

IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL

*Son*

It's sometimes hard to know  
why some things happen as they do  
for so much *joy and happiness*  
was centered around you

It seems so hard to comprehend  
that you're no longer here  
but all the *happy memories*  
will help to keep you near

You're thought about with *pride*, Son  
with each mention of your name  
death cannot change a single thing  
the *love* will still remain

Floral Bearers  
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers  
Ashbrook Football Team

#### NOTE OF THANKS

The family would like to thank everyone for your many acts of kindness  
given in calls, text, hugs and love shown during the passing of our beloved.  
Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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In Loving  
MEMORY OF

May his soul  
find peace and  
his legacy  
inspire us

*Zaquavious*

**Zaquavious Larrell Dawkins**  
Sunrise: November 27, 2008 Sunset: January 26, 2025  
Erwin Center  
1000 Pryor Center  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Tuesday; February 4, 2025-2:00 p.m.  
Rev. Monica Colbert, Officiating  
Pastor: New Canaan Baptist Church



# Order of Service

## Prelude

## Processional

(Receiving of friends from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.)

## Praise and Worship

New Canaan Church

## Call to Worship

Pastor Monica Colbert

## Opening Song

New Canaan Church

## Scripture Reading:

Old Testament

New Testament

## Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Moses Colbert

## Acknowledgments/Resolutions

## Musical Tribute

“Better Days”

Jakyra Sadler

## Tributes (2 minutes, please)

Travis Johnson

Kendra Wilson

## Selection

New Canaan Baptist Church

## Words of Comfort

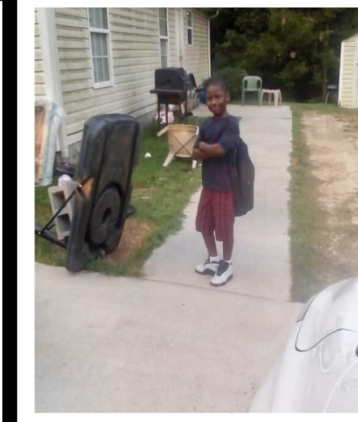
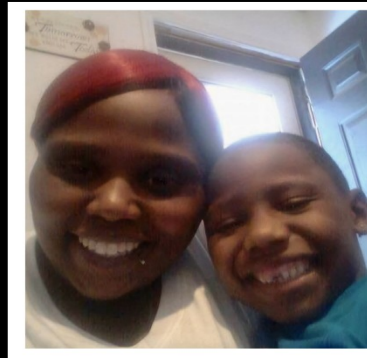
Pastor Monica Colbert

## Recessional

## Interment

Adams Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery

Kings Mountain, North Carolina



our hearts





# Our beloved Tank



“You left us with beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though We cannot see you, We feel you by OUR SIDE.

forever in





## LIFE REFLECTIONS

Zaquavious Lerrell Dawkins, affectionately known as Tank, was born on November 27, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was the son of Travis Chambers and Tilise Dawkins. His journey came to a close on Sunday; January 26, 2025 at the age of 16.

Tank loved football. He was a Philadelphia Eagles fan. He attended Ashbrook High School where he was a sophomore and a member of the football team. He left behind a legacy which was his big smile, his kindness, his hugs, and his love. He was very respectful. If you would ask Tank to do something, he would. Tank loved his mother and he really took care of her. She was his heart.

Tank loved to go to church. He sang on the choir and was a member of the usher board. He was the best greeter. He always told us how nice we looked. Tank was also called Pastor Tank because he would pray for the football team. He had a passion to make everybody smile and feel better.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Elizabeth Chambers and Willard Floyd, aunt: Pria Carter and uncles: Casey Carter and Sedric Dawkins.

Tank's life will be cherished by so many who were close to him. Memories will be especially cherished by his loving mother: Tilise Dawkins; his loving father: Travis Chambers; his siblings: Darius Farr, Jamaica Kennedy, Zykierra Dawkins, Nyasia Murrell, Braylon Vernon, Zyana Carter, Ziqualin Dawkins, Jahari Chambers, Hezekiya Chambers, and Kassidy Chambers, his friend girl: Shai-Asia Gaye all of Gastonia, NC; grandparents: Evelena Adams (Nathan) of Gastonia, NC; aunts: Denise Wilson (Vanita), Renita Chambers, Myrika Scott (Jimmy); uncle: Devin Dawkins all of Gastonia, NC; one nephew and a host of cousins, other family and friends.



### I am heartbroken right now!

I have had the privilege of knowing Zaquavious "Tank" Dawkins since birth.

He has always been a respectful, cheerful, and special kid.

God made a way for him to be able to play football. Due to health issues, he couldn't play contact sports, so I was very hesitant in letting him play.

He was so excited when he got clearance to do so. And he surprised everyone.

He was the type of player that would do anything you asked. Hew as just honored with our academic excellence award, 1 of 7 players out of 97. He had a passion for the Lord. He prayed before team meals and after practices. If you talk to his teachers, they will tell you how respectful and thoughtful he was. He was passionate about making it our of Gastonia and making a way to take care of his family. Tank, we love you and you will be missed but not forgotten.

We as a community have to come together to protect these kids' dreams. The importance of mentorship, guidance, community involvement is at an all time low.

This tragedy is an indicator that reaching a few isn't enough. We have to reach all of these kids. So that they value themselves and have goals to reach all of these kids. So that they value life, they value themselves and have goals to reach the dreams beyond the environment in front of them.

Although I am extremely hurt, I am going to show strength and compassion that Tank would expect from us all. Let's come together and show his family that we have their backs and how much we love Tank.

Coach James

