



MOIHER TO SON

by *Langston Hughes*

Well, son, I'll tell you:
 Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
 It's had tacks in it,
 And splinters,
 And boards torn up,
 And places with no carpet on the floor—
 Bare.
 But all the time
 I've been a-climbin' on,
 And reachin' landin's,
 And turnin' corners,
 And sometimes goin' in the dark
 Where there ain't been no light.
 So boy, don't you turn back.
 Don't you set down on the steps
 'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
 Don't you fall now—
 For I've still goin', honey,
 I've still climbin',
 And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of **MESSIAH Z. NANTWI** wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



MESSIAH Z. NANTWI

SUNRISE: MARCH 8, 2002 - SUNSET: MARCH 1, 2025



FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, March 28, 2025 • 2:00 P.M.

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MAUREEN WILSON, *Musician*

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SELECTION “WIND BENEATH MY WINGS”

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of **MESSIAH Z. NANTWI**, who was born on March 8, 2002, and left this world unexpectedly on March 1, 2025. Messiah was a beloved son, cherished brother, and a brilliant young mind who touched the lives of many.

He is survived by his devoted father, Patterson, and his loving mother, Leslie. Messiah was preceded in death by his beloved sister Ahjani Akira Nantwi, who passed away two years ago, leaving a void in the hearts of those who knew them both.

Messiah was known for his extraordinary talent in mathematics, often referred to as a math genius by his teachers and peers alike. His passion for learning extended beyond numbers; he had an immense love for art and music. Creating vibrant pieces of art were not just hobbies for Messiah - they were expressions of his soul.

A dreamer at heart, Messiah aspired to travel the world, yearning to explore the rich cultures of Africa and Brazil. He envisioned purchasing property in his neighborhood, a testament to his love for his community and a desire to contribute positively to the world around him.

Messiah’s infectious smile had a remarkable ability to light up any room. His laughter resonated with joy, spreading warmth and positivity to everyone he encountered. He had a zest for life that inspired those around him to enjoy every moment.

As we remember Messiah Nantwi, let us celebrate his brilliance, creativity, and the joy he brought to our lives. May his spirit continue to shine brightly in our hearts.

A memorial service will be held to honor Messiah’s life, details of which will be shared with family and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

