

A Letter To My Daughter, Tiger

TO: My Baby Girl Tiger

"I Watched You Grow"

I see you giggling and laughing bouncing across the living room mimicking Tiger from Winnie the Pooh.

I watched you Scholar the English language, mastering it in Junior High School, Humbling yourself to your fellow classmates when Mr. Adams asked for your help in tutoring and grading the class.

I was amazed how you embraced your studies at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona, Florida.

I watched you become a fierce advocate for change, love, kindness and respect of others, as well as oneself.

I watched you most importantly call me Mommy, to be a part of and witnessing your every foot step.

You are a walking beautiful, loving creation of God's love. I am so humble and proud to be your Mommy.

Tiger, everyone did not get to experience the "Wholeness" of God's Amazing Grace therefore you are indeed "Blessed". If God will allow me, I will see you again. I will never let you go. You sleep now. My heartfelt love will never fade away only to get stronger everyday my Baby Girl Tiger.

Love Forever and Always, Mommy

A Letter To My Girlfriend

In 2019 I was a lost soul until I saw a beautiful woman walking down the hallway with big brown eyes and beautiful smile to match it. It was love at first sight. As days and months went by I fell in love with your mind, soul, and heart. In 2020 I was in a horrific car accident that threatened my life. Not only did you stick by my side, you became closer to my family to the point where they loved you more than me lol. It was then I knew God blessed me with the right woman. We had so much planned for the future, but God had other plans. You was always too big for this planet, I wanna thank God for blessing us with a beautiful angel like you.

I love you to the moon and back.



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In Loving Memory of



La Forteke Marilyn Caldwell

SUNRISE: DECEMBER 24, 1987 - SUNSET: JULY 9, 2022

Funeral Service

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 • 10:00 A.M.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 West 116th Street • New York, NY 10026

REVEREND DR. MILES TRAVIS BOYD, Officiating

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Obituary

LAFORTEKE MARILYN COLDWELL was born on December 24th, 1987 to Cynthia Thompson-Coldwell (mother), Larry Moses Coldwell (biological father) and raised by Allen Moses Reid (step father), along with twin sister LaToya Majestic Coldwell. Both girls gained a loving family consisting of two older sisters Levesa Maghony Coldwell and Chyerel Coldwell.

LaForteke was a bright young scholar throughout her academic career. She went to Coalition School for Social Change High School where she would meet her BFF's, Dakeena Walker and the Drax Family. After graduating high school she attended HBCU Bethune-Cookman University then City College and finished her studies at Lehman College.

LaForteke then became a teacher at Astor Place after a successful year her Godfather persuaded her to take the Department of Corrections exam by paying for it. In 2013 LaForTeke graduated from the Department of Corrections Academy as an officer in facilities OBCC & VCBC. LaForteke Coldwell was promoted to the rank of Captain on 09/18/2018, in which she was sent to AMKC (C-95) where she worked a variety of housing units until she found her niche working with the Mental Observation inmates (aka MO Land) which required the necessary patience in which she naturally possessed. Her colleagues as well as her subordinates quickly grew to love her natural caring spirit. She was the type of person who made sure everyone around her was always supported whether she knew you or not. She was known as "the Baby" of the bunch in which she always reminded you of such.

While working in AMKC LaForteke met the love of her life Officer Adrian Houlder which they shared an unbreakable love, working together, traveling and spending time with family. LaForteke love cooking, trying new dishes, and sharing that experience with friends and family. LaForteke was a socialite that loved music, dancing, getting dressed up and be the Belle of the Ball, celebrating life to the fullest. She loved saying "Hair done, Nails done, Everything did!"

LaForteke "Tika" which she was known as by family leaves to cherish her loving memory her Cynthia Thompson-Coldwell (mother), Larry Moses Coldwell (biological father), Cleveland Manley (Godfather), Marlyn Thompson (Grandma), two older sisters Levesa Maghony Coldwell and Chyerel Coldwell, and twin sister LaToya Majestic Coldwell, her four Godchildren Alaya, Dylan, Alexi, & twins boys Michael & Gael, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, coworkers, friends, and her one true love Adrian Houlder and The Houlder Family.

