



Jamal Ahmed-Hassan Bernard

May 18, 2004 - August 28, 2024

Jamal Ahmed-Hassan Bernard, 20, of Rapid City, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly and released from his worldly bondage on Wednesday, August 28, 2024. As many family and friends knew and loved him, they also knew that he had a life of physical and emotional struggles. Jamal was born on May 18, 2004, in Traverse City, Michigan, to Erica Leigh-Ivany Larson and Hassan Bernard. Jamal graduated from Kalkaska High School in 2023 and completed the TBA Early Childhood Education Program during his time in high school. He worked for the SEEDS program at Rapid City Elementary School and looked forward to being a good role model and mentor. Jamal had a deep love for the outdoors and his family and friends, often spending his time swimming in Torch Lake and biking the trails around town. He was also a passionate animal lover, especially devoted to his beloved dogs Archie and Elliott. Jamal will be greatly missed by family, friends and his community. Jamal will be lovingly remembered by his mother; 10 half-siblings on his father's side in the U.K and overseas; his half-siblings on his mother's side Aliyah, and Noah Biek, his stepbrother and stepsister Cheyenne and John Biek; grandmother Margo Lasiter; grandmom Kathi Ivany and granddad Jef Mort of Traverse City; his Aunt Erin (Matthew) Rockwell as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins around the globe. He was preceded in death by his father, Hassan Bernard and grandfather Eric Larson. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider donating to Antrim County Animal Control, North Country Community Mental Health, or the SEEDS program at Rapid City Elementary

School. A graveside service will be held at Clearwater Township Cemetery on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a future date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Clearwater Township Cemetery

6833 Gillett Road NW
Rapid City, MI 49676

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ R.i.p jahmal I looked up to you like an older brother much love jahmal



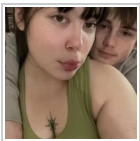
Ralph Baggs - March 09 at 08:48 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Erica and the family, Jamal was one of the nicest most respectful young men I've ever crossed paths with by far, He had the greatest smile and so full of life, he will be greatly missed, he made an impact on many and will forever be in our hearts. Forever love you , forever in our hearts Jamal>💖 Amanda Tiny N kayden



Amanda Hittle - September 04, 2024 at 02:58 AM



“ My condolences to Jamal's family, Jamal was caring an always an amazing friend, I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing.

Becca Andrzejewski - August 31, 2024 at 03:02 AM

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“ I am so sorry Jamal was a great person he was always so nice and respectful he had so much potential I kind of feel like i lost one of my kids because he grew up with my daughter to his family I pray for strength and again I'm so sorry

Courtney smith - August 30, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ Erica & family ~ Our family is deeply saddened to hear of Jamal's passing. He was such a great kid and he will be deeply missed. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace and comfort wrapped in the arms of Jesus.
Love,
Mike, Carrie, and Michael Scoby

Carrie Scoby - August 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM