



Mr. Erster Dionysos Hatch, Jr.

December 6, 2008 - September 10, 2024

Erster Dionysos Hatch, Jr. was born December 6, 2008 to Erster Dionysos Hatch, Sr. and Reneca Shantell Stewart in Suffolk, Virginia. Erster "DJ" as he was affectionately known departed this life on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at Riverside Regional Hospital in Newport News, Virginia.

Erster was actively making a strong academic comeback while attending Menchville High School. His friends knew his vibrant personality and enthusiasm for anything he was dedicated to. While around family and friends, he was always smiling, being helpful, and showing love. He participated in football, baseball, skating, swimming, boxing and karate. DJ loved to play video games with his cousins and friends. He also enjoyed driving Grandma around with his newly acquired driver's permit.

Preceding Erster in death are his grandfathers, Primos Hatch and Carlías Warren.

He is survived by his mother, Ciara Williams; great-grandmother, Elouise Hatch; his grandmothers, Delores White and Maureen Stewart; great aunts, Pearl Smith and Valeria Williams; great uncles, William Jenkins, Dominick Stewart, and Jerel Smith; aunt, Patricia Watson (Calvin); brothers Justin Williams, Keshawn Hatch, Kalin Hambleton, Reshawn, Reshad, and Kalib Stewart; sisters, Promyse and Journee Hatch; nieces, Nyaree Brown and McKenzie Williams; nephew Michael Williams; and a host of loving cousins.

He will be remembered for his bright spirit and the joy he brought to all who knew him.

A service celebrating Erster's life will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Trinity Baptist Church, where he was an attendee.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

2700 Parish Ave
Newport News, VA 23607

Previous Events

Hatch Jr. Celebration Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
2900 Chestnut Avnue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Erster Dionysos Hatch, Jr.



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - September 19, 2024 at 08:00 PM

MW

Sending my condolences and prayers to the family of this young man. May he rest in paradise 🙏

Michelle Watson - September 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM

RD

My condolences to the family. I drove DJ for 2 yrs. The first day I met him that beautiful smile floored me, before we got to the school I was deeply attached to him he was was my son from that point on. Funny sweet loving DJ . You will forever be engraved in my heart. He called me auntie; and Ms. Rhonda loves you and miss you thank you for coming into our life.

Rhonda Dixon - September 20, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SU

I love erster can't believe my last memory gotta be you in a casket bro gone way to fast it won't supposed to be like dis 💔

Sumyah - September 21, 2024 at 08:13 AM

GA

I have never met DJ but I know first hand the feeling of a child or adult dying from gunfire. I will keep you, his family in my prayers !! May God Bless you and watch over your family. 🙏🙏

Georgiann Allen - September 23, 2024 at 08:59 AM

MB

“ *Mrs. Brown lit a candle in memory of Erster Hatch*



Mrs. Brown - September 21, 2024 at 08:42 AM

TN

“ *I'll never forget his smile! He never gave off bad energy when we kicked it! Wish I had more time here to kick it, he was like a nephew to me! Condolences to the family! Stay Strong!*

Torry The Niceguy - September 20, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BF

“ *To the family we send our heart condolences and our prayers.* 🙏🙏🙏🕯️



Brenda Chester / family - September 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - September 19, 2024 at 11:46 AM

MT

“ DJ was a very happy individual who would brighten up any room with his handsome smile ! He had a welcoming spirit and even bigger heart! We will truly miss him. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Love Marshea Thompson-Brinkley & the Thompson family ! Go DJ ❤️ Forever in our Hearts 💙

Marshea Thompson-Brinkley - September 19, 2024 at 09:47 AM

AJ

“ Got a chance to work on a public mural with DJ last summer (2023). Very special memory for me. Sweet kid with plenty of respect for his elders.



Asa Jackson - September 19, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AC

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family.*



Annette Crawley - September 19, 2024 at 07:34 AM

FT

“ *Your memory will live on thru your family... Blessings and condolences* 🙏

Ferdinand Thomas-Bey - September 19, 2024 at 05:48 AM

KA

“ *kayla lit a candle in memory of Erster Hatch*



kayla - September 18, 2024 at 08:23 PM