



## JaBrion Amire Johnson

June 20, 2002 - September 23, 2024

### OBITUARY

Ja'Brion Amiré Johnson was born in Easton, Maryland on June 20, 2002. He departed this life at the age of twenty-two (22) on September 23, 2024 at Easton Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. "Jay", as he was affectionately called, was the son of William Sampson and Natasha Milton.

He attended public schools in Dorchester County. While attending Maple Elementary School, Jay was inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society during the 2012-2013 school year. In his senior year, he was admitted to Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC, where he was a patient for several months. Following his care and treatment there, he was discharged to Kennedy Krieger Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore, Maryland for rehabilitation until late February 2020. Because of his studies while at Kennedy Krieger, he was able to graduate from Cambridge South Dorchester High School with his classmates in June of that year. After being home for a couple of years, Jay was determined that his health issues would not stop him. He obtained employment at Walmart in Easton, Maryland and remained there until his health began to fail.

Jay loved to shop and make shopping lists, especially for clothes and shoes. He also had a love for basketball and football. His love for shopping often led

him to frequently change teams in order to collect new jerseys and sneakers. Ray Allen was his favorite basketball player. In August 2018, due to his illness, the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted him a wish. Naturally, his first option was to meet and spend time with Ray Allen. Unfortunately, that wish could not be arranged due to time constraints. Because of his love for shopping, he chose to go on a shopping spree as his second option.

Spending time and cooking with his family were also important to Jay. Going to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina was something he loved to do. He loved playing drums, video games, watching wrestling and attending wrestling matches with his father. Riding with his “Granny” and “Aunt Margarita” was a favorite outing. He also loved spending time at the shop with “Pop June Bug.” Jay had a special love for his parents and family. Spending weekends and summers in Hurlock was extra special and he enjoyed the time spent with family. A very caring person, Jay often worried about others. Because of his caring nature, during each hospital and rehabilitation stay, all the doctors, nurses and other staff on his care team came to love him. He had what many would call an “old soul.”

Jay leaves loving memories with: his parents, William Sampson and Natasha Milton (Brandon); brother, William Manokey, Jr.; paternal grandparents, Lynette Sampson and Reginald Singleton; maternal grandparents, Lillian Johnson-Ralph, Lee Ralph and Roelando Newton; paternal great-grandparents, Earlene and Lewis Harris and Beverly Lake; maternal great-grandparents, Annette Newton and Cornelius Johnson (Margie); uncles, Rian Johnson, Roe’Quon Newton and Nazair Whitfield; a best friend, Rodney Jones, Jr.; devoted cousins, Verdell “P” Weems and Clinton Weems, whom he called his best friend; his godfather, Duane Tilghman; a special friend, Trevor Singleton and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jay was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Dwayne Dotson,

paternal great-grandparents, Walter and Christine Dotson and maternal great-grandparents, Ernestine Johnson and Eugene Camper.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Hurlock  
516 S. Main St.  
Hurlock, MD 21643  
(410) 943-4488  
info@benniesmithfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurlock United Methodist Church  
502 South Main Street  
Hurlock, MD 21643

## Funeral Service

OCT 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hurlock United Methodist Church  
502 South Main Street  
Hurlock, MD 21643

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ I am so very happy I met Jay and and shared some fun moments with him.  
A fine young man! May his soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him.

Elaine Mills - October 13, 2024 at 01:17 PM



Christina Brault

“ I didn't have the privilege of knowing this young man, my daughter's friend was a classmate and posted his obituary. It sounds like he was a wonderful person, with a lot of motivation despite his health issues and my sympathy goes out to all who loved him.

Christina Brault - October 01, 2024 at 10:08 PM

YS

“ Yolanda Sampson lit a candle in memory of JaBrion Amire Johnson



yolanda sampson - October 01, 2024 at 06:17 AM

JJ

“ Me and Jadian going miss you so much jay

Jaclyn Johnson - September 30, 2024 at 01:58 PM

EW

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family on the loss of your loved one!

Eric Weems - September 30, 2024 at 10:16 AM

EW

“ *Eric Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of JaBrion Amire Johnson*



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**Eric Weems** - September 30, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ *Jeremiah Simms lit a candle in memory of JaBrion Amire Johnson*



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**Jeremiah Simms** - September 30, 2024 at 07:50 AM

GT

“ *Jay I am going to miss you so much your last words to me was MS Gwen can I please have a hug*



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**GWENDOLYN TURNER** - September 29, 2024 at 09:05 PM

YA

“ *Your Cousin, Ashley purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of JaBrion Amire Johnson.*



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**Your Cousin, Ashley** - September 29, 2024 at 08:46 PM

TS

“ Man man man where do I start from you changing your football teams on me every time I came over to you being a Celtics fan everytime I’m around then when I leave you loving the lakers lol ! How competitive you were when we played the games !! Always texting me checking on me and showing love all the time we have so many memories I could go on and on brother I love you and I promise I gotchu ☐

Trevor Singleton - September 29, 2024 at 01:22 PM

AT

“ Angela Thomas lit a candle in memory of JaBrion Amire Johnson



Angela Thomas - September 28, 2024 at 08:00 PM

WF

“ Weems Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of JaBrion Amire Johnson.



Weems Family - September 27, 2024 at 03:35 PM

WF

“ Weems Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JaBrion Amire Johnson.

Weems Family - September 27, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful young man. Very caring for other. He will be deeply missed by so many. Jay keep your eyes over everyone and Heather. May God be with you and your family and friends during this hard. 🙏💔🙏



Heather Boyer and Shari Boyer (grandmom) - September 25, 2024 at 12:49 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - September 25, 2024 at 07:34 AM

WB

“ Condolence and prayers to our family. May God continue to bless us during our time of grief



Wanda Butler Banks - September 24, 2024 at 04:05 PM

PS

“ Rest In Peace. Our prayers are with the Sampson and Johnson family's.  
Peter and Natasha Singleton

Peter H. Singleton - September 24, 2024 at 02:05 PM