



## Brittani Clay Estes

May 1, 1992 - December 1, 2020

Brittani Clay Estes received her wings on December 1, 2020 when she was called to her heavenly home. She fought a courageous battle with cancer and her final days were spent at home surrounded by family and friends that Brittani had lovingly touched.

Brittani was born on May 1, 1992 and words cannot truly capture the love her parents had for her. To say she was the apple of her parents' eyes or the love of their lives would be insignificant as she was the source of immeasurable joy for her parents, a very precious treasure. She was raised in a loving, nurturing, Christian family with parents that demonstrated great faith in God and the importance of a strong work ethic. She followed the examples they lived.

Brittani accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Pastor Curtis A. Herron at Zion Baptist Church. As a youth she was a very active church member; participating in Sunday School, Junior Ushers, Praise Dance and the Youth Choir. She occasionally would play a piano performance and her mother was elated when at a very early age she learned the Beatitudes and recited them to her. As her mother says, "she was a good girl."

Brittani was a graduate of DeLaSalle High School where she participated in cheerleading for football and basketball; and Competitive Cheerleading. She graduated from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with intent to become a criminal defense attorney. Upon graduation she took a bold leap and relocated to

Florida. Although she was miles away, she talked to her mother multiple times a day. She knew her mother was ALWAYS there.

Friendships were very important to Brittani. She was an extremely loving and caring person that loved her friends and valued those relationships. When she would come home to Minnesota, her schedule was packed spending times with friends and making great memories. She and her friends enjoyed shopping, amusement parks and movies. If it was a tearjerker, even better. Brittani loved music and she “loved, loved, loved” Chris Brown. She liked to travel and enjoyed many road trips with friends and family. Brittani also loved clothes and shopping; she was a real “fashion nova” and her mother ensured that her passion for fashion was fulfilled. Brittani truly treasured her birthday and would always do something really special on her birthday. Friends said she thought it was or at least it should be a national holiday.

Although friends were important to Brittani, family was the center of her life. She loved her brother, Myles, and was a fierce protector of him. When her father was ill, she was emotionally supportive to her mother and father. The love she had for her mother, who she lovingly called ‘Mama’ was unquestionable. Her desire was for “Mama to be happy”.

Brittani leaves to mourn, yet cherish her memory: her loving and devoted mother, Mrs. Richard (April) Estes; biological mother, April Leanne Estes; brother, Myles; two aunts Mildred Brown, Louisville, Kentucky and Margie Estes Wright; “Uncle” John (Joann) Buford; Godmother, Lisa Estes; Godfather Tracy (Cynithia) Wesley, Sr., best friend Ashley Boone and numerous cousins and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, whom she affectionately called “Poppa”, Richard Clay Estes; brother, Kenneth Leon Estes; Uncles Fred (Earline) Estes, Meldon Wesley and Hayes Thompson; Aunts Carrie Donnelly, Francis Murrell and Barbara Ruth Wesley.

Scholarship Fund

The Xerxes Avenue Block Club (neighbors of Mrs. April Estes) have established a scholarship fund in memory of Brittani Estes at DeLaSalle High School. All funds will be designated to assist African-American youth with educational expenses (fees, tuition) in their educational pursuit at De LaSalle High School.

You may make a donation online by going to:

- [www.delasalle.com](http://www.delasalle.com)
- Select "Donate"
- Select "Tribute Gift" - "I would like to make my gift in honor of someone"
- Check this Gift is "In Memory of"
- Type in Brittani Estes
- Complete the requested information, debit or credit card accepted

OR checks may be sent directly to:

DeLaSalle High School  
One DeLaSalle Drive  
Minneapolis MN 55401

In the memo section – indicate "In Memory of Brittani Estes"

#### Acknowledgements

With sincere appreciation the family of Brittani Clay Estes acknowledges the many comforting expressions of sympathy and support during this very difficult time. Special thanks to the staff at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital and North Memorial Hospital. A very heartfelt thank you to the Oncology Department at Abbott-Northwestern, especially Dr. Stuart H. Bloom and Becky Tukua, R.N. May the Lord Bless each and every one of you.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel  
2201 Plymouth Ave N  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
(612) 521-6744  
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

## Visitation

DEC 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
621 Elwood Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
621 Elwood Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411



# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



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December 12, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ *My Deepest Condolences To Mrs April Estes And Family. The day Britt passed I didn't want to believe it. She was one of my closest friends in Orlando. We met each other working at the same job we became instantly close it's like we knew each other all our life. Everyone always thought we were related or just long time friends. I will miss all our fun times going to our favorite Resturant bahama breeze like a dozen times or just hanging out at the house watching movies cooking rotel or just driving listening to chris brown. Mrs Estes I'm so happy I got to meet you and spend time with you Brittani loved you so much she would always tell me how she had the best childhood and life because of you and her papa. You were Britts world I believe in my heart she will always be near you and watching over you. I miss you so much friend I pray that God takes you up and grant you peace. May Brittani's Light Continue To Shine*  
♥ *With Love Kiyarah(Kiki)*



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**Kiyarah Stpaul** - December 12, 2020 at 12:13 AM

RJ

“ To Mother Estes and family, it’s with a sad heart that I write these words of condolences. Chasitey and I are sorry we can’t be there for you physically yet we know that our Heavenly Father is comforting you during this season. Sister Brittani would join us in prayer and even in the midst of her affliction she didn’t lose faith. May you find comfort in this promise “when our earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have another building eternal in heaven.....” We are praying with you and for you. Pastor Roddrick Jenkins and family.

Roddrick Jenkins - December 11, 2020 at 08:56 PM

AB

“ That’s my childhood friend!! We always played together in the neighborhood. Almost any game you can think of.. we played Barbie dolls. Her grandmother & grandfather always welcomed me into their home to have play dates with Britt. They would always make us lunch or snacks. She picked me up for school when we went to DeLaSalle together and stayed in touch since.. We may not have spoken everyday but whenever we did - the love was always the same! Love you Britt!!

Ashley Brown - December 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.



December 11, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Brittani Clay Estes*.



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December 11, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Brittani Clay Estes*.



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December 11, 2020 at 05:18 PM



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December 11, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Brittani Clay Estes*.



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December 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



December 11, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



December 11, 2020 at 04:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



December 10, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



December 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM

SW

“ *Stella Whitney-West purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



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**Stella Whitney-West** - December 10, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



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December 10, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brittani Clay Estes.*



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December 10, 2020 at 03:52 AM

CF

“ *Brittani and I attended Alabama State University together! I have tones of memories with her such as car rides(her blasting Chris Brown), watching movies at her apartment, eating at her favorite Mexican restaurant for happy hour, etc! I am soo thankful I was able to catch up with her and talk about life and her wishes! Brittani, you will truly be missed! Love you forever. I am praying for strength for the Estes family and friends!*



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**Carman Freeman** - December 09, 2020 at 07:38 PM

SK

*May God comfort the entire Estes family in the loss of Ms. Brittani Clay.*

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**Sonita King** - December 10, 2020 at 02:05 PM

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*Holding the Estes Family up in prayer. Brittani's spirit and love will live on in your hearts and may God comfort you during this time and bring you peace.*

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**Stella Whitney-West** - December 10, 2020 at 07:03 PM