



## Matthew Hardemon Jr.

August 7, 1991 - April 23, 2020

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Wednesday, April 29, 2020

3:00 P.M.

Reflections of Life

Matthew “Boo” Hardemon, Jr. was born August 7, 1991 in Miami, Florida to Rena Solomon and Matthew Hardemon. He was later diagnosed with a rare medical condition Trisomy-13, that caused a variety of birth defects. Doctors predicted that he would live for only one month. With the love and prayers of his mother, Matthew lived through that deadline. Doctors made a second dire prediction concluding that Matthew would live a mere three years. Love and prayer once again triumphed, and Boo made the doctors into liars. Finally, they confessed that they had no idea how long he would live.

Matthew missed several markers that others without his condition take for granted. However, against the odds, he learned to speak several phrases. Boo called some by their names or roles such as “Ma”, and as a result of countless hours of physical therapy was able to take steps in his gateway walker.

In May 2013, Matthew graduated high school and was unanimously voted Prom King at Neva King Cooper Educational Center, a true distinction that only the most popular students of any high school achieve. He also reigned as

“Best Dressed” in his high school yearbook. Matthew enjoyed parties, Christmas lights, decorations and music. His favorite instruments were the keyboards and guitars. With the love and prayers of his mother and the help of aunties, Matthew lived to be 28 years young before being called to his final rest. Matthew shall always be remembered as a young man with a warrior’s spirit who fought and lived a full, memorable life, despite his physical disabilities.

Left to cherish his precious memories, yet mourning his passing, is his mother, Rena Solomon; father, Matthew Hardemon; 4 aunts, 2 Uncles and a long list of cousins and friends.

#### HEAVEN WAIT FOR ME

No more crying I will not be alone,  
My grandfather is there waiting for his grandchild to come home.  
I am so sorry I must leave my mom here,  
But you know where I am going so do not shed another tear.  
I am trading mortality for immortality.  
God gave me some wings; I wish you could see.  
Do not cry for me, do not shed a tear  
But whatever you do, I know you will make it here.  
Rest in peace to the ones we lost this year,  
Those families are in our prayers and God will always look after them.  
I made it. No more pain, no more suffering, I made it!  
Thank you, Mama for being the best mom I could ever hope for; I made it!  
Thank you, God, for blessing my mom, then and now. Thank you, God.  
Thank you, God, I am finally home. Thank you, God!

#### Acknowledgements

I would like to thank family, friends, educators and all of you that participated in providing prayers and support to improve the quality of Matthew’s life. My

most humble gratitude is extended for all the resources and provisions made available through the dedication and generosity of loyal professionals. I also thank you for your comfort and condolences during these sorrowful hours. Thank you for your many kindnesses and words of encouragement. Again, thank you and God bless you all.

Mr. Matthew Hardemon Jr. of Lawrenceville, GA passed on April 23, 2020.  
Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Matthew Hardemon Jr.



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - April 28, 2020 at 07:16 AM

BS

“ There is no greater testament of Real Unconditional love than the love that was shown by Rena to her son Matt “Boo”. Not a show! Real!

*I remember making a visit to Rena and Boo, Rena was showing me Boo's wardrobe and new room decor. I was slightly embarrassed- I could never! Bandanas, Hats, socks everything matching! Layers! A suite fit for a King(which he is)!*

*On another occasion, I remember also asking to play a tune on his guitar and he told me “no”- with love of course lol*

*He will forever be missed, And Rena remember “ it takes a Special person to LOVE a special child”*

*- Brittney*

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**Brittney Smith** - April 30, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ Remembering the family in heartfelt prayer.  
May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the heavy weight of your loss. Thoughts of peace.

Evans family - April 30, 2020 at 05:14 AM

KE

“ Kimberly Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Matthew Hardemon Jr.



Kimberly Edwards - April 29, 2020 at 04:16 PM

KE

“ I remember the first time I spent time with my Aunt Rena and Matt-Matt, at their apartment in the Edison district of Miami. My Aunt put him on the floor to scoot around and play, but all he quickly rolled over and started to caress my feet! It tickled, and I laughed a huge belly laugh, and my aunt came over and moved him back onto his blanket. Promptly 5 minutes later, he had rolled back over to me and started to caress my feet again! My aunt made the statement "I don't know what it is about your feet, but he is making it his business to find them!" I'm going to miss him so much because no matter how much time it had been, whenever we saw each other he always gave me the biggest most sincere smile and warmest greetings! I'm miss you my angel, tell Grandma and them that I said hello and I miss them also. Save a space for me at the Most Highs table, I should make it there in about 45-50 years from now. Your big cousin Kim



Kimberly Edwards - April 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM

TS

“ To my beautiful cousins, words cannot express what you are going thru. We are praying for you at this time and we know that Matthew is resting in peace now. We love you and may God continue to bless you at this time and forever more.

*Tanya Solomon-Hutton*

Tanay J. Solomon-Hutton - April 29, 2020 at 02:02 PM



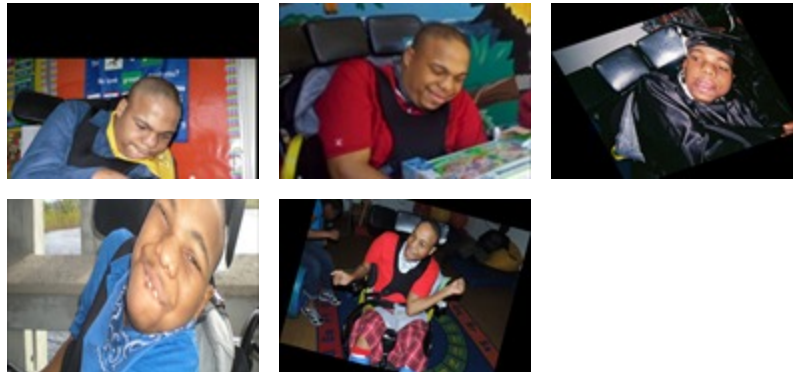
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Matthew Hardemon Jr..



April 28, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - April 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

PS

*I am so sorry for the loss of losing your son. I only met him one time, when we (the Solomon's) from New Jersey came for Uncle James funeral. which daddy came also (Adam Solomon Sr.) I know you loved your son dearly, you were a great mother to him. May God be with you at this time my cousin. My love and prayers are with you and the entire family.*

*Love, Cousin Pamela Solomon-Russell (NJ)*

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**Pamela Solomon-Russell** - April 29, 2020 at 10:03 AM