



Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad

July 8, 1971 - December 27, 2022

JaDawn Zakiyyah Muhammas shares the same birthday as her dear aunt, Brenda Ward. JaDawn was born on July 8, 1971 to the union of James Crayton Muhammad and Curtixine Robertson Muhammad in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. JaDawn began her education during the founding year of Sister Clara Muhammad Preparatory School. She went on to attend E.L. Phillip Elementary and Roosevelt School of the Arts where she was in the inaugural class for the new arts school where she played piano and flute. After graduating middle school, JaDawn attended Nicolet High School in Glendale, Wisconsin. She played flute in the band and orchestra and participated on the cheerleading and track teams. Most notably, she played doubles and singles on Nicolet's varsity tennis team. JaDawn continued her education at UW-Whitewater where she earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work. While at Whitewater she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Most recently, she was a charter member of South Atlantic chapter Alpha Beta Lambda Omega. During her junior year at Whitewater, JaDawn was voted the most well-rounded student by the minority faculty. She also studied abroad for a semester in London, England and visited Spain, France and Ireland during her student exchange experience. JaDawn furthered her education by earning a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from UW- Madison where she met her former husband, Joseph Collins of the Smith Family. JaDawn earned her second

Masters of Science in Education from Concordia University and culminated her formal education by completing her Ed.D at Cardinal Stritch University where she was part of the inaugural class of doctoral students. A highlight at Stritch came when she participated in a tour of Italy with other faculty and students. She was also blessed to visit Ghana under the leadership of Kwabena Falson, ASENTU Rites of Passage Institute.

JaDawn began her career as a middle school reading specialist for Milwaukee Public Schools and spent a total of twelve years as an adjunct professor. She taught basic adult skills at MATC for one year and speech and communication for eleven years at Concordia University Wisconsin. She spent the remainder of her career in education administration, first as Assistant Director at NESI

Milwaukee from 2005-2014, then as Coordinator II - Office of Federal Programs, Dekalb County School District 2014-2022.

Although JaDawn worked hard, she played hard, too. While she enjoyed playing tennis, golf emerged as her real passion. She won several tournaments throughout the years. On her dear aunt Cel's birthday, Saturday, July 27, 2019, JaDawn made a coveted hole-in-one. When not on the golf course, you could find her either watching golf on television or talking on the phone about golf.

An avid sports fan, you could also find her watching her favorite sports commentator, Stephen A. Smith, or nervously watching the Green Bay Packers or Milwaukee Brewers. In addition, she enjoyed watching the show Big Brother and stayed abreast of the latest fashion and gadgets on various home shopping channels.

JaDawn departed this life on December 27, 2022 and was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, James and Moneda Crayton; aunts, Lillie Mae Wingo, Doris (Fuzz) Gill, Brenda Ward; and uncle, Dwight Crayton. She also was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Enwood and Luvennia Robertson; aunts, Luvennia Salaam, Verline Harris, Celestine Beauchamp and Juanita Hasan;

uncles, Benson Robertson and Rachman Ali.

JaDawn enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She leaves to cherish her memory: father, James Muhammad; mother, Curtixine Muhammad; sister and brother in-law Asia & Patrick Hadley; nephew, Alvin James (A.J.) Hadley; niece, Amira Hadley; paternal aunts, Vickey Wilburn, Sheila (Derrick) Williams and Kathy Crayton; uncle, Charles Ward, Sr. ; maternal aunts, Annette Reynolds, Ayesha Mahmoud; and a host of cousins, friends and loved ones.

Cemetery Details

Glen Oaks Cemetery

4533 N. Greenbay Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Latchman Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



The Latchman Family - January 08, 2023 at 03:40 PM

TF

“ *The Latchman Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



The Latchman Family - January 08, 2023 at 03:39 PM

PL

“ *Sending my deepest and love and condolences to the family. JaDawn was a beautiful person who touched my life in so many ways.*



Pamela Larde - January 08, 2023 at 12:49 AM

YL

“ *Ysanne Latchman lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Ysanne Latchman - January 07, 2023 at 07:36 PM

BJ

“ *Bernetta Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Bernetta Jones - January 07, 2023 at 03:55 PM

HW

“ *Harolyn Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Harolyn Williams - January 07, 2023 at 02:01 PM

ND

“ *Natalie Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Natalie Davis - January 07, 2023 at 01:52 PM

ZC

“ *Zakiya Courtey lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Zakiya Courtey - January 07, 2023 at 12:47 PM

ZC

I've known JaDawn as a little girl with the Muhammad family and became to know her as a partner in our Cohort 5 Doctoral Study group. JaDawn was smart, bright, community conscious and more. She really believed in her community and especially the youth. Her work in education was impeccable. She loved her family and her family loved her. JaDawn was a natural role model. Although she has transitioned, she will continue to positively influence all who knew her. The Courtney Clan sends peace, love and light to JaDawns's family and friends.

