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Ekow Tufu-Selorm Archer was born in New Haven, CT at the Yale New Haven Hospital on December 21, 2006 to Ekow and Elikem Archer. The first of two boys, Tufu came into this world with the signature smile and bright eyes we would all come to know and love. He spent his Pre-K years at JumpStart in Stamford, CT - where he was loved and supported in his early childhood development. Tufu then continued his formal education at St Vincent's School in Trumbull, CT. At St. V's as we affectionately called it, Tufu was surrounded by a supportive and encouraging school team who believed in his potential and worked tirelessly to ensure that Tufu was reaching his fullest potential. Tufu loved water therapy and he was so peaceful in the water that he'd sometimes fall asleep! He enthusiastically participated in physical, speech and occupational therapy as well. Everyone was always struck by how hard he worked - and the big smile he had when his efforts paid off. Tufu was resilient and persistent. The family moved to Alameda, California in 2016 when Tufu was nine. He went to Edison Elementary for fifth grade and it's there he met his best friend Gen. From Edison, Tufu spent three years at Wood Middle School with his favorite teacher Holly Singh, wonderful service providers like Cami Simms, and paraprofessional Seca - who all believed in his potential and worked hard to ensure he had access to appropriate education. He also made a lot of friends as his light and love shone brightly in the classroom and the Special Day Class community. Tufu was in his freshman year at Alameda High School until June 1, 2021. Tufu loved music - Michael Jackson being his favorite. He enjoyed his daily walks and was happy to watch people and share in the constancy and beauty of life. He was a traveler- visiting many states: New York, Illinois, Minnesota, Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida - and taking two trips to Ghana. He was a presence and a connecting force - drawing everyone he met in with his beautiful eyes and



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smile. Tufu leaves behind his mom, dad, brother, uncles, aunties, Grandparents and friends who greatly love him. A bright light - he will be missed.




Events

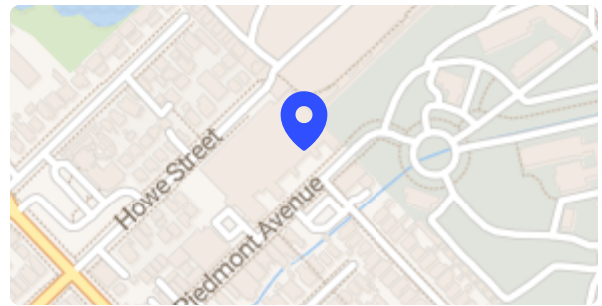
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Funeral Chapel Service

 **Saturday**, June 12, 2021

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

 **Chapel of the Chimes**
4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland CA





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SS

S Sackeyfio posted:

My sincere condolences. May Tufu's soul rest in perfect peace.S. SACKKEYFIO

June 12 at 9:34 AM

AN

P posted:

We love you Elle and Ekow and we mourn with you. Our faith teaches us that he is at rest; and from that we draw comfort. We are grateful for the opportunity to have known him and experienced the love your family showed. Thank you for the opportunity to experience his smile and ever bright eyes. Thank you for teaching us life nuggets through the life of Tufu. (Mr T.) Our prayers, warm thoughts and hugs are with you as we soldier on together.-Nana, Naa, Aunt Sarah and the girls.

June 12 at 7:30 AM

JS

Jamie Smet posted:

We love you and are praying for great comfort and peace to you in the coming days.

June 12 at 6:04 AM

KQ

Kobina Quagraine posted:

Ekow and family have my deepest condolences. I would imagine no words can describe what you are feeling right now. But know that there will be brighter days ahead...Kobina Quagraine

June 12 at 5:45 AM

JL

Judith Lassey lit a candle in honor of Ekow.

To Ekow, Elle and Kweku, we are sorry for the loss of Tufu-Serlom. He will forever be in our hearts.The memory of a loved one is never lost.With deepest sympathy Judy Lassey & family

June 11 at 10:57 PM





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MV

Micah G Rasun-Vann lit a candle in honor of Ekow.

So many memories... A precious, loving child indeed. So full of joy and excitement. His very essence captured my heart. He will forever be "my little Tufu". My fondest memory is remembering the joy he expressed when he was about to go for a walk. He would throw both arms in the air and squeal with excitement! Face aglow!! My greatest memory is of the day he uttered his one and only word "Mama"!! "Everybody loves Tufu"!! Comfort, strength and peace.

June 10 at 5:31 PM



MB

Mody-Oury Barry sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Archer family.

June 9 at 4:46 PM



ST

Sarah Taylor posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. Holding you all in our hearts as you honor Tufu. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to meet him when our sons were in school together. - Sarah Taylor, Zachary Drake, and Quinn Drake Taylor

June 9 at 2:55 PM

CC

Cj Campbell posted:

May God bless you all in your sorrow at the loss of Tufu and in your celebration of the joy he brought to your lives. CJ

June 9 at 9:00 AM

CA

Caroline posted:

To Ekow and Elli and baby brother, As this light of Tufu is dimmed in your lives now know that a brighter one will shine again in your lives leading you on in this life. May the good Lord himself continue to comfort and give you strength to go on without him. He will be sorely missed. Aunty Korkor Mills

June 9 at 12:57 AM



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Robert Arsenault posted:

My most sincere condolences to the family. Robert (ADNM)

June 8 at 3:07 PM



Julie Lythcott-Haims posted:

I'm so sorry you've lost Tufu. Sending so much love. Julie Lythcott-Haims

June 8 at 11:19 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ekow by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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