



Dalton Blain Merritt

July 30, 1999 - September 2, 2020

Dalton Blain Merritt, age 21, of McIntyre, passed away Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Funeral services will be private. The family will receive friends at the Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville on Saturday, September 5, 2020 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Due to compromised health situations within the family, the family requests that anyone who attends the visitation to wear a mask, and maintain social distancing.

A native of Milledgeville, Dalton was born July 30, 1999 to Kiva Marie Hood and the late John Leif Merritt. Dalton loved fishing, riding four wheelers, bonfires, working on old cars, and anything outdoors. One of his favorite hobbies was playing Xbox with his brother.

Dalton is survived by: his mother, Kiva Hood of McIntyre ; his fiancé, Sophia Duarte ; his daughter, Zaleah Duarte ; his step-children, Tony Duarte and Zoey Duarte ; his brothers, Justin Merritt and John Cruz ; his sisters, Faith Merritt and Lesley Cruz ; his aunts, Lyndsey Hood, Victoria Hood, and Linda (& John) Thornton ; his uncles, Ethan (& Paige) Hood, William Price, and David Long ; his grandparents, Buddy Hood, Sharon Hood, Carey Merritt, Carolyn Merritt, and Jean Jolly ; a special great aunt, Debby Smith ; a niece, Mariah Cruz ; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

The family has requested, in lieu of flowers, that friends make memorial

donations (<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net/payments-and-donations/donations>) to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
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Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 04, 2020 at 05:43 PM

CD

beautiful. Tribute.

cynthia Decalongne - September 04, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JW

He was such a handsome boy Kiva. Beautiful tribute. Love the picture of him fishing. I am so sorry. Praying for you and your family.

Joan H. Wilson - September 04, 2020 at 10:40 PM

MS

So beautiful

Marie spivey - September 08, 2020 at 09:26 AM

KW

“ Kiva And family you are in my thoughts and prayers



kathy allen weaver - September 07, 2020 at 12:16 PM

VG

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Vicki Gholson - September 06, 2020 at 02:18 AM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at JMG 🙏❤️



Luther Minor - September 05, 2020 at 12:00 PM

SR

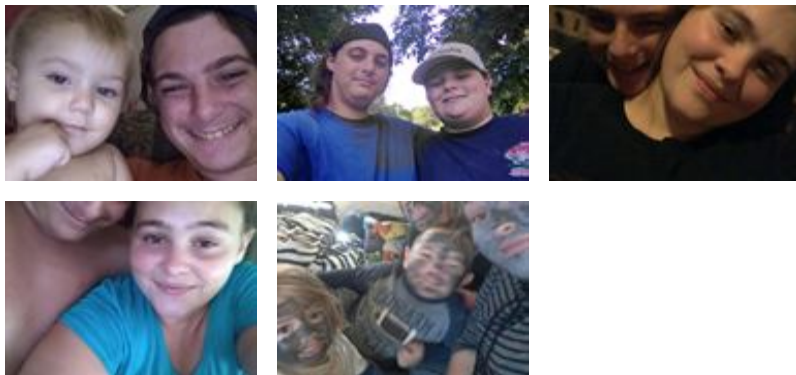
“ Just seen you just a few weeks ago with Clay . May you Rip . Praying for all your family and friends in their time of need. Sending our deepest condolences to you all. Gone to soon , never forgotten.



