



## Dear Rayla,

Broken, angry, frustrated, devastated, A life taken so soon, all I can do is hate it! Our life has been changed forever what will we do? Life doesn't feel quite right without you! I'm being selfish and don't care, I want you here with me. To bury a child is unfair and I can't see! You were a light in our dark, a smile in our soul, big hair, big energy, big attitude, big hopes. What can we do? Our hearts are heavy we don't know what to do... The fear of that night is always passing through. We love, care, and still think about you, our pain is endless we just really want you. In a void of pitch black, you acted as a lantern. I still knock on your door; I just want to hear you answer. What, maybe later, we'll see, no, each of those answers greater than what your door now beholds. Between shining in the dark, or glowing in the sun, you always stood out and could be compared to no one. I still looked up when I got taller, and know you'd choose crows over doves. You know you owe me 20 dollars, but I'll let you keep it out of love.

## Ballbearers

Theodis Willis III  
Christopher Willis  
Michael Willis  
Theodis Willis IV  
Kaden Pretlow  
Theodis Willis, Jr.



## Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

## Interment

Jacksonville Memory Gardens

## Acknowledgements

We express our sincere gratitude to everyone for your prayers, presence, love, food, flowers, cards, and countless acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now is your kindness needed and appreciated. May God forever bless each of you.

Love,

*The Willis Family*



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CELEBRATING  
THE LIFE OF

# Rayla

FRANCES  
WILLIS

SUNRISE  
JANUARY 25, 2005

SUNSET  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023



Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 11AM  
Mt. Bethel Baptist Church  
1620 Helena Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Reverend Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith,  
Officiating

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE TO REMEMBER

# Kayla F. WILLIS

KAYLA FRANCES WILLIS was born on January 25, 2005 in Jacksonville, Florida to Theodis III and Andrea Willis. She attended Dinsmore Elementary School, Darnell-Cookman School of the Arts, and graduated from Riverside High School. She was an honor roll student throughout school. She continued her education and was attending Florida State College at Jacksonville. Kayla was fond of different cultures and increased her knowledge during her full-time academic career studying Korean and Spanish. She was employed as a shift-cooker for Wing Stop.

Kayla was a hard worker who loved traveling with family. She loved to try different restaurants with her mom. She enjoyed playing the PlayStation and loud music. Kayla aspired to become a lawyer one day. Her loyal, dedicated, feisty and full of life personality will truly be missed. Her love for family was unmatched. She took pride in taking care of her grandmother and being her brother's biggest cheerleader.

Kayla was preceded in death by her grandparents: Theodis, Sr., Bertha Willis, Abraham Thweatt, Mildred Thweatt and Raymond Wade; and great grandparents: Frank and Freda Willbright.

Kayla leaves to cherish her memories her parents: Theodis III and Andrea Willis; siblings: Theodis Willis IV and Zoey Willis; grandparents: Theodis, Jr. and Adrienne Willis, Frances Smith, and Janice Woolbright; Godmother: Dion Dixon, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.



## THE ORDER OF Service

*Elder Raquel Foxworth, Presiding*

Processional/Viewing

Solo.....Tina Wilson

Scripture Readings

Old & New Testament.....Brother Christopher Stubbs

Invocation (Prayer).....Reverend Willie L. Manning  
Springhill Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL.

Solo.....Henrietta Telfair

Reflections (as a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)  
As a Student.....Timothy Feagins, Principal  
Riverside High School

Limit 3 People Please

Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home

Solo.....Augena Sapp

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith

Recessional

