

Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell

September 16, 2004 - April 2, 2022

On September 16, 2004, Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell became a blessing of life to Kashunda Mitchell and Marvin Chadwick of Newport News, VA. On April 2, 2022, Ariyanna transitioned from this life into the arms of God.

Ariyanna was a student in her Junior year at the East End Academy under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Gilliam, CEO. She was an avid member of the Triple E (Electra Eagles Elite) Dance Academy under the guidance of Mrs. Pandora Carter. Ariyanna loved dancing and styling hair. She was truly unique, funny, and loved by everyone. There was never a dull moment when Ariyanna was around.

The memories of Ariyanna are left to be carried on by her parents Kashunda Mitchell and Marvin Chadwick, six siblings: Honesty Mitchell, E'Moni Mitchell, Eric Mitchell Jr., Daunte Hudgins, Chad Lucas, and Trey Carter, two grandmothers: Dora Mitchell, and Joanne Wright, two aunts: Angenette Mitchell, and Theodora Hyman, seven cousins: Davontae Mitchell, Cory Mitchell, Diamond Manigault, Tyreek Mitchell, Alyssa Hyman, Martina Crosby, and Isaiah Nazareth. She was preceded in death by her uncle Marty Chadwick. Her life will be remembered and cherished by all who loved her.

The family of Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell extends heartfelt gratitude and

love for the outpouring of kindness and acts of love shown.

Previous Events

Mitchell Public Viewing

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Mitchell Celebration of Life

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2022 at 11:23 AM

JU

Sending my condolences and prayers to Ariyanna family and friends. Continue being your self and don't let no one change you. I will miss your beautiful smile.

Judy - April 14, 2022 at 08:06 AM

UN

He was a great friend to me and he always knew how to make me laugh may his soul rest easy

Unique - May 01, 2022 at 10:32 PM

ER

So Sorry for your loss 🥹 May God give your Family Peace and Comfort 🙏🏻

Etta Rainer - May 05, 2022 at 11:13 PM



Rest in power Ariyanna

DC Net - May 17, 2025 at 01:09 PM

E'

I MISS YOU SOOO MUCH MY BABYY

E'moni - November 03, 2025 at 04:59 AM

SK

“ I MISS YOU SM MY ARI , I WISH YU WERE STILL HERE WITH US I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH OUR FT,MESSAGES,CALLS WEN WE USE TO JOKE ON PEOPLE ... I LOVE YOU FOREVER & ALWAYS MY ARI .. ☐💕🥹

sky - June 04, 2025 at 02:56 PM

EZ

“ I did not know this beautiful child or her family. I read about her in the news. My deepest sympathy to the family and friends for the loss of this lovely soul. My heart breaks for you.

E. Zelenak - May 06, 2022 at 04:37 AM

“HAMPTON, Va. (WAVY) — A little over a week ago, family and friends gathered on Wine Street in Hampton to remember 17-year-old Kamari Mitchell, who was shot and killed April 2. The memorial still stands in the neighborhood.

10 On Your Side spoke to a friend of the victim, who didn't want to be on camera. The friend identifies as a transgender woman and said Mitchell did as well.

“She always has a big smile on her face. Always had one. Always had one,” said Mitchell's friend.

Over the weekend, police arrested 19-year-old Norfolk resident, Jimmy Leshawn Williams and charged him with murder.

Norfolk man arrested in connection with 17-year-old's fatal shooting in Hampton

The friend said the shooting stemmed from a fight at a party in Norfolk earlier that night. She said the fight was between her and Williams' girlfriend — and that the bullet was meant for her, not Mitchell.

“[Williams' girlfriend] was going to get her boyfriend to come shoot me and everybody in this house,” the friend said.

Court documents say police were able to identify Williams as the suspect through an eyewitness of the shooting. Documents say that witness said Williams pulled up on Wine Street in his girlfriend's car. Williams then allegedly got out of the car carrying an assault rifle.

