



# Miss Elle Iman Bryant

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**E**lle Iman Bryant, age 21, was born June 29, 2004, in Richmond, Virginia. Her family relocated to Frisco, Texas when she was very young and where many of her most cherished memories were made. From the very beginning, Elle brought joy, laughter, and light to everyone blessed to know her. One of the most treasured relationships in Elle's life was the special bond she shared with her twin brother, Noah, whom she truly adored.

Elle had a deep love for sports, especially basketball. A fierce competitor with a genuine love for the game, she played AAU basketball throughout middle and high school and later shared her passion by coaching. She began playing on the Girls' Varsity basketball team as a freshman and continued to play throughout her years at Independence High School in Frisco, TX. A devoted sports fan, Elle cheered faithfully for the Boston Celtics and the Philadelphia Eagles.

In Frisco, Elle built lifelong friendships that became family. The Owens family—Charles, Tiffany, Taylor, Brian, and Meech—embraced Elle as one of their own and became a second family to her. Elle was also blessed to connect and bond with extended family in the Dallas, TX area. These relationships were strengthened through time spent together during holidays and special occasions. She shared cherished memories with the Brown family—Daril Brown, Sr. and his spouse, Latonja Brown, MD, and their sons, Brandon and Daril Brown, Jr, Ph.D.—as well as the Roane family—Elmer “Mer” (Leslie) Roane, Lilly, and especially Leah Roane, with whom Elle shared a particularly special bond.

Elle also treasured time spent with her paternal family from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania- Ethel and Gianni Shaw; Barbara Hunt Brown; Raymond James; and John James, III (Francine) and their sons.

Above all, Elle was a devoted believer in Christ. Her faith guided her life, and she consistently attended church and Bible study, seeking to grow spiritually and live with purpose. Her love for God was evident in her character, kindness, and the way she treated others.



## Obituary

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From an early age, Elle was known for her infectious laugh—one that could fill a room and lift spirits instantly. She was the entertainer of the family, especially for her cousins, always finding ways to make them laugh. Though small in stature, Elle spoke her mind with conviction and confidence, never afraid to stand firm in who she was. Elle was a senior at Grambling State University, where she was studying Forensic Psychology. During her college years, she formed close and meaningful friendships, including relationships with Halaya Fusilier, Kaleb Hargrove, and Mo Ajao, who became an important part of her life and journey.

Elle was especially close to her grandmother, Nina, whom she loved dearly and often took shopping and to church. She also doted over her beloved dog, Sheba, who held a special place in her heart.

Elle was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. Joseph Bryant, Sr., Norma Jean Bryant, and Herman “Chick” Burrell, Jr. Elle leaves to cherish her precious memories, her loving parents, Joseph and Dione Bryant; her twin brother, Noah Bryant; her grandmother, Nina Christian; her step-grandmother, Diane Burrell; her aunts, Nina Burrell-Braxton, D.P.M. (William), Tamara Bryant, Andrea Parkes (Dwayne), Brittany Burrell, Wanda Burrell and Kimberly Webster; her uncles, H. Louis Burrell, III (Vera) and Tony Witcher; her devoted cousins, Natalie Burrell, Jordan Hayes, Byron Burrell, Christina Sims and Darrick Sims; Godparents, Andre and Mateshia Wright; and a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones whose lives she touched.

Though her time with us was far too short, Elle Iman Bryant’s life was full of love, laughter, faith, and impact. Her spirit will live on forever in the hearts of all who loved her.

Weep not for me, or wish me back “I am from my pain now free”; “There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain”.

-Revelation 21:4

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Therapy Fund at:

<https://thelovelandfoundation.org/therapy-fund/>



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**Mansfield Funeral Home & Cremations** shared a **Video**.

