



Draylen William Mason

May 26, 2000 - March 12, 2018

Draylen William Mason was born to Shamika Wilson and Mark Mason on May 26, 2000. From the time of his birth, he was attentive, curious and full of life; his exuberance was always unbound! Draylen accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at the early age of six and was baptized at the Corinth Missionary Baptist Church.

Draylen was an exceptional student talented musician and an overall "Renaissance Man." While he did not have a forte for traditional sports, Draylen mastered the martial arts and won numerous competitions and awards. His penchant for the performing arts began in elementary school where he participated in the Shakespearean Movement at Pease elementary. As eloquently stated by Draylen in his college application essays, "..music and the orchestra was the fire that fueled his life." His love for music was born at family gatherings where it was not uncommon for Draylen to perform and write songs for his Granny and Granddad or stand with the quartet with his great-uncles as they strummed the gospel on their guitars. In Draylen's words, "..I am a musical servant whose gift is to touch and convey the composer's feelings and message into my playing and to be one with the music. I don't know about you but, that is what I do!"

Draylen was an artist of the stringed instruments and keyboards, composer, conductor, martial arts instructor and aspiring neurosurgeon. Though young, he pursued his life purpose with an effervescent fervor. His dedication to the arts and community service took him across the nation and around the world.

He was the epitome of the spirit of excellence and he was loved by many for his kindness, sense of humor, and unique ability to touch all that he encountered. Draylen was accepted to attend college at the University of Texas at Austin, the University of North Texas, Hampton University, Howard University, and Oberlin Music Conservatory.

Draylen's life was tragically taken on Monday, March 12, 2018. He leaves to celebrate his life and mourn his loss, his parents, Shamika Wilson and Mark Mason of Austin, his grandparents, Dr. C. Norman and LaVonne Mason, Sandra Young Jones, and DeWitt Wilson, his great-grandmother, Mildred Mason, his Aunt, Rashun Williams (Reginald) of Houston, TX and their daughter Nicole, his uncle Michael Mason; great aunts and uncles, Gladys Clemmons (Ted), James Hardin (Beverly), Estella Hicks, Patricia Shelton (Nathaniel), Bruce Mason (Ester), Mary Pierce, Ronald Pierce, Min. James T. Stewart, and Ruth Washington. Godmother, Chaquann Bouyer, god-brothers, Darren Bouyer, Marcus Dodson, Kai Roberson and a host of, cousins, relatives and friends also mourn his loss.

Cemetery Details

Assumption Cemetery

3650 S. Interstate 35
Austin, TX 78704

Previous Events

Celebration Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church
4301 TANNEHILL LANE
Austin, TX 78721

Tribute Wall



“ *Draylen William Mason*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Happy birthday Dray , I miss you. I pray that one day I will come to this reality that you are not with us on this side. Your mom is taking life day by day. We will all make sure we take care of her and me-maw until we all rejoice together in heaven. I love ❤️ you and I'm grateful for our time together God allowed us precious memories that I hold dearly. Love always Shelby Quannie , the boys and Aisha and family we celebrated you today.*

Yumika Richardson - May 27, 2020 at 12:02 AM



“ *Shamika & Family,*

I pray that God will grant you peace, comfort & strength during this difficult time. I pray that you feel God's continued presence holding, surrounding & supporting you.

Sharon



Sharon Holloway - April 02, 2018 at 12:37 PM

OH

“ *Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!*

It is fitting, on behalf of the blended family of District #1 and the extended family throughout the City, to offer continued prayers and support to the Mason and Wilson families, whose grief and pain are profound. I pray that our shared sorrow and compassion will be helpful in the long and difficult journey to a new normal. I pray that Draylen's gentle spirit, grace, and kindness will continue to live through his family, friends and those who knew him.

As a community let us summon the better angels of our nature to help us deal with the anger, outrage and sense of helplessness that some feel. Let us ask the Creator to give us the grace to rise above those feelings. Let us commit ourselves to empathy for one another, especially families throughout our community who are in mourning and individuals who continue to heal and recover from their injuries.

May each of us carry Draylen's light into the world to create a peace filled, respectful and caring community.

