



## Ja'na Davonna Tate

October 25, 1990 - March 31, 2023

Ja'na Davonna Tate of Smyrna, DE passed away Friday, March 31, 2023 at Christiana Hospital. She was 32 years old.

Ja'na was born October 25, 1990 in Dover, DE, the daughter of Arthur Vincent Tate and the late Margaret Renee Walker. She graduated from James H. Groves High School in 2009. Over the years, she continued her education, receiving a Criminal Justice Associate's degree from Delaware Technical Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Wilmington University. She was a Phi Theta Kappa, Si Chi, All-State Academic Team, and Del Tech cross-country team member. She received the All Delaware Academic and USA Academic Awards. Ja'na began as an intern for Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and became the Legislative Assistant to the Lt. Governor for the Behavioral Health Consortium. She influenced policy for the State of DE. Ja'na enjoyed woodworking, gardening, cheering on the New England Patriots, going to the beach, and caring for her beloved hedgehogs.

In addition to her great-grandparents and grandparents, she was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Renee Walker.

Ja'na is survived by her father, Arthur V. Tate (Gwendolyn) of Smyrna, DE, two brothers, Cedale Downes of Dover, DE, Voncel Tate of Smyrna, DE, four uncles, Marion Fuller of Bradenton, FL, Herman Fuller (Dee) of Dover, DE,

William Taylor (Darlene) of Dover, DE, Brian Tate of Chestertown, MD, three aunts, Charlene Boyd (Ernest) of Georgia, Sarah Gibbs (Moses) of San Antonio, TX, Eileen Williams of Dover, DE.

She is also survived by her devoted cousin, Joshua Williams; devoted niece, Shiana Hall Carter; devoted nephew, Jaire Hall; adopted grandmother Betty Combs and grandfather Robert Collins; her extended family, Maria, and Bryce Bunce; sister and brother, Daniel and Naomi Wolf and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great aunts and uncles and many other family and friends.

A visitation will be held Monday, April 17, 2023, from 10 am-11 am at Townsend Church 4519 Dupont Pkwy, Townsend, DE 19734. Services will begin at 11 am with a Repass to follow the service in the church hall. Interment will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10 am at Chesterville Cemetery in Millington, MD.

# Cemetery Details

**Chesterville Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Townsend Church  
4519 Dupont Pkwy  
Townsend, DE 19734

### Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Townsend Church  
4519 Dupont Pkwy  
Townsend, DE 19734

*Repass to follow in the church hall.*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Ja'na Tate's Services in memory of Ja'na Davonna Tate*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 17, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ja'na Davonna Tate*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 13, 2023 at 02:46 PM

KG

*Though I didn't know this very fine young woman, I can see she was an extraordinarily talented and accomplished young lady. Ja'na was a close friend of my daughter, leela. She obviously had a strong community of family and friends around her and her loss is greatly felt. I can only say to all her loved ones who are grieving, please know she is in God's loving hands and finally at peace. God's speed, Ja'na.*  
*Kathaleen Grant*

Kathaleen Grant - April 17, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Ja'na Davonna Tate*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Tate Thanks for being my friend* □

**Mercedes McCoy** - April 18, 2023 at 05:03 AM



“ *Stephanie Buegers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ja'na Davonna Tate.*



**Stephanie Buegers** - April 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss sending condolences from The Tate Family*

**Joyce Henry** - April 14, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ja'na Davonna Tate.*



April 11, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TF

“ Taylor Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ja'na Davonna Tate.



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**Taylor Family** - April 11, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ I'm extremely thankful we crossed paths.. you will forever remain in my heart. Thanks for always being the laugh I needed, the adventure and spirit in everything that we did together. You made the best out of every situation. It's a great loss not having you here anymore. I love you so much! Rip great soul.

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**Shawna Barsness** - April 11, 2023 at 12:18 PM

HB

“ Ja, seeing you coming and going in our little community, I have to shed tear from the friendship we developed, thank for the hedgehog ☐ and the help we gave each other, I will miss you.but I guess you know what best, wish I could've done more. Maintenance @Commerce 🙌❤☐

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**Hugh Bayard** - April 10, 2023 at 07:42 AM

RL

“ Rest easy my friend. Your assignment has been completed!

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**Rosanna Lights** - April 09, 2023 at 06:16 PM

SB

“*Ja’na came into my life in 2020 and was integral in my recovery, bringing me so much love, friendship, and laughter. To say I’m in shock and completely heartbroken is the understatement of the century. You had so much more life to live, and I will forever keep you in my thoughts, keep you in my heart, and speak about the joy you gave to so many. You’re beauty, intelligence, smile and heart will never be forgotten and I wish you had made it out here to Ann Arbor so I could have given you that big hug I promised you. Love you always, Ja’na,*



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**Stephanie Buegers** - April 09, 2023 at 12:30 PM

RL

*Ja’na rest easy my friend. You made an impact on my life for the short time I knew you. You completed your assignment. See you one day in heaven 💔❤*

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**Rosanna Lights** - April 09, 2023 at 02:30 PM

BF

“ I worked with Ja'na in the Lt. Governor's office and I adored her. She was one of the smartest people I knew in decades of work in the federal and state government but she was humble and not showy. The one thing I loved about Ja'na was her smile. You had to work real hard to get it and when you did, you knew you earned it! She was a great teammate and friend. I will miss her greatly. I only wish she had been with us longer because she was a beautiful caring person who made a difference in the world.

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**Beverly Flannigan** - April 07, 2023 at 08:37 PM

SN

“ She had this beautiful big loving heart. She became one of our family members, watching our daughters open presents on Christmas morning in jammies with us, to having dinner with my in laws on Thanksgiving. She helped me plan my husband's surprise birthday party one year. She and I would have long talks and laughs. Her laugh was so authentic and her hugs were the absolute best. I will cherish these memories so much and miss her even more. She was such a beautiful light in this world. My sincere and deepest sympathies to her family and many thanks for sharing her with us.

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**Stephanie Nostrom** - April 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BF

*How honored I was to be seated with her family at her graduation from DelTech! Her loss has affected many of us. May God grant her eternal peace!*

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**Bob Fritzsche** - April 08, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ja'na Davonna Tate.



April 07, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ One of the things I loved about Ja'na is that she could always be counted on to put me in my place. It didn't matter that I was "older", or that I had been her advisor in the honor society that she was a member of while attending our college. I'll miss that. I'll also miss the random phone calls and texts just to shoot the breeze about anything. To Ja'na's family, to say I'm sorry doesn't even come close to how I feel. I'll never forget her. She was an awesome lady.



Charles Whealton - April 06, 2023 at 08:04 PM



So sorry to hear about the loss of your daughter sending prayers for you and your family

Joyce Henry - April 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM