

Tanoon Quoquoi

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Tanoon Willliyan Quoquoi graced this world on September 17, 1985 to Parents Gadema Quoquoi a NYC contractor whose firm Compuline Inc provided a system network service that regulated the city -wide traffic lights system and wife/mother Juliette Quoquoi who served in New York City departments in Special Projects and Operations that provided Social Services to specialized populations within the New City agencies . Tanoon was the cherished first Grandson for his grandparents. Particularly for Juliette's Mother Leona. She shared a special bond with her grandson who was born the day before her birthday on September 18th. She firmly believed that her daughter deliberately gave birth on September 17th to a Boy to be assured that there would not be a replica of Leona! This bond between Grandmother and Grandson would last a lifetime.

The Family lived in the Manhattan upper West-side and in Brooklyn and welcomed an addition to the family, Tanoon's little brother Gadema. The family eventually settled in Staten Island and purchased a home in the Grymes Hill section. This was a magical time for Tanoon where he had his happiest memories. It's where the " Hill kids "would play a variety of outdoor games and sports in wide unencumbered spaces, In the snowy winters Tanoon, his brother Dema, and friends would sled down enormous hills and would " Pool hop". In the summers the Grymes Hill neighbors would graciously allow the children to run free in their back yards often remarking how they enjoyed the children's laughter and play.

Tanoon attended St Paul's Catholic School and was part of the Baseball team that narrowly missed a championship that would take the team to compete in Japan. Upon completion of his primary education, Tanoon went on to attend I.S. 61 magnet program for Journalism where according to his teachers he was simply "Brilliant". Tanoon milestones during that educational period that he tested number #1 in New York State for Reading Assessments of his peers and was chosen from a public schools city -wide search to host a radio program geared towards current topics that was of interest to his fellow students.

Tanoon, with his family, first attended Mt Sinai UCC in 1993 where he was active in Bible Studies and all the youth activities that the church provided. Tanoon was also a Just a Friend Away (JASFI) "kid". Jasfi was the first faith based organization on Staten Island that focused on HIV-AIDS awareness and prevention. Tanoon worked with the late Founder Fran Cook and other co-founders on numerous educational and outreach campaigns especially targeted to the youth in Island's high schools and faith based institutions.

Tanoon attended Staten Island St Peters All Boys High School however, that educational experience didn't fare too well for Tanoon due to his engagement in fierce philosophical debates over the relevancy of Catholicism with his teachers which would land him in countless detention periods. Eventually Tanoon and St Peters HS parted ways and Tanoon rounded out his high school years in Curtis High School. Tanoon attended the Historical African -American Institution of Claflin University in Orangeburg , South Carolina and Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York In pursuits of a Law Degree. In the meanwhile Tanoon was employed in a variety of Positions , however, Tanoon was intrigued with the Obama presidential campaigns and devoted a considerable amount of time during that process. Tanoon grew frustrated with the limited employment market. Determined to control his economic destiny, he began to develop online international commodities trades with business partners from China, Korea, India and Africa . Tanoon also invested in the Stock Markets both in the United States and Internationally he was very enthusiastic about the

economic potential of "Bitcoin" as an international currency.

Tanoon was a visionary, he was truly ahead of his time and he was also a Man of honor. A common known fact about Tanoon, in the Stapleton business community of deli owners and such, that at the beginning of each month Tanoon would settle all debts incurred in the previous month. Tanoon was an engaging conversationalist that was quite knowledgeable in a multitude of subjects that span from politics, music, culture, history, religion and all sports . He was passionate reader and his book collection was extensive in all disciplines. His generosity and compassion for the ' misunderstood" and society "casts offs" moved him to respond in a variety of ways. In one particular story, Tanoon who was the ultimate consumer with exquisite tastes, while on the ferry one afternoon, encountered a woman crying. She shared how no one gave her anything beautiful and she felt worthless , Tanoon coming from the Manhattan diamond district was in possession of (2) rings one of which was intended for his mom as a mother's day gift, promptly gave the woman a ring to make her feel valued as a woman and human being. The rationale for this action according to Tanoon was that It was a "God moment ". Tanoon was a hilarious story teller complete with various dialects that convinced anyone listening to this stories that Tanoon missed his calling of being a Stand up Comedian.

The Loss of this Unique, Beloved, Young Man at the Prime of his Life will leave deep holes in the hearts of many who knew him and loved him for years to come. Left behind to cherish his too short Life is his Father Gadema Quoquoi, Mother Juliette Quoquoi; Brother Dema Quoquoi , sister Kebeh Quoquoi, Surviving Grandparents Edward and Kolubo Howard , Uncle Myron Williams Sr , Belinda Williams , Shaquana Littlecutt; First Cousins Onisha Claire Williams ; Myron Williams Jr, grand -cousin Madison Delilah Williams ' Aunts ; Seawanna Litthcut, Mama Howard , Korto Howard , Deloris Howard ; Cousins Amelia Anderson, Danny and Danielle Cassell, Matthew Howard, William Howard , " Yakka" Howard , Stella Bledsoe and numerous friends and acquaintances that will miss Tanoon's Spirit.