Williams then claimed there was a planned fight. Documents say he asked Mitchell who was fighting. Mitchell claimed to be one of those involved. Paperwork says the witness told police Williams asked if Mitchell was a boy or a girl. Documents say Mitchell replied a boy, and that's when Williams shot Mitchell multiple times.

The gun matching the caliber of the cartridge casings located at the scene was found in a car parked by Mitchell's body.

Mitchell's friend said it should have never gotten to this point, and now she lives on edge wondering if there's still a hit out on her.

"My whole thing is learn to go about things different. Your first instinct shouldn't be 'Get 'em, get 'em, get 'em' — no," the friend said.

Williams also faces receipt of a stolen firearm and concealed weapons charges in Chesapeake stemming from an incident six days after the homicide. Documents say police pulled him over for running a stop sign and found a stolen gun from Portsmouth under the driver's seat. He faces similar stolen gun charges in Norfolk from an incident in December 2021. He was scheduled to appear in Chesapeake General District Court Monday morning, but that was continued until April 13.

Anonymous - April 24, 2022 at 12:02 PM

EC

“ I didn't personally know her, she was a friend of my cousin. I just want to offer my sincere condolences, and send strength and prayers for guidance to her mom and family. I lost my daughter on Jan 28th 2022, and I just want to say to her mom my heart pours out to you. No words can express

Ebony Carrington - April 15, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Lisa Jackson lit a candle in memory of Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell*



Lisa Jackson - April 14, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Kamari was a student in my class at Hidenwood elementary, such a joy to have in my class. Definitely unforgettable, always had a positive attitude! Will truly be missed.
Ms. McHerrin*

Angela - April 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM



R.i.p we going to miss you so much 🥲🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

Adrian Allen - April 11, 2022 at 11:35 AM

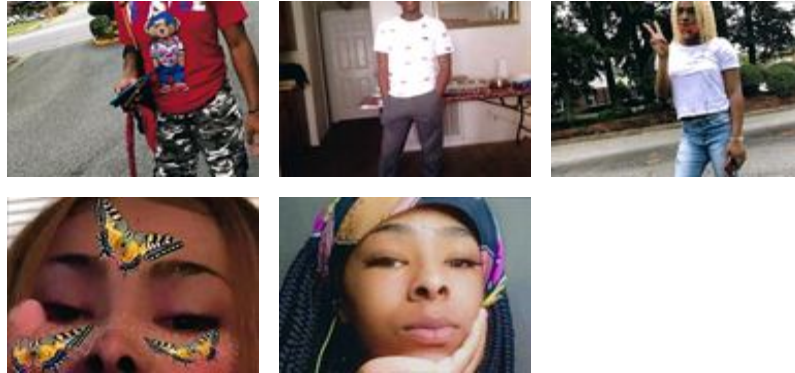


Cuz you going to be missed I love you r.i.p 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹

Adrian Allen - April 11, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - April 08, 2022 at 11:24 AM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss Theodora ..

Kristy/Facilities Management/Custodian crew

Kristy - April 08, 2022 at 11:18 AM

CR

“ We would like to express our condolences to the family of Kamari (Ariyanna) Mitchell. We will miss her stopping by the Scott Center to say hello to the staff.

C. Rainey, C. Waldo Scott Center

Crystal Rainey - April 08, 2022 at 10:25 AM

NA

“ My baby! She was like a daughter to me. Rest well my sweet baby.

Love Miss Nicole

Nicole Ridley Ashe - April 07, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell.



April 07, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ Ari is and will always be one of my favorite students. I am praying for the family.



Karen Owens - April 06, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



pandora carter - April 06, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ Shaneil Blizzard sent a virtual gift in memory of Kamari (Ariyanna) Julius Mitchell



Shaneil blizzard - April 06, 2022 at 01:01 AM

HM

“ *So Sorry To Hear Of You Loss. May Your Family Be Comforted With Peace And Strength.*



Henry Mitchell - April 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM