



Aliyah Howard

October 28, 1994 - November 18, 2024

Aliyah Dawn Howard of Denver, Colorado passed away Monday, November 18, 2024 at the age of 30. She was born October 28, 1994 in Mesa, Arizona to Jeffrey Nigel Howard and Brandy Renee (Henry) Howard. Aliyah attended public schools and graduated from Muskogee High School in 2013. She furthered her education by graduating from Oklahoma University with a bachelor's degree in 2017 and a master's degree in 2024.

She was working as a Spanish teacher at the time of her passing.

Aliyah will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her grandma, Cynthia Henry; great-grandmas, Lorla Miller and Reba Henry; uncles, Steve Miller and Jeff Miller; and papa, James Foster.

Aliyah is survived by her mother, Brandy Howard; brothers, Logan and Kobe; papa, Sammy Henry and wife Jeana; uncle, Brent Henry and wife Katie and cousins, Jazmine, Brayd'n, and Timberly Miller and her children, Rayvell and Raidyn; uncle, Jason Henry; dad, Jeffrey Howard; nana, Sylvia Foster; uncle, Donn Foster and wife Jacci and cousins, Jaden, Evan, and Hailey; aunt, Erika Foster and cousins, Cordell, Corey, and Elana; uncle, Dayne Henry and wife Dourames and cousins, Shaun, Darron, Dayne Jr, and Sloan; aunt, Susie

Miller and cousin, Amanda Miller and her children, Layla and Maverick; aunt, Cathy Casteel and cousins, Jami Casteel, Jason Casteel and family; uncle, Dan Miller and wife Martha and cousin, Jennifer Miller and her daughter Molly; extended family, Sherika Cherry and kids Quintahj and Quintevin; Sylvia Jackson and her kids, Felicia, Latesha, Talesha, and Lelind and their family; special friends, Dru Chilson and Fallyn Cannarsa.

A memorial service for Aliyah will be at 11AM, Monday, November 25, 2024 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Aliyah was such a wonderful young lady. I was blessed to have the privilege of being one of her teachers. Prayers for her family, friends and students.* ”

Chris DeLay - November 28, 2024 at 07:54 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Service* ”



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 25, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LF

“ *Love, Muskogee TFA family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Aliyah Howard.* ”



Love, Muskogee TFA family - November 24, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aliyah Howard.* ”

November 23, 2024 at 05:11 PM

KH

“ Kenny, Rhonda Morrison & Jason Henry purchased the *Pretty Please* for the family of Aliyah Howard.



Kenny, Rhonda Morrison & Jason Henry - November 23, 2024 at 01:20 PM

FG

“ From Asberry', Fowlkes, Gunn, Grayson. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.

From Asberry', Fowlkes, Gunn, Grayson. - November 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

FG

“ From Asberry', Fowlkes, Gunn, Grayson. purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Aliyah Howard.



From Asberry', Fowlkes, Gunn, Grayson. - November 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

LS

“ Laramie High School DR trip students purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Aliyah Howard.



Laramie High School DR trip students - November 23, 2024 at 12:31 AM

EF

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Ericka Foster - November 22, 2024 at 08:26 PM

DF

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Donn Foster - November 22, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ 234 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 22, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ From Focus Healthcare Partners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.

From Focus Healthcare Partners - November 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ From Focus Healthcare Partners purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Aliyah Howard.



From Focus Healthcare Partners - November 22, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ From San Marino Staff and Residents planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.

From San Marino Staff and Residents - November 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM

FR

“ From San Marino Staff and Residents purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Aliyah Howard.



From San Marino Staff and Residents - November 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Aliyah Howard.



November 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aliyah Howard.

November 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM

FF

“ From Warren, and your Artegan family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.

From Warren, and your Artegan family. - November 22, 2024 at 01:48 PM

FF

“ From Warren, and your Artegan family. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Aliyah Howard.



