



Afiavi Montilus

November 19, 1982 - May 5, 2026

Afiavi Assiba Philisena Peggy Montilus (“Afi”) was born in Detroit, Michigan, on November 19, 1982, to Dr. Guèrin Chapsal and Joanna Montilus, both of whom preceded her in death.

Born and raised in metropolitan Detroit, Afi graduated from St. Agatha High School, attended Wayne State University, and worked in healthcare, where her compassionate spirit naturally shined. She loved learning, traveling, sharing knowledge, and proudly embraced her Haitian heritage.

Afi was a radiant light an accomplished poet, performer, and creative soul whose laughter, kindness, and magnetic energy touched everyone she encountered. She had a rare gift of making people feel seen, valued, and deeply loved.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her brother, Kauovi Montilus; Auntie/Mom Terrie Mitchell (Larry); nephews Tyler, Blake, and Andres Montilus; nieces Heaven Montilus and Arianna Russell; her beloved fiancé, Sydney Riggs; her uncle Rousseau Montilus; her aunts Ermite Vaval, Jeanne Marie Casimir, Yvonne Noel, and Jacqueline Cajuste; along with a close-knit circle of cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Though her presence is deeply missed, Afi’s love, artistry, and light will live on

forever.

Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever Afi.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *MM Bibbins lit a candle in memory of Afiavi Montilus*



MM Bibbins - May 19 at 12:37 PM

RR

“ *Afi, you were such a bright light in this dark place. You simply made things better when you entered the room. I am so happy to have encountered such a beautiful spirit and I will truly miss our occasional conversations that flowed as if we talked everyday and never missed a beat. I am so sorry that you will not get to come and bless my group at Jalen Rose Leadership Academy but I will show them the video of the beautiful poem that you blessed me and my husband with at our wedding. You were my friend and I will miss you. Fly high my friend. Your spirit is even more free now than it was when you were with us, if that is even possible.*

Robin Robertson - May 15 at 03:17 PM

ES

“ *Ermithe, Judette, Jacques, Franco, Serge purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Afiavi Montilus.*



Ermithe, Judette, Jacques, Franco, Serge - May 14 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Ermithe, Judette, Jacques, Franco, Serge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Afiavi Montilus.*

Ermithe, Judette, Jacques, Franco, Serge - May 14 at 10:50 AM