

## Laticia A. Appiah

March 12, 2020

### IMPORTANT UPDATE ON FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Friends:

It is with deep pain and sorrow we inform you that, as a result of the current health crisis and restrictions placed on public gatherings, we have sadly cancelled all the events for Amma's Celebration of Life planned for Friday March 20th (the viewing) and Saturday, March 21st (the Burial Service and Repast).

We share in your disappointment for not being able to pay your last respects with us. An announcement for an upcoming Memorial Service honoring Amma will be coming soon.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time,  
The Appiah Family

"The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Thursday, March 12, 2020, Laticia Amma Appiah, cherished gem of a

daughter, sister, niece and aunt passed away at age 33. During her final weeks, she was surrounded by devoted friends and family. Amma touched many lives during her very brief but rich life, which was full of life and love. Like the savior Jesus Christ, who died at 33, Amma also passed to eternity at 33. Her life was short but impactful on those who knew her best. Those of us who were blessed to know her understood that the quality of her existence far exceeded the time she spent with us here on Earth.

Laticia Amma Appiah was born to Kwabina and Audrey Appiah on December 13, 1986 at Albert Einstein Hospital in Bronx, NY. At the age of two, the family moved first to Little Ferry, New Jersey and shortly after to Glen Rock, NJ where she spent her formative years amassing many friends and precious memories on the way. Amma, as she was called by her family, was a charming, sassy and classy young woman who had a shining light from within. The Appiah family made a final move to Montebello, NY where Amma attended Suffern High, graduating in June of 2004. From the start, she absolutely loved school where she bonded with so many classmates, often returning home with memorable stories that are still told to this day.

Amma was beyond excited when she was accepted at Spelman College, a historically Black College in Atlanta, Georgia for women. She was very proud of her African-Jamaican heritage and cherished her beautiful chocolate toned skin. Who could resist her matching big, dazzling brown eyes and bright smile!! At Spelman, Amma became actively involved with “Sisters Keeping It Real Through Service, Inc.” (S.K.I.R.T.S.), a non-profit community service-based organization. This nonprofit’s mission is to provide underprivileged female youth with an opportunity to become strong, confident leaders. In May of 2008, Amma graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She was forever a proud Spelman alum and enjoyed years of post-grad off-campus recruitment activities. She will always be known as beautiful “Teesha” to her Spelman sisters, who loved her dearly and came from as far as Dubai

to lend their own special touch and loving care to Teesha during her last days.

Amma's quest for knowledge also led her to pursue further studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, New Jersey where she obtained a master's degree in public administration in May 2018. She had applied to the university again as a PhD candidate and would have started classes in the Fall of 2020 before she became ill. She lived in the tri-state where she worked for several years. Amma had a life-long passion for serving others. It was not surprising then that she chose a career in healthcare. When Amma was younger, she would volunteer at local hospitals and camps for individuals with special needs. No wonder the last two institutions she worked for - Life Choice Hospice and the world-renowned Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center were all in the healthcare industry. She also did a lot of volunteer work for the non-profit organizations in healthcare, including the West African Health Foundation.

Amma was a dedicated member of the Presbyterian Church of Teaneck and devoted time to various church activities. Amma had a natural, maternal gift for soothing children and was lovingly known in her family as "The Baby Whisperer." She adored spending quality time with her nieces, cousins and nephews, imparting her wisdom and love upon them.

Amma is survived by her loving parents, Kwabina and Audrey Appiah of Montebello, NY; brothers Kwaku and Christopher Appiah, sisters Tania Dougal and Vickie Dougal-Dennis, two nieces and three nephews.

We miss her dearly.

Amma "Da Yie. Damirifa Due."

# Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Laticia A. Appiah



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - March 20, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ Laticia A. Appiah

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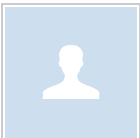
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“ Laticia A. Appiah

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“ Ticia was always fun, full of life and a good time to be around! May your memory live on through all of your Spelman sisters!!