From Warren, and your Artegan family. - November 22, 2024 at 01:48 PM

GF

“ Aliyah I will miss your bright spirit and the way you truly believed every student was amazing and capable. Thank you for sharing your perfect classroom dreams with me. 🧡💜🧡💜

Gina Francalancia-Cancienne - November 22, 2024 at 12:47 PM

LM

“ My thoughts and prayers to Aliyah's family and friends. I worked with her briefly at Prairie View. Aliyah had a beautiful smile. Losing someone so suddenly is always hard. Something that always touched me when dealing with grief is this: "We learn to go through the world without their physical presence but their spirit remains woven into the fabric of our being, we carry them in our hearts, their laughter echoing in our memoirs.."

Liz Morrone - November 21, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family and friends. Mary Beth McKinney

Mary Beth McKinney Mellott - November 21, 2024 at 11:27 AM

HC

“ *Hongyan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.*

Hongyan C. - November 21, 2024 at 11:03 AM

“ Rarely does one encounter, even in a lifetime, an extraordinary soul who touches our lives in ways words can hardly capture—Aliyah Howard was that soul. Though she was taken from us far too soon, the impact of her life continues to reverberate through every heart she touched, every life she changed, and every cause she championed.

Aliyah was a true warrior for social justice. She fought tirelessly for equality, fairness, and the dignity of all people. Her passion for justice burned brightly in everything she did, inspiring everyone around her to do better, be better, and stand up for what is right. Her commitment to fighting for change wasn't just a cause—it was her calling, one she pursued with unmatched dedication, compassion, and courage.

As a teacher, Aliyah was nothing short of exceptional. She didn't just teach the language and literature of the content she loved so much; she taught lessons in kindness, empathy, and the importance of standing up for others. She saw her students not as they were, but as they could become, always encouraging them to reach for their dreams, no matter the obstacles. Her classroom was a place of hope, a sanctuary for young minds to learn and grow, empowered by the knowledge that someone believed in them.

But beyond her work, Aliyah was a dear friend and confidant, a constant source of light and warmth to those lucky enough to call her their own. She brought joy into every room she entered, a smile and laugh that were infections that could brighten even the darkest of days. Her kindness knew no bounds, and her unwavering support for her friends and loved ones was a testament to the incredible woman she was. She gave love freely, and in return, she was loved deeply by all who knew her.

Though Aliyah's life was tragically cut short, we take comfort in knowing that the work she started is far from over. The fight for justice, equality, and compassion she so fiercely believed in still

continues. And it is now our responsibility, our honor, to carry on the legacy she built. The lessons she taught us, the inspiration she gave us, and the fire she lit within us will never fade. We are her torchbearers, and it is up to us to ensure that her work continues, to fight for the causes she believed in, and to love as she loved.

Aliyah's light may no longer shine in the way we wish, but it will forever live in the hearts of all who knew her. We will carry her spirit with us, honoring her by living out her values and spreading the kindness, justice, and love she showed to the world. Rest in peace, dear Aliyah. You may be gone, but your legacy will never be forgotten. Your work was not finished, and we will keep it going—for you, for all you fought for, and for the future you dreamed of.

Thank you for taking time, time that unbeknownst to any of us turned out to be more precious than we first realized, to share yourself with us here at Laramie High School. You will be missed every single day and the chasm you have left behind will never be filled. We miss you dearly, and though you are gone, you will never be forgotten.

-Jeremy Qualls, Assistant Principal - Laramie High School

Jeremy Qualls - November 21, 2024 at 10:55 AM

SS

“*In the short time that Aliyah was a ThunderHawk, she made connections with both peers and students at Prairie View. She has had a tremendous impact on kids through her teaching career and we were blessed to have her on our staff. Thoughts and prayers to her friends and family.*”

Steve Shelton - November 21, 2024 at 10:48 AM

PF

“ *Prairie View High School Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aliyah Howard.*

Prairie View High School Family - November 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM

PF

“ *Prairie View High School Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Aliyah Howard.*



Prairie View High School Family - November 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aliyah Howard.*



November 20, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aliyah Howard.*

November 20, 2024 at 07:48 PM