

Celebrating the Life of

MATÉO

Isaiah Green

March 23, 2001 ~ April 7, 2024



Thursday, April 18, 2024

Viewing: 1:00 p.m. | Service: 2:00 p.m.

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OBITUARY

On March 23, 2001, **Matéo Isaiah Green** was born to Gregorio and Shirelle Green in Prince George's County, Maryland. He was the younger of the couple's two children.

Matéo, also known as "Taé," "Téo," or "Bubba," as his mom affectionately called him, was from a young age, a very social person. He made friends everywhere he went, whether in a store shopping, a classroom, or on a neighborhood playground (where he gladly shared entire packs of personal household popsicles.) As his mother loves to say, "Matéo has never met a stranger," resulting in him forming lifelong connections with people from all walks of life.

Matéo was kind, and a servant at heart. He often was called upon to help a friend or family member, and without hesitation he was willing to lend a hand. Because of his kind and gentle nature, Matéo was naturally a magnet for animals. His parents called him the "resident animal expert" as he was able to easily tell you facts about any animal, even ones most of us have never heard of. Matéo also loved cars; this foundation being established while helping his dad work on the family car. Later, he developed an interest in modifying vehicles as a result "car expert" would be added to his list of household nicknames.

Matéo's paternal grandparents and family hail from Panama, and he *fully* embraced his Hispanic side. Consequently, one would often see him sporting the flashiest jewelry or colorful clothing. He enjoyed Latin music and foods, and if you knew Matéo, his style definitely spoke to his Panamanian roots, and he was unapologetically unashamed of that.

Matéo attended From the Heart Christian School (FTHCS) from K3 until he graduated high school with honors in 2019. While attending FTHCS he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior during a school assembly. As a youth, Matéo excelled at several sports activities including T-ball, and Taekwondo, before playing on the Prince George's County Bears football team where he enjoyed the success of a championship win with his team. He also started his future in scouting by participating as a Cub Scout and then becoming a Boy Scout in Troop 81. As a Boy Scout, he was the Chaplain for Troop 81, where he worked hard to earn his Boy Scout Eagle Award, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. He was immensely proud of this accomplishment and of the garden he and his fellow scouts created at a local middle school.

In addition to scouting and sports, Matéo enjoyed all kinds of music. He could often be found singing, creating songs with the help of his friends, making beats on a tabletop or on his sister, Christen's bedroom door.

Matéo rededicated his life to the Lord in his mid-teens and joined From the Heart in 2010. He was involved in several ministries at the church including the Children's Choir, Young People's Choir, Special Services Ministry, and the Multimedia Ministry. It was while ministering with the Young People's Choir that he first shared the gift of song during a crowded Sunday morning worship service.

Matéo will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Gregorio and Shirelle Green; sister, Christen Green; maternal grandmother, Norma Jiggetts; paternal grandmother, Ruby Green; aunts: Wanda Knott, Elaine DuBois, Pamela Whalen, Alicia Green-Rogers, and Guillermina "Mina" Green; uncles: Anton Jiggetts, Martin Josie, Kevin Jiggetts, Stephen Jiggetts, Cornell Waugh, Adrian Waugh, and Trenton Waugh; adoptive uncles and aunts: Anthony and Rosalynn Gaskins, II and Maurice and Tabitha Brown; and many friends.

Matéo was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Granville Green and Delanie F. Waugh, Jr.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "It Is Well"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7
New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Adult Choir

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Ricardo Brooks, Family Friend
Mrs. Rosalynn Gaskins, Adoptive Aunt
From the Heart Christian School, Graduation Voiceover

Obituary (*Read Aloud*) Mr. John M. Coffie

Song of Preparation FTH Young People's Choir

Message of Hope Bishop John A. Cherry, II

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Family Sentiments

Bubba,

Our lives will never be the same. We will miss you every day but are so thankful for the precious memories God has allowed us to have with you. I will miss your smile, your beautiful voice, your sense of humor, hugs and so many little things that we often take for granted. I hope you know how much we love you; you were truly a special person. "Luh you."