Zakiya Courtney - January 07, 2023 at 12:56 PM

CS

“ *Cousin And Soror lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Cousin and Soror - January 07, 2023 at 12:45 PM

MF

“ *McFarlane Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



McFarlane Family - January 07, 2023 at 12:43 PM

TF

“ *The McFarlane Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



The McFarlane Family - January 07, 2023 at 12:42 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Aaron & Mrs. Merdis Morgan lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Rev. Aaron & Mrs. Merdis Morgan - January 07, 2023 at 11:16 AM

RM

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers are with you All.

Rev. Aaron & Mrs. Merdis Morgan - January 07, 2023 at 11:18 AM

MR

“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family you will be deeply missed Sister / Friend/ Family Rest IN Heavenly Power love*
❤️ you 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

Ms. Aminah Rahman - January 07, 2023 at 04:01 AM

CH

“ *JaDawn will be missed. Bobby Jones and I will miss playing with you. We will remember our friendship.*



Chris Horton - January 06, 2023 at 10:30 PM

ZH

“ *We send our condolences to the Muhammad Family. We love you and will keep you in our prayers. Love Always Carolyn Robertson Murray, and Zarine Bacon Harris. Atlanta GA*

Zarine Harris - January 06, 2023 at 03:36 PM

KM

“ Kyle Malone lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad



kyle malone - January 06, 2023 at 02:08 PM

VE

“ My condolences to the Muhammad family. You all are in my prayers. From the 1st day I meet JaDawn in Whitewater she left an everlasting impression of how a lady should be. She was intelligent and walked with grace and dignity. However most of all she was kind and loving. She will be missed but forever remembered.

Viola Ervin - January 06, 2023 at 01:20 PM

TH

“ On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, Bureau of Electric Service, our thoughts and prayers are with James Muhammad and his family right now.

T-
The Sign Shop



Tianne Hardman - January 06, 2023 at 12:22 PM

SA

“ The Sugar Creek Women’s Golf Association (SCWGA) will truly miss our golf sister, JaDawn. May she rest in Heavenly Peace.



Sugar Creek Women's Golf Association - January 05, 2023 at 11:22 PM

MS

“ To the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad... My prayers are with you at this difficult time. I will always remember her beautiful smile, her kind spirit and our laughing and talking about things we both agreed didn't make much sense.

Also, on behalf of Cedar Grove Middle School, DeKalb County School District, the entire CGMS family sends our sincere condolences to Dr. Muhammad's family. Dr. Marcia Scott, Principal

Marcia Scott - January 05, 2023 at 07:42 PM

MS

“ *Marcia Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Marcia Scott - January 05, 2023 at 07:35 PM

LB

“ *LaTonya Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



LaTonya Brown - January 04, 2023 at 10:27 PM

BW

“ *My Beautiful Milwaukee Golf Buddy, the memories we made on the golf course will be treasured forever. It was so hilarious when you made that lil jumping motion when you putted as though you were afraid that that lil ball wasn't going in the hole however they went in most of the time. You were an awesome golfer and friend my Sistah. I thank God for allowing our paths to cross. Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers are with you All.*
Bettie & Rodney Wesley



Bettie Wesley - January 04, 2023 at 06:28 PM

TD

“ *Tiffany Dillard lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Tiffany Dillard - January 04, 2023 at 02:29 PM

AJ

“ *Arlita Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Arlita Jackson - January 04, 2023 at 12:18 PM

KR

“ *JaDawn will be greatly missed but forever cherished! With Love Soror Kim Ramsey* 💕💚



Kimberly Ramsey - January 03, 2023 at 08:58 PM

BA

“ *Browns Mill Women's Golf Association. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.*



Browns Mill Women's Golf Association. - January 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

BA

“ *Browns Mill Womens Golf Association purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.*



Browns Mill Womens Golf Association - January 03, 2023 at 06:57 PM

DE

“ Sending prayers of comfort to JaDawn's family. She and I worked together in Atlanta for a couple of years before I moved. After I moved we kept in touch always exchanging texts about our college basketball teams. I will miss those exchanges, as I could always see her smile behind them.



Deon - January 03, 2023 at 03:04 PM

EH

“ Rest with the Ancestors my high school friend. Thanks for all the help with my daughter and Tennis. □



Erika Howard - January 03, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.



