



Mia Amelia Kanu

January 25, 2000 - June 5, 2023

Mia Amelia Kanu, was born to Bianca VanMeter and Sorie Kanu on January 25, 2000 in Lansing, Michigan. Sadly, our beloved Mia passed away on June 5, 2023.

Mia, was a wonderful daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend who touched the lives of all those around her. Mia dedicated her life to God, her family and friends. To all those that she encountered, Mia was kind, loving, sweet and funny. She was a team leader in all that she did and was a very active team player in volleyball and school activities.

Before Mia's tragic death, she was studying at Tennessee State University to become a veterinarian and was actively involved in the field as a Veterinarian Assistant at Richland Animal Clinic in Tennessee.

Mia, was a treasure to all those who loved her. We vow to keep her close to our hearts and to share her love and memory throughout the rest of our days.

Mia, leaves behind countless family members and an abundance of

friendships. She is preceded in death by her paternal grandmother: Amelia Kanu and her maternal great grandmother: Mary VanMeter.

Mia is survived by her mother and father: Bianca VanMeter and Sorie Kanu; stepmother: Dr. Jerren Weekes-Kanu; sisters: Leia Dawson, Amel Kanu, Ahni Kanu and Aela Kanu; brother: Asan Kanu; grandparents: Lucina "Grandma Lucy" Reyes, Alan and Faye VanMeter, James Kanu, Dr. Jeremiah Weekes Sr and Sonia Weekes, Linda "Grandma Linda" Dawson and Deborah "Grandma Debbie" Latocha; aunts and uncles: Giovanna VanMeter, James Kanu, Sean and Gina Hall, Marc and Stacy Latocha-Newelt, Shane and Joia Gross, Miles VanMeter and Dr. Jeremiah Weekes II; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sending our love and prayers to the family forever and always!!!
Love the Wiggins Family*



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“ *To the Van Meter family, Sincere condolences on your tragic loss.
The Fruitman family, Rich (the runner) & Ilene (the golfer).*

June 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bianca Van Meter and the Kanu Family I am so sorry for your loss.
My condolence to you and please know you all are in my Prayers.*

June 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mia, to say I miss you is an understatement. One thing is for sure, you could light up the darkest of rooms with your smile. Your laugh was addicting. I have so many memories of working with you. Between discussing your next party outfit to talking eyelashes and what you were going to do with your hair. You have the biggest heart. I remember when you wanted Miley Cyrus's "Flowers" to be the number one song for your 23rd birthday, you were so excited to find out that it was. I will forever think of you when I hear that song. I am so thankful that I got to know you Mia. You may be gone from this earth, but you will never be forgotten. Rest easy beautiful.



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“ i will never forget the fond memories i have of you

June 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ I seen this tragic story on you tube and I am so so sorry for your loss, she was a beautiful young lady, and from watching some of her videos, she also had a beautiful soul

June 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ We are thinking of you during this difficult trial Sending you our deepest deepest condolences, May all the love around you keep you going.

Thinking of You - June 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ Mia Amelia Kanu

June 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sunrise - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ "Mia Amelia Kanu" will remain in our hearts forever. A life that touches others will go on forever.

Purple Florist's Choice - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Praying for peace to bring comfort and courage to face the days ahead. Mia Amelia Kanu will forever live in our hearts.

Florist's Choice Bouquet - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember when Mia was born and met her again later in life as a young adult while at MSU. She was a special young lady with so many dreams in front of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kanu family at this most difficult time. 🙏
Mark and Becky Dantonio

June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *May the Kanu family find comfort in knowing that a beautiful Angel has returned to Heaven - now watching over us! We will remember how you lived, loved and laughed *Mia* - that's what we will keep in our hearts For Always!❤️*

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BG

“ *In loving memory of Mia. Our hearts and thoughts are with you. Love, Uncle Ward and Grace VanMeter*

Butterfly Garden - June 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mia was in Girl Scouts with my daughter and they worked together as camp counselors. In 2019 we attended the TSU Homecoming. We didn't know Mia was a student, once we spotted one another she ran to us, smiling and gave us the biggest hugs. The encounter was brief but memorable.*

June 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sorie -Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. With love, your 3 East Family

Stairway To The Heavens - June 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your great Loss.

*Remember me when flowers bloom
Early in the spring.
Remember me on sunny days
In the fun that summer brings.
Remember me in the fall
As you walk through the leaves of gold
And in the wintertime - remember me
In the stories that are told.
But most of all remember
Each day - right from the start
I will be forever near
For I live within your heart.*

June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Awe And Admiration - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the family in the tragic loss of our Beautiful Mia Kanu.



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“ When Mia was 3- I began calling her "Mia X". She would look at me and say aunty that's not my name ; I'm MIA AMELIA KANU and we would all laugh. She had such a kindred spirit; demonstrated very early on her intellect. I knew she would be something great. Im grateful to have had her in our family , she was a precious jem. God called, you answered. Take your rest baby cousin, you're greatly missed💔🙏. To my cousin Sorie, job well done raising her, to both sides of our family; let's continue to pray for peace and comfort knowing she's with the Lord.



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“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.
Asking God to give you peace



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