~ Mommii

What can I say? MATÉO you have been my joy, headache, peace, enlightenment and everything in between. I thank God for allowing me to be your dad. I thank you for allowing me to help you build an igloo on the patio, shovel snow with you, throw snowballs and go fishing almost every Saturday when we weren't on a hike or shopping.

I'm grateful for 23 years of laughs and plucking my nerves on occasion. I can't start with you'll be missed because that's not even close. I love you and will always love you. Make sure you save a room for Mommii, Chrissy and me.

~ Dad

My Matt, My soft-spoken Big Guy, I will forever miss you. The other day when it rained, I sat on the porch and thought of you and how much we both loved and enjoyed the rainfall. You will always be my strong "BIG GUY." I love you Matt, I was there when you entered this world. I never thought that I would have to say goodbye. I love you Matt.

~ Your Grammy

Dear grandson and nephew Matéo, a gentle, kind, and loving soul, who walked by faith and not by sight. You always had a kind word and were a joy to everyone you met. You loved your family and expressed it in your own special way. You will forever remain a joy in our hearts.

Our Love, Blessings 🙏🙏 and Peace Always

~ Grandma Ruby and Tia Mina

To Our Dearest Sister Green, Brother Green, and Chrissy

God's Garden

God looked around His garden and found an empty place,

He then looked down on earth and saw Matéo's face.

God put His arms around Matéo and brought him home to rest,

Surely God's Garden is beautiful, he always picks the best.

To family and friends, it may feel too early and not what we had in mind, but God closed Matéo's eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine." How fitting that Matéo was so vocally angelic, always helping and giving. In his passing, we may feel the loss, but because of Matéo others are living. Of all the special gifts in life, no matter how big or small, to have Matéo Isaiah Green in our life was the greatest of them all.

~ **Love, The Brown Family (Maurice, Tabitha, Sydney, Maurice II, Taylor and Jordan)**



To my brother, I know that you found the love and affection you want AND need in Christ. I'm thankful for you having my back and for trusting me with your thoughts, feelings and emotions in this lifetime. Always and forever MOD life .

~ **John M. Coffie**



Matéo, Thank you. To everyone's sweet, fearless, little brother. To everyone's sweet one of a kind friend, to the protector for those you loved and cared about the most, to the little big boy who completed the family, thank you.

We truly miss you, Matéo. Your absence is felt, but we're at peace knowing you're with the Father.

Thanks a lot for leaving us here to deal with bills, nonsense, and life (as precious as it is), all by ourselves. You up there with the Lord walking on roads of gold while we down here, struggling. You can stop laughing at us now 😊 you win 😊 lol

Today, we're honoring you and the gift of life that you gave to others, in life and after. You're just the gift that keeps on giving, Matéo.

Lord, please hold him tight for us. For his mother, father, sister, and his entire family. Please continue to comfort them and please continue to give them the peace that surpasses all understanding. Thank you for showing us, through Matéo, what it means to be fearless, kind, loving, and unwavering.

