



Sundiata Diallo DeVan

April 16, 2021

Sundiata Diallo DeVan is the first son and second child of Gail Andra Jones Blackwell and Diallo Sallahudin (nee. Paul Howard DeVan Jr.; deceased) and the stepson of Gerald Richard Blackwell Sr. (deceased). He is the father of Diallo Amahjd DeVan and brother of Asali Njeri DeVan Ecclesiastes, Gerald Richard Blackwell Jr. and Brandon Christopher Blackwell (deceased).

Sundiata never married, but chose Renora Caston as his co-parent, companion, and long-time love. He is the grandson of Paul Howard Sr. (deceased) & Willa Mae DeVan (deceased) and Halle (deceased) & Henrine Jones. The nephew of Terrace Jones Robinson, Tamara DeVan Watkins, and Kimberly DeVan Reed, and all the Blackwell brothers, he also leaves a slew of cousins, nieces, and nephews to remember and celebrate him. A gifted athlete and artist, Sundiata was a graduate of Alcee Fortier High School, and a lifelong Saints fan.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10:00am–11:30am at Ashé Cultural Arts Center, 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Ashe Cultural Arts Center
1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd
New Orleans , LA 70113

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the entire family on your loss. We are all in the Creator's embrace. Let love carry you through. Ashé.*

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“ *To Asali, Gerald, and Family, my sincere condolences to you and your family. May your fondest memories of Sundiata forever hold in your hearts.*

Pernell Butler and Family

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