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**Tiffany Graham** - July 17, 2020 at 01:13 PM

AC

“ *May God provide refuge and strength to your family and loved ones. You were a light, I pray that you Rest In Peace, Teesha.*

Autumn M. Clemons - June 11, 2020 at 01:14 PM

SH

“ *Our Berry Street family now has an angel watching over us. Tish we will always love you forever and a day* ❤️



Shay Hoggard - March 28, 2020 at 08:28 AM



“ *Kiona Michelle lit a candle in memory of Laticia A. Appiah*



Kiona Michelle - March 27, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ *My sister. I have no words to how unreal it is to go through each day without talking to you. The term ‘I miss you’ isn’t enough to fully express how empty it is without you here. So instead I say thank you. Thank you for the friendship, the advice, companionship, the bougie traveling lol, the shopping, all 5 trillion of our inside jokes and omg the Laughter! My heart is full today reminiscing on the 19 or so years that we were lucky enough to share together. This wasn’t in the plans we created for us back when we were in college, but rest assured I got us from here. I love you always and forever Amma Lee. Watch over us.. especially me you know how I get LMAO #1213. Prayers to my 2nd family- Mom/Dad fam, I love you always*

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**Kiona Michelle** - March 27, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ *Sending prayers and love to comfort the Appiah family during this time.*

*I met Teesh at Spelbound in 2004 - my first Spelman friend. I was drawn to her bright light, her courage to live life humbly but also to the fullest.*

*Even though we didn't speak as often as we should've, she never let me go. Traveling to Mexico with me and my (now) husband and coming to my wedding! We shared our dreams with each other.*

*I'm so grateful to have known and experienced her.*

*LaDawn Richardson*

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**LaDawn Richardson** - March 26, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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“ To my dearest aunt, my sugar foot Amma I love you and miss you more than words can describe. You were the big sister I always wanted and I told you that many times, and you would always respond by saying "you got a 2 for 1 deal" and that would always make me laugh. I have so many amazing memories with you I don't even know where to begin. From fun random Saturday nights out at Ole Tappas bar, trips to the nail salon, to eating out at one of your favourite restaurants Grand Lux or me coming over for sleepovers when you lived in Hackensack. Even though we didn't live together anymore you would still call and say "niecey poo do you want to come spend the weekend with your aunty" and of course I would always say yes.



You were such an amazing aunt to your nieces and nephews. you told us you loved us every chance you could. There was never a time where we would see each other and you wouldn't kiss me all over my face and pinch my cheeks saying " hi niecey poo did you miss your aunty" and I would be laughing so hard in between your hugs and kisses trying to respond. I am so grateful I got to spend your last Christmas with you, it was truly the best Christmas I ever had with you. It was special because I asked you to be the God mother of my son and you were beyond happy and excited. You rubbed and talked to my tummy all night and that made me so happy. You laughed, told jokes and sang Christmas songs all night. You, Christopher, mommy, Emily and Eche. It was a Christmas I will never forget.

You are/were such an inspiration to me and I looked up to you in so many ways. You were such a beautiful spirit, so caring and full of energy and life. You taught me how to be more outspoken and not take crap from anyone because you knew how much of an introvert I was. Sugar foot I don't know what life is going to be like without you in it because I haven't thought that far ahead as yet. You had already made plans for my birthday in November for just the two of

*us to go to Mexico. You even had me pick a hotel of my choice. In my heart and mind I still haven't fully accepted you being gone as yet. I just can't come to terms with the fact that you won't be here for the birth of my son, your God son, you won't be here for my birthday or your birthday that we planned to celebrate together this year or even Christmas without you I just can't fathom any of those things without you Amma.*

*I've cried and prayed night and day to wake up from this nightmare because that's what it feels like. But each time I wake up I'm reminded that you are really not here. I find myself reading our text messages and looking on your instagram waiting for you to send me a funny message. I know one day I'm going to feel your warm embrace and your loving kisses all over my face but I guess until then I just have to keep praying for this nightmare to end. I love you Amma, my sugar foot we shall see each other again one day.*

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**Tannisha (niece)** - March 25, 2020 at 10:31 PM



