



*The Angels are waiting at  
Heaven's Gates for you Monte*

*Celebration of Life  
For  
De Monte Rucker*



**Sunrise:**  
November 18, 1993

**Sunset:**  
November 29, 2022

**Saturday, December 10, 2022  
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

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# Life Reflections

Mr Demonte Rucker was born on November 18, 1993, to the parents of Angela Rucker and Carlos Minor, in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was educated at McCluer High School. He was employed with DHL and worked at Kathy's Kitchen in Ferguson as a teen. Demonte was affectionately known as Monte Montana, Luh Tay, and Lil Top. Monte was so much fun. He liked dancing and loved all kinds of music. His favorite were BME, Chris Brown, and Youngboy. He also created his own art musically. His most liked colors were red and lime green.

He was so proud to be a father and he cherished fatherhood as one of his best trophies. Kayden meant the world to him. He was ten toes behind anyone he loved. To be around Monte was nothing but joy and laughter whether it was by the things he said or the things he did. Demonte was an amazing uncle to his niece and nephews. His energy was unmatched and he was immensely confident about himself and who he was. Demonte did not have a church home but he was baptized and believed in the most high.

Demonte Rucker departed this life on November 29, 2022. he was preceded in death by his grandmother (Diane Rucker—Angela Rucker's mother), great grandfather (Dennis Mathis— Carlos Minor's grandfather), and grandfather (Marlon Minor-Carlos Minor's Father).

He leaves to cherish memories to his son~ Kayden Omari Minor; his parents~ Angela Rucker and Carlos Minor; grandparents~ Walter R. Rucker and Joyce Gold; siblings~ Emya McCrady, Angel-Allante Minor, Devin Rucker, and Carlise Minor; extended siblings~ Dellante' Robinson and Adjani Robinson; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.



# Tributes From Parents

A Letter to my son:

Hey Monte,  
You are my heart. My twin. We think alike. We eat alike. We dance alike. We had plans. I want you to know that your mama loved you. That I was at work when you was taken away from me. We had a plan to work together. But our plan was cut short. Im asking you to forgive me for taking my time in the things you needed me to do for you and your son Kayden. I know that you needed me to make room for Kayden in our lives. And im sorry for that, I took too long. I really wish I was there on Chambers and Green Valley to hold your hand to cross the street. Please forgive e for that, I was not there. You will always be with me, I will always be with you. I am waiting for my time to come home with you. Please be waiting on me.

Love your mama,  
Always and Forever



A Letter to my son:

Son,  
I love you so much. I didnt have enough time to make up for all the missed times we were apart. Memories with you I'll hold dear to my heart, down to the things we did, places we went, conversely talking, and the lovely heart of yours. So many things! But one thing I'll miss the most is hanging up the phone with you to hear you say I love you. I love you son.

Love your Dad

# Tributes From Siblings

Rest In Peace  
Thrive in power  
Flourish in elegance  
Dance for hours  
Spirit standing taller than towers  
Groovier than Austin Powers  
In the Cosmos where you strive  
You are never dead, Actually  
Even More Alive!  
Your love is pure I can say  
Big ups to my brother Monte  
My Brother, My Half, I know that you're okay

Love your little brother  
-Rudy



Life gave me a brother to teach me about life.  
He loves me and aggravates me but also give strength to strive.  
Thank Goodness for big brothers! He was as special as be. Don't mess  
With my brother or you'll have to deal with me!  
I love you Monte  
Love your little sister  
-Shug



I love you and ima truly miss you even with the ups and downs that we had.  
I've always loved you no matter what we went through. I hate that weren't as close as I would have liked and that I didn't get the chance to show you affection.  
Love your big sister,  
-Big Mya



It hurts that from now on the only way I will get to speak to you again is through my heart. I had so much to tell you when I got back. And to be honest I'm so angry about not being able to tell you more, see you more and hug you more. So please help me bro, I need you to help me not hold that. I'm so sorry this happened to you and that you didn't get the chance you wanted for your life. On the better side, I am happy that I get to live with the last words we soke to each other, Happy Birthday to us and I love you. Monte, I love you with everything in me and that will stand forever and ever. You did great and you made us PROUD!  
Love your Big Sister,  
-Llante'