



Shakir L. Cannon

June 7, 1983 - December 5, 2017

Shakir Lateef Cannon, 34, died suddenly Tuesday, December 5th due to complications of Sickle Cell disease.

He was the son of Joseph and Cheryl Cannon. Shakir was employed by the NYS Department of Health as an Information Technology Specialist 2.

Shakir Cannon was a husband, father, son and outstanding community leader. He loved his family and his work was inspired by his desire to be with his family for the rest of his life. Something that he desired for not just himself but for all other alike.

In addition, Shakir Cannon was a Civic Health Leader and Co-Founder of the Minority Coalition for Precision Medicine an emerging organization decimated to the disbursement of health information literacy. Shakir was an internationally recognized Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) advocate and patient who dedicated his life to educating the medical community about SCD both as a public speaker and patient advocate. His lifelong battle with SCD was often times debilitating and unfortunately devastating. Shakir through his experience and ultimately with his life, he has demonstrated the important of SCD and the demand for scientific research, education and ground breaking treatment that eradicate SCD.

Shakir leaves his loving memory to his wife Chau Duong Cannon, daughter Kira Cannon, Mother, Father, brother Niikai (Jennifer) Cannon, nephews Khalid and Kiacen, Father-in-law Uoc Duong, five brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law, god parents Grance Cannon and Wayne Bailey, great aunt Estelle Cooper and a host of relatives and friends.

Shakir was a strong Christian who espoused the values of honest, compassion, perseverance, and faith. He always spoke with truth, passion, and love and could be counted on to offer candid advice and share pearls of wisdom. He was the matriarch of the family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 10:00 am at The Church of St. Mary's at Clinton Heights.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with the family Friday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home.

The Rite of Committal will be held in Memory Gardens, immediately following the Mass.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens Cemetery

983 Watervliet Shaker Road
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Mary
163 Columbia Turnpike
Clinton Heights, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Shakir L. Cannon*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I was so sad to learn about Shamir's passing. I remember his gentle but impactful efforts to bring attention to DVD before the Minority Council about the need for heightened attention to this disease. I was so proud to hear him make his case.*

I want to say to the Cannon family he was indeed an example of the best of us all. I know he is resting now and will continue to be someone remembered with great affection.

Annette Johnson - December 13, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Dearest Chau, I cannot convey my sympathy enough to you on the passing of your husband. I feel like I don't have the right words to tell you how very sorry I am. I enjoy looking at the pictures of your family and your husband looked like a kind and loving and father. May he Rest In Peace. I love you Chau.*

Susan Schumann - December 11, 2017 at 02:43 PM



I am sorry Chau. I wanted to say I enjoyed looking at your pictures and your husband appeared to be a loving and caring husband and a loving and caring father.

Susan Schumann - December 11, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss my deepest cocdolences.*

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“ *Shakir was a gentle, loving spirit. He always was a joy to be around and his smile could melt your heart. Cheryl & Mike our heartfelt condolences to you and your family and his wife & daughter. He rests peacefully and painless now for eternity in the Light of God.*



Cheryl Gruett - December 09, 2017 at 11:32 AM



“ *Sarah DeMarco lit a candle in memory of Shakir L. Cannon*



Sarah DeMarco - December 08, 2017 at 02:14 PM



Much Love and Prayers are sent out to Chau and Kira...and family. You will be greatly missed my Friend.

Sarah DeMarco - December 08, 2017 at 02:17 PM

AM

“ *My dear sweet baby brother, I feel like your time here was too short. However, you lived your life to the fullest, and made a tremendous impact on EVERYONE that had the pleasure of meeting you, and even those that did not. I am going to miss you. Take your rest.*

Anitha

Anitha McKenzie - December 08, 2017 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ *With my heartfelt condolences I am so sorry for the families loss. I new him very briefly , he was my neighbor and I saw a kind gentle younge man. He always had a bright smile. He and his beautiful wife and daughter were always happy and together in their yard as a family. He will be missed on our block. We pray for all that are grieving his loss. May god comfort your hearts! He was truly loved and a wonderful person . My condolences to all this family... Chau we are here for you and Kira anytime.*

LCocoma@gmail.com - December 08, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shakir L. Cannon.*



December 08, 2017 at 12:38 AM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Shakir L. Cannon.*



December 07, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Shakir, you will be deeply missed and your absence deeply felt by all those who loved and knew you. Who you were was such a inspiration. I am honored to have had the pleasure of knowing you, working with you and I will continue to always stand beside your life's mission to free those affected by SCD. Your legacy will without a doubt bring much deserved honor and recognition to your family and while you may not be with us physically in the last words you said to me you "will be with us in spirit" I thank you and I love you. I prayer for your family's comfort and peace of mind during this time.*

- Rasheena & Assiah's Phinisee, Assiah's Liver Fund



Rasheena Phinisee - December 07, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *I am so sorry! Praying for you all and hope you find comfort in all of the beautiful memories! Shakir was more than a friend/co-worker, he was like a brother. He left his mark on this world and with everyone he met! We are all better people because of him! Fly high SHAK!*

Jamie Waters - December 07, 2017 at 11:26 AM

JK

“ *May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

Josephine Muamba Kamya



Josephine Muamba Kamya - December 07, 2017 at 10:07 AM

CF

“ *Words can't convey my sadness at the loss of Shakir. He was not only a co-worker, but a friend. A fine father and a loving husband. His kindness, advocacy and generosity influenced all of us. He's now with the Father, where there is no pain, and no tears, just life everlasting. he will be sorely missed*

Craig Foote - December 07, 2017 at 09:36 AM

LN

“ *I am deeply saddened by the news of your lost. I pray that God will grant you the strength. My most sincere condolences.*

Ly nguyen - December 07, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shakir L. Cannon.*



December 06, 2017 at 07:56 PM

SL

“ With fond memories of a loving son, husband and proud father. We know that Shakir is suffering no more as he rests in the arms of our Heavenly Father. May God grant the family comfort. Saleika and Hank

Saleika Leak - December 06, 2017 at 07:52 PM

SW

“ So saddened by the death of Shakir. So many fond memories of proms and homecoming dances of you and the gang all going together as friends. Such a good group of buddies you all were. GOD BLESS you and your family.

Sue & Burt Van Wie - December 06, 2017 at 07:35 PM

FL

“ Chai, my deepest and most heartfelt prayers for you and your on the death of your beloved Shakir. May the Lord continue to so gracious to him and receive Shakir into everlasting life.

Fr. David LeFort - December 06, 2017 at 07:21 PM