TA

“ *My dear sister Amma, I miss you so much already! Although we did not get to spend a lot of time together, we always shared that sisterly bond. When we get together it was like we were never apart. I love those warm hugs when we saw each other or said goodbye. I cannot get that bubbly laughter out of my ear. I am so happy that you got to spend your last Christmas on earth with Tannisha and I. We had so much fun! I wish we had gotten to create more memories together.*



*Sis you were one of the best aunty anyone could ask for. I love the way you adored your nieces and nephews. You and Tannisha had such a special bond. You two were more like sisters! It felt so good watching you guys together. You would have been such a doting grand aunt/God mother to Uriah, but I know you will be watching over him and all of us - our beautiful angel!*

*Sis I am so sad that you were taken from us so soon. You had so much more greatness to contribute to this world, but God needed you in Heaven more. I take comfort in the fact that you are in a much better place. You are resting in the arms of God. I know the angels in heaven are still rejoicing that a new beautiful spirit is now amongst them. Sis continue to rejoice in praise to God until we meet again. Love you sis. We shall meet again on that beautiful shore!*

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Tania(sister) - March 25, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Teesha,

*I will never forget your big personality because you were always so fun to be around. I will always remember the times we danced all night at the royal peacock and the fun and games we had freshman year in the dorms (and you somehow getting a picture of everyone on the hall while they were sleeping, lol). We shared a bond that will never be broken and you will forever be one of my G-Unit sisters.*

*I pray that you are resting in the arms of our loving Father and that you rest in heavenly peace. Your joyful energy will live on through all of us who knew you.*

*Love,  
India*

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**India Sade** - March 25, 2020 at 02:12 PM

LA

“ You were my Teesh Peesh, almost namesake, 1/4 of Our crew, seriously cant imagine this life without you. You lived life to the fullest. You loved everyone you met. That smile lit up a room. You were determined, the ultimate fighter, and exuded so much strength during this time. I think of you everyday and watch that video from the last time you were here. This life will not be the same without you, but with every day God gives me, I will honor you. You live forever in my heart. Love you forever 💕💕

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**latriecia** - March 24, 2020 at 09:17 PM

RA

“ *What I loved most about Amma was her beauty inside out. She just always reminded me of a regal Ashanti queen. Fearless and devoted to those she loved. A true and die-hard Appiah. A treasured, beautiful and great daughter to her parents. A fighter to the very end. Amma I attach some of our best conversations. You were a blessed great aunt to our boys. I miss you like crazy every day now.*

*Thanks for letting me pray and kiss you in those last moments. We will one day be together forever. Love forever. Your sister in law ~ Ruth*



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**Ruth Appiah** - March 24, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JF

“ Dear Amma,

*Your days here on earth were short, but filled with joy. Your warm smile and strong always funny presence will surely be missed. As I write I reflect on the fun we had growing up at all the family parties and get togethers. The sleepovers on New Year's Eve. Even as kids you had a special sense of humor. I remember you teaching me about African culture. Although you are no longer with us in flesh, you will forever be in our hearts. I love you always and forever. Sleep in peace dear Amma.*

*~Love, Dainya~*

*To The Appiah Family, my deepest and dearest condolence. I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.*

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**Juliana B. Frith** - March 24, 2020 at 05:25 PM

CS

“ *What joy it has been to have known such a beautiful soul. I will miss that beautiful smile, the warmest hugs and just the way you made me feel so special every moment that was spent with you.*

*You will forever be in our hearts Amma. Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel..Rest in Heavenly Peace sweetest Amma.*

*Love you*

*Auntie Chris*

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**Christine Sterling** - March 24, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ I am very sorry for what has happened. This is big blow to us all. I pray God heals you from this pain and protect you and the family. Please take heart and know that everything is in God's hands. I love you very much and please accept my condolence.

Tracy

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Tracy - March 24, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ For a life too short we had the privilege to be a part of it for a quarter of a century. While the words may make it feel longer the emptiness remains.

We will always remember how your bright smile lighted our home and the joy you brought as you made us part of your extended family. We are happy that you always felt at home when visiting us and your friends at our Glen Rock house.

We may no longer see your face or touch your hand, but you will always be in our heart and we are better for having had you as part of our life.

Cheryl & Jeff Marr

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Jeff Marr - March 19, 2020 at 05:25 PM