In your mercy hear the petitions of your people!
Council Member Ora Houston

Ora Houston - April 01, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *Mary Diggs lit a candle in memory of Draylen
William Mason*



Mary Diggs - April 01, 2018 at 03:52 PM

JH

“ On behalf of The Herrera Family, we continue to offer our deepest condolences to all the Mason Family & beyond. We have followed Draylen’s story closely and we have seen what a beautiful young soul you all were blessed with. We will be attending to help celebrate Draylen’s life and powerful legacy. ❤️

Josh Herrera - March 31, 2018 at 08:57 AM

HA

“ Helene and Darnell Arnold purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Draylen William Mason.



Helene and Darnell Arnold - March 31, 2018 at 07:01 AM

TF

“ The Tabrizi Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Draylen William Mason.



The Tabrizi Family - March 30, 2018 at 03:26 AM

JH

“ Our deepest sorrow for the grief your family is suffering because of this tragedy !
Such a terrible loss to all. God will cover you and see you through. Though we did not know Draylen personally, we have learned what a bright, delightful, and wonderful young man he was. God bless you!

Roy and Johnnie Harris

Johnnie Harris - March 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

FB

“ From the International Society of Bassists purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Draylen William Mason.



From the International Society of Bassists - March 29, 2018 at 05:19 PM

EM

“ "Our continued prayers and condolences to the Mason Family from the McDonald Family. Draylen RIH!"



Etoise McDonald - March 29, 2018 at 10:56 AM

SM

My prayers are also with your entire and extended family. The University of North Texas lost one of its shining stars and my heart breaks for you and with you. May his memory live on.

*Susan Morrison
Austin, TX*

Susan Morrison - April 02, 2018 at 10:31 AM

YH

“ Your friends at Austin Habitat for Humanity purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Draylen William Mason.



Your friends at Austin Habitat for Humanity - March 28, 2018 at 12:27 PM

L'

“ LBJ Class of '93 purchased the Lovely One Spatiphyllum Plant for the family of Draylen William Mason.



LBJ Class of '93 - March 27, 2018 at 06:23 PM

L'

“ LBJ Class of '93 purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Draylen William Mason.



LBJ Class of '93 - March 27, 2018 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ My prayers and condolences to the Mason Family . Cassandra Scroggins .

CassandraScroggins - March 27, 2018 at 03:32 PM

MZ

“ I feel blessed to have known Draylen as his math teacher when I was at East Austin College Prep! Gone too soon! May the Lord be your strength and comfort now and in the days to come. Rest In Peace, Draylen!

Mary Zamora - March 26, 2018 at 11:09 PM

SR

“ My prayers and condolences to the Mason Family.

Sylnovia Holt Rabb - March 22, 2018 at 05:48 PM

JM

“ May God and the church be there for you in the coming days and years. Your city loves and supports you. I pray for blessings and comfort for you.

-Joshua and Rachael McConnell

Joshua & Rachael McConnell - March 21, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Draylen William Mason.



March 21, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ Austin lost a talented, gifted amazing young man. Like many others, I did not know him personally. But I know him through the wonderful, lasting legacy in words, art and deeds he has left the Austin community. May he not be forgotten.

Alberta Phillips - March 20, 2018 at 04:46 PM

TM

“ To the Wilson and Mason Family, we are praying for you during this difficult time. We pray that the Lord will comfort your heart and give you strength. May the peace of God cover your heart and mind.

Elder Kenneth & Prophetess Tammie Monroe

Tammie Monroe - March 20, 2018 at 01:23 PM

CC

*Praying for the Mason and Wilson Family
Cast your cares upon the Lord for He cares for you
God knows who you are where you are
What you need and
When you need it
Pastor R. W. and Carolyn Carter*

Carolyn Carter - March 21, 2018 at 10:50 PM

AN

Our prayers are with the family. God bless.

Angela - March 23, 2018 at 12:45 PM

OE

“ Our Team at Austin Endodontics purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Draylen William Mason.



Our Team at Austin Endodontics - March 19, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ I don't know your family but the photo of Draylen touched my heart. May the God of hope comfort you now and in days to come

Beverly Madison - March 17, 2018 at 10:53 AM