January 20 at 12:59 PM



**Jaelyn Reed** posted:

I am so heartbroken I'm sad to see you go Elle I miss you so much and I wish that you were still here but you're in a better place now with God. I will never forget those fun times that I've had and you're gonna be in my prayers forever and you were one of my closest friends that was always so fun 😊

February 17 at 7:11 AM



**Clara R.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elle.

February 4 at 10:24 AM



**Kyndall Reed** lit a candle in honor of Elle.

My heart is so broken for you Elle, I wish I could give you a hug and tell you how much you mean to me. My friend I am going to miss you forever but your spirit will always live on forever. See you later my friend!!!!

January 27 at 2:52 AM



**Laverne Harris** lit a candle in honor of Elle.

My sincere condolences to the entire family. I pray that the Lord will live in you, love on you and fill your hearts with perfect peace in the days ahead. Love, LaVerne

January 24 at 9:02 AM





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**Dayzy Zuasola** lit a candle in honor of Elle.

Elle, my heart aches but your memories will stay forever. I wish I could give you a hug but thinking back when you and Noah used to come over in Glebe Lane Charles City, it make me smile. You are so sassy little sister to Noah. You are telling Noah what to do and not to do. You used to say "Noah pack your bag, wear this shoes, don't do that , brush your teeth. You always ready to drag your suitcase around the house. Sometimes or maybe most of the time you make Noah cry and when Mae asks you what happened, you say he didn't listen. You were always be a beautiful little girl I knew. You are very much loved and you may rest in paradise Elle.



January 22 at 10:34 PM



**Jane Harris** lit a candle in honor of Elle.

My condolences and prayers to all of you. May God give you an abundance of strength and peace at this time of sadness. Jane Harris, Virginia



January 22 at 9:35 PM



**Ashley Anderson** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Many happy memories of us, always involving friendly competition that made us better. I grew up playing basketball with Elle since the second grade. We were the little scorers, and I always remember Elle's incredible speed. Despite her small stature, she was feisty, mighty, and always stood up for her teammates, demonstrating true leadership. Off the court, she was a light in the room, always filling it with laughter and hilarious jokes. A funny memory I have with Elle was when a referee got upset because she wore the number 9. It was such a silly rule, as refs said they couldn't sign it, but Elle loved her #9 so much. Me, Taylor, and Elle all thought it was ridiculous, and we were determined not to let the ref take it away from her. It was one of those moments that showed Elle's passion. She will be Forever in our hearts.

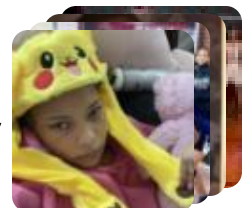


January 22 at 12:15 PM



**Avory Miller** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I loved giving her morning rides to practice my sophomore year of high school. Our facetimes were the favorite part of my night and day. Our Bible studies, funny conversations, and support for each other through difficult things created such a close relationship between us. Giving her rides to watch our high school sports games and laughing with her from the stands also is fond in my memories.



January 16 at 6:19 PM



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**Clara Hiesberger** sent a virtual gift in honor of Elle.

Elle was one of those rare people who made everyone feel like they mattered. In high school, she always made sure nobody felt left out and that everyone was having fun. She had the sweetest laugh and this constant sense of humor that made classes and daily life so much more bearable. She brought light into rooms without even trying. I'm heartbroken, and I will always remember her kindness.



January 21 at 8:49 PM



**Duan Hobbs** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My favorite memory was going to the Dallas game with Jaiden, Kingston and I. We had a great time at the game as well as hanging out with your family for a few days. I remember throwing the football with you and being surprised at your arm strength. You gave a little grin as you continually threw each pass slightly harder, testing my receiving skills. 😊 You will be missed. 🙏



January 20 at 11:44 PM



**Nina B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elle.



January 18 at 9:47 PM



**Heather Laynor** posted:

When I was young and I was over at Byron's house, Elle and Noah were there. I always heard that Elle was pretty good at basketball, but I was confident I could beat her. Byron and I then played Elle, us 2 vs. her, and she destroyed us. From then on, I always thought she was one of the best basketball players I have ever seen. She was so awesome.-Asher Laynor

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