Suzette Root - September 05, 2020 at 12:57 AM



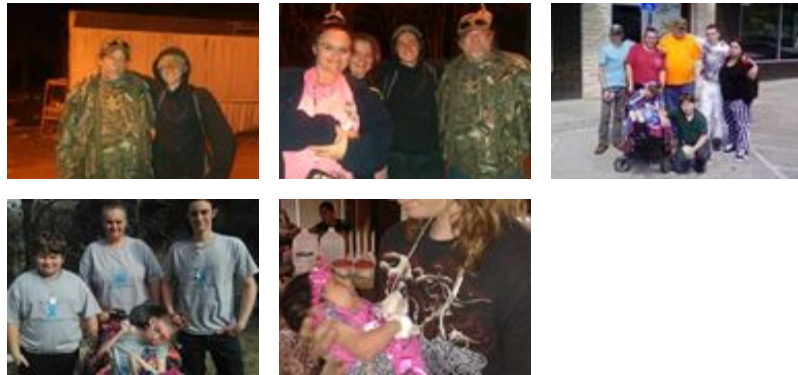
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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 04, 2020 at 05:22 PM



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Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 04, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Ronny Loggins lit a candle in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt



Ronny Loggins - September 04, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Marie Massengale -Sandy Meeks Nugent lit a candle in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt



marie Massengale -Sandy Meeks Nugent - September 04, 2020 at 09:28 AM



Diva You are in our prayers. To Lose a child is such a tragedy. Hold on to the memories and God will carry you thru this.

marie Massengale -Sandy Meeks Nugent - September 04, 2020 at 09:31 AM

TH

“ From the Tiffany Hobbs Brandon Hobbs
Gannon Raeleigh & Madelyn Hobbs !!



Tiffany Hobbs - September 04, 2020 at 08:46 AM

DM

“ Darendra McDade lit a candle in memory of
Dalton Blain Merritt



Darendra McDade - September 04, 2020 at 05:49 AM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Dalton Blain
Merritt



Judy - September 04, 2020 at 01:29 AM

TS

“ I love y'all. 😭

Tommy scott - September 03, 2020 at 10:03 PM

ND

“ So sorry kiva!!! Ur in my thoughts n prayers..

Nikki Dunn - September 03, 2020 at 09:44 PM

DH

“ so young and what a sweet young man! You are now home. Fly high

Debra Herringdine - September 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DH

“ Debra Herringdine lit a candle in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt



Debra Herringdine - September 03, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JB

“ So sorry for ya loss kiva..i wish I was there with u in your time of need.. you will always be in my prayers..love ya girl and I miss u my friend

Jessica Bonner - September 03, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Kiva and Justin. I am keeping y'all in my prayers. Jean Brown

Jean Brown - September 03, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KB

“ Debby and family sorry for your loss.

Karen & Kenny Babb - September 03, 2020 at 07:24 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by all that knew him.
Rest in peace Dalton.

Donna A. Rose - September 03, 2020 at 07:06 PM

CD

“ Cynthia Decalongne lit a candle in memory of
Dalton Blain Merritt



cynthia decalongne - September 03, 2020 at 07:05 PM

CD

Kiva I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers continue for you , your your
family,.

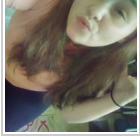
cynthia decalongne - September 03, 2020 at 07:07 PM

AL

“ Flyhigh Big dawg



alexis - September 03, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ - Baby you was literally my rock we did everything together. Why am I'm supposed to do this without you ? I'm sure gonna miss those beautiful blue eyes staring into mine. Im sure gonna miss you holding me and being the best fiancée a girl could ask for . I thank you for setting up when we got today and being Zaleahs FATHER and also tony and zoey step dad . You playing with the kids and doing everything in your power to make sure we was oka and made sure we had first . I'm so glad chose us to be your family , child , step children , and fiancée . Baby we love and miss you Soo much untill we meet again . FLY HIGH WITH POPS I KNOW HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE HIS BABY BOY !

Sophia Duarte - September 03, 2020 at 06:14 PM

JA

“ R.I.P Dalton may you rest I peace kiva and Sophia I'm so sorry for yall and the family my prayers are with yall



Jessa Aycock - September 03, 2020 at 05:40 PM

JC

“ Janice Pounds Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt



Janice Pounds Clark - September 03, 2020 at 05:29 PM

DO

“ *Donn Oxford lit a candle in memory of Dalton Blain Merritt*



Donn Oxford - September 03, 2020 at 05:24 PM