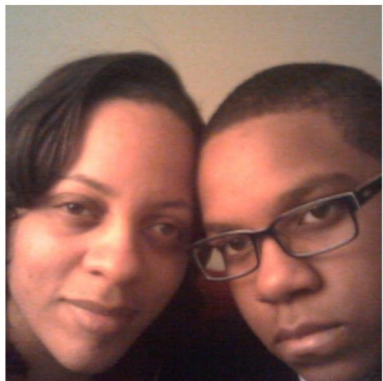
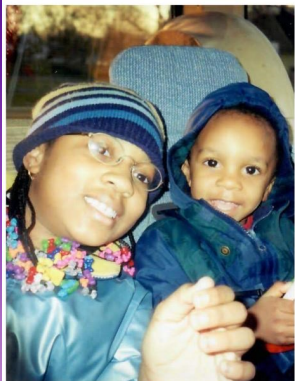
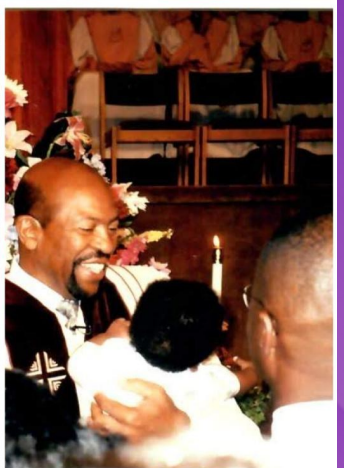
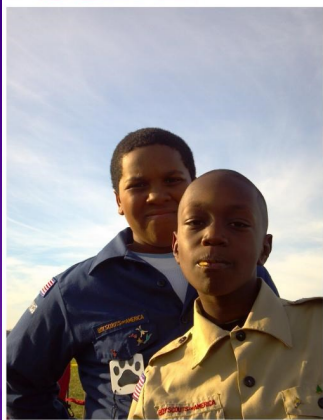
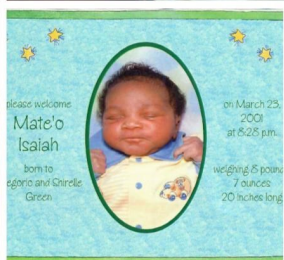
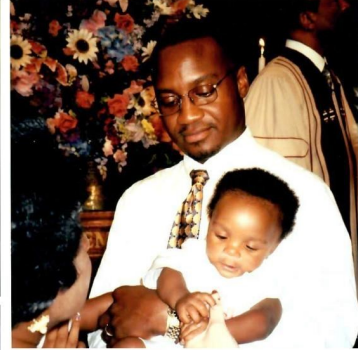
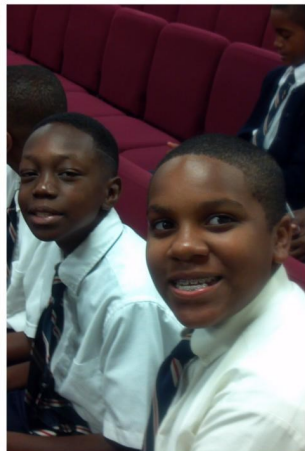
In the flesh, we'll miss you dearly, Matéo. But we know that one day, we will see each other again. Our names are already written on some of those seats but please just keep them nice and warm for us in the meantime...and don't eat up all the mangos. ❤️

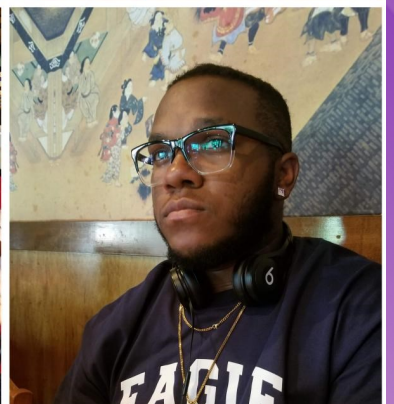
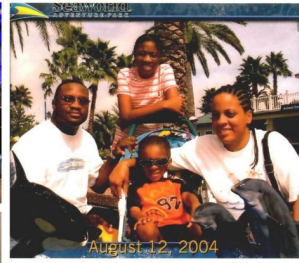
~ **Love, Shan**



Matéo, I will always cherish the memories we've shared. Even though I have lost my brother, the warmth of our shared laughter, music and moments together will forever remain with me. With his absence bringing sadness, the memory of his joy continues to bring us comfort and keep our spirits uplifted.

~ **Your Brother, Tre**





Congregational Hymn

“IT IS WELL”

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

**It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when
the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Pallbearers

Micah Brumfield, John M. Coffie,
Elijah Gorham, Victor Mompoint,
Austin Strayhorn, and Sixto Ramos

Honorary Pallbearers

Koby Holland and Anthony R. Gaskins

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

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We would also like to acknowledge the excellent Nursing and Specialist staff at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland in Baltimore for their outstanding care of our son. Your care for him warmed our hearts and made this tragic time a little more bearable.

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