



## Kiana R. Brown-Burgess

July 31, 2000 - June 17, 2020

Kiana R. Brown-Burgess departed this mortal life June 17th, 2020. She was born July 31st, 2000 in New Haven, Connecticut to Kevin Burgess and Karen Brown.

Kiana attended New Haven Public Schools and later received her diploma from Hillhouse High School in 2018. Kiana found her love for basketball at an early age watching her older brother Kashon and older cousin Courtney play. She would later join the AAU basketball league and the Bidy Basketball League at the Farnam Neighborhood House. Kiana's love for ball landed her a spot on the Hillhouse Girls' basketball Team all four years of high school wearing the number four. Her passion for her team's success was shown through her many huddle talks and her 'hype man' personality. Her positive energy, her smile and her sportsmanship were unmatched. She loved the team and would go often to support her lady academics in the stands post-graduation.

After high school, Ms. Brown was navigating her next steps in life. She started working at Crackle Barrel where she quickly gained the love of all her co-workers and managers. She recently received the Most Valuable Team Player award. She worked hard and she loved even harder. Her love for her family and friends beamed off her during family events. She was quite the character, being able to mimic and re-enact stories that had the family in tears. She was the comedian, her vibrant and tell you like it is attitude was what her family and friends looked forward too.

Kiana is survived by her parents, Karen Brown and Kevin Burgess (Delana). Paternal great grandmothers, Ann 'Nana' Burgess and Roberta Greene Boyette. Grandmother, Debra Ruffin (Harold). Her brothers: Kashon Brown and Kevin Burgess Jr.; Great Aunts: Delphine Burgess and Helen Burgess. Aunts: Sharon Brown, Barbra Dupree, Charlene Minder, Necole Greene, Yolanda Greene, Michelle Greene Barham, Jackie Greene and Dawn Boyette Langley. Godmother, Dana Martin. Godfather, Alfonza Burgess Jr. Great Uncle, Bishop David Burgess. Uncles: Kenneth M. Brown Sr. (Sherri), Eric Brown (Bernice), Anthony Brown, David 'DeeDee' Flewellen, Pastor D'Hati Burgess Sr. (Geneva) and Quincey Greene. Special sister and cousin, Courtney Brown. Along with a host of cousins who loved and adored her dearly.

She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Maggie Staggers and Luther Staggers. Aunt, Theresa Bowen. Maternal Cousins, Colleen R. Brown and Kenneth M. Brown Jr. Paternal great grandparents, Stanley Greene and Robert Burgess Jr. Paternal grandfather, Kevin Greene. Aunt, Cheryl Greene. Kiana was loved beyond measure.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Service

JUN 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Sending our prayers and condolences to our family...weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning...Kiana will be missed by many we will be praying with you all and for you all...Love the Benton Family*

**Myra Benton and family** - June 30, 2020 at 07:16 AM



“ *My Deepest Condolences And Heart Felt Sympathy To The Brown-Burgess Family Keep Your Hands In Gods Hand For He Cares For All Of You.*

*God Bless This Family*

*Mr. & Mrs. Odell Bromell & Family*

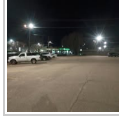
**caroline ponteau** - June 29, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Patricia A. DeWitt & Family lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*

**Patricia A. DeWitt & Family** - June 29, 2020 at 02:24 PM





*I'm deeply sadness for your loss , she played ball for my granddaughter*

---

**Vernon Fulton Sr.** - July 07, 2020 at 08:43 PM

BT

*Heartfelt Condolences to the Brown Burgess Families in your Great Loss.*

---

**Brian and Annette Thomas** - December 08, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JV

“ Karen,

*My deepest condolences on the passing of your daughter, Kiana.*

*Please know that you and your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*God Bless,*

*John Vigliotti*

*Mr. V*

*M.L. King (1977-1981)*

---

**John Vigliotti** - June 29, 2020 at 02:00 PM

KI

“ *I'm so sorry this happened to you cousin. I'm just getting to find out who you were. Wish I could've gotten to know you. Rest In Paradise. ❤️*

---

**Kiana** - June 29, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *I pray for the comfort and strength of God to be with you today and in the days to come.  
Love and Prayers  
Stephanie Nix*



---

**Stephanie Nix** - June 29, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Condolences to the Brown and Burgess family. Praying for God's peace to all.*

---

**Kymber Young** - June 29, 2020 at 07:54 AM



“ *Egypt Bostic lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*



---

**Egypt Bostic** - June 29, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ *Rashida Whitley lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*



---

**Rashida Whitley** - June 29, 2020 at 01:14 AM

RS

“ *Rev. D’Hati Burgess Sr lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*



---

**Rev. D’Hati Burgess Sr** - June 28, 2020 at 10:25 PM

BW

“ *My sincerest condolences to your family. Kiana was one of my favorite coworkers at Cracker Barrel. Her favorite activity was hiding from me in the back just so I would have to find her and tell her to get back to the host stand. She would always just be waiting for me and we share the biggest laugh. Work does not feel the same without her. We love her so much and will cherish her memory for ever. God bless.*



---

**Bridget Wilkinson** - June 28, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AM

“ *Andrea McClain lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*



---

**Andrea McClain** - June 28, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RB

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS FOR YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY KEVIN, , (Saige and  
Lamar's mother)



---

**Rochelle Bradley** - June 27, 2020 at 11:59 PM

PM

“ Karen, I pray that God's arms, your family, and friends, will comfort  
and give you strength at this difficult time. Please know that you are  
in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
Pat Mason

---

**Patricia A. Mason** - June 27, 2020 at 12:20 AM

SC

“ My condolences to the family!



---

**Sandra Crockett** - June 26, 2020 at 07:41 PM

PH

“ Karen my sincere condolences in the passing of Kiara. My thoughts  
and prayers are with you.

---

**Patricia A Hurse** - June 26, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Myra Benton And Family lit a candle in memory of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess*



---

**Myra Benton and family** - June 26, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kiana R. Brown-Burgess.*



---

June 26, 2020 at 11:34 AM