January 03, 2023 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ JaDawn and I met on the golf course shortly after she moved to Atlanta. We enjoyed many fun and competitive rounds together over the years. Her presence and energy will be missed. Praying for your comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time.

Twanda Mickle - January 03, 2023 at 09:29 AM

KH

“ A beautiful spirit. I have fond memories of getting to know JaDawn when I was visiting my friend Khyana on my many trips to Milwaukee. A warm smile, quick wit, and easy sense of humor. You are really going to be missed. Gone too soon. - Kathy Helm-Lewis

Katherine Helm-Lewis - January 02, 2023 at 09:47 PM

AS

“ The Stallworth & Little Family are praying for the family sincerely. 🙏🙏



Alex & Susie Stallworth - January 02, 2023 at 06:01 PM

SS

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Muhammad family! Earth holds no sorrow that Heaven can't heal! 💕🎀
ALEX & SUSIE STALLWORTH FAMILY

Susie Stallworth - January 02, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.



January 02, 2023 at 05:51 PM

AW

“ *Adrienne Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Adrienne Whitehead - January 02, 2023 at 03:19 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Peggy Davis - January 02, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.*



January 01, 2023 at 08:33 AM

VD

“ *Vitella Dodson lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Vitella Dodson - December 31, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CS

“ *My girl, JaDawn. How I will miss you! May you rest in peace. My deepest condolences to Asia and family and Mr. And Mrs. Muhammad.*

Charisse Sekyi - December 31, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.*



December 31, 2022 at 12:56 PM

LR

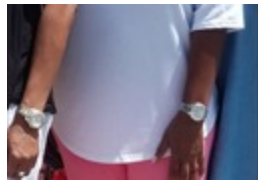
“ *JaDawn was a joy to work with. I appreciated her patience and humor as we worked through a few projects over the years. She will be missed. Heartfelt condolences to the family.*



Lynn Angus Ramos - December 31, 2022 at 10:21 AM

CC

“ *Our brunch date!*



Chrissy Chambers - December 31, 2022 at 08:38 AM

CC

“ This brunch date will always be etched in my memory. We were neighbors and over the years it developed into a friendship. JaDawn is one of a kind and she will be missed.



Chrissy Chambers - December 31, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.



December 31, 2022 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ Connie Casey lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad



Connie Casey - December 30, 2022 at 11:24 PM

SW

“ Sabrina Waters lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad



Sabrina Waters - December 30, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ *JaDawn was such a sweet spirit. We always enjoyed her presence whenever she played with the Browns Mill Women’s Golf Association or the Sugar Creek Women’s Golf Association. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences to the family.* ”



Marilyn Johnson - December 30, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ *Allison Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad* ”



Allison Scott - December 30, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *Henrietta Parker lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad* ”



Henrietta Parker - December 30, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Sheryl Massenberg lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad* ”



Sheryl Massenberg - December 30, 2022 at 06:57 PM

DC

“ *Doris Chambers lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Doris Chambers - December 30, 2022 at 06:07 PM

DC

It's with a heavy heart to hear that you received your Wings so soon Soror. RIP 💕💚

Doris Chambers - December 30, 2022 at 06:11 PM

MS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Marva Simpson - December 30, 2022 at 04:40 PM

MS

JaDawn with her 2019 BMWGA Club Championship Trophy!

Marva Simpson - December 30, 2022 at 04:42 PM

KB

“ *Karhy Banks lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Karhy Banks - December 30, 2022 at 04:34 PM

KB

JaDawn, May the Lord bless you and keep you in his care for eternity.

Karhy Banks - December 30, 2022 at 04:35 PM

BP

“ *Betty K. Prichard lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Betty K. Prichard - December 30, 2022 at 02:44 PM

BP

To know JaDawn was to love ❤️ her. Rest in Heavenly Peace, JaDawn, You will be missed. 🙏🙏

Betty K. Prichard - December 30, 2022 at 02:49 PM

BP

JaDawn was a member of Browns Mill Women's Golf Association 🏌️ and was an awesome golfer. She will surely be missed.

Betty K. Prichard - December 30, 2022 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ *Condolences* 🏠

Ahmed Majeed - December 30, 2022 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *Marva Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad*



Marva Simpson - December 30, 2022 at 12:46 PM

MS

JaDawn will be missed by all of her golfing sisters. She loved the game and played it with passion. May time and love bring you peace.

Marva Simpson - December 30, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. JaDawn Z. Muhammad.*



December 30, 2022 at 08:57 AM