difficult with health challenges, and for fighting as long as you did. Now, as you join our Creator, know that on this earth, big cousin Adriane Mayes will always be grateful for your presence in my life and the impact you will continue to make.

Rest in Heaven, my sweet cousin. I’ll represent you well down here until we meet again. I love you.



Adriane Mayes - June 02, 2024 at 11:29 AM

AJ

“*Jabari, my loving cousin, I will truly miss you. Your contagious smile and mature demeanor always brought peace to my heart every time we would meet. Thank you for caring for my dog, providing thoughtful words to cheer me up and being the kind of man that every young girl's mom wishes their daughter would meet. You are a King and GOD's child. I will miss you dearly.*

Azi Johnson - May 31, 2024 at 03:56 PM

DW

“*Jabari, a calm spirit, an easy going guy with a positive attitude and an infectious smile. The love he had with animals said a lot about him to me. Your 36yrs on this earth will forever be etched in family and friends hearts! Jabari my nephew, I will say your name with honor and love. With God rest in peace. Love you 4ever, Aunt DeeDee*

Denise Whatley - May 30, 2024 at 09:22 PM

BW

“*I'll certainly miss my nephew Jabarie very easy-going guy always able to take life in stride, whenever life offered him a lemon, he made lemon aide out life situation. Most of all I'm so glad he had a relationship with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and I Jabarie is in God's hands.*

Byron Wesson - May 30, 2024 at 06:16 PM