

## Life Reflections

Arnold Jerome Leslie, III also affectionately known as "Tre" aka "Trebo" life was taken suddenly and unexpectedly on April 6, 2020. Tre was 20 years young, he celebrated a birthday this year on January 27 was very excited about his plans. He was born into this world as Arnold Jerome Leslie, III named after his father Arnold Jerome Leslie, Jr (and paternal grandfather Arnold Sr.) and his birth mother Tsalane Bell in Conyers, GA and was the apple of his fathers' eyes. His smile lit up a room and he was a tough, smart and rambunctious little boy who enjoyed playing outside, animals and later at the age of 5 football.

Arnold started spending many summers and some holidays in Charlotte, NC and eventually moved there at the age of 10 years old with his father Arnold, Jr and devoted stepmother Kashica Leslie along with his 4 siblings which included an older brother. Tre continued playing pop warner football and played in championship games along side his brother and was coached at a point in time by his father. His love for the sport grew and grew and he got better and better also becoming a mentor to other players. Tre attended both Charter and Middle school in Charlotte, NC until his family relocated to Atlanta, GA initially where he attended and played football at Young Middle School Atlanta GA where he took the team to championship.

Our family moved soon after to Tucker, GA where Tre attended and graduated from Tucker Middle school and went on to attend, play football and graduate from Tucker High School where he also played in a few championship games including The Corky Kell Classic and earned many accolades relating to his awesome ability, sportsmanship and desire to be even greater in the field. Tre was a dedicated teammate, friend to many and mentor loved by students and staff. Tre earned a full scholarship immediately after high school to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY and then attended Iowa Western College in Council Bluff, IA.

Tre returned home November 2019 desiring to return to college summer of 2020 and be closer to family. He worked for a short period upon returning home as a laborer for Florida Concrete, Inc. He also had an immediate goal to try his hand at boxing. He was a go-getter often over accomplishing anything he put his mind to which is why he was well respected and admired. He was strong-willed and he loved God. He was a protector and made sure that anyone he cared about knew that he had their backs.

Tre is survived by two brothers Shawn Brown and Amari Leslie, four sisters Aaliyah Leslie, Aiyanna Key, Ammarah Leslie and Ava Leslie. His loving father Arnold Leslie, Jr. (Kashica), birth mother Tsalane Bell, grandparents Rhonda Smith, Arnold Leslie, Sr. (Cecelia), Cynthia Pressley (Ronnie) and Rosie Houston (Clarence) and Anne Williams, his high school sweetheart and future fiancé Ms. Shaniah Alexander as well as two nieces (Shawn) and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and teammates.

He is preceded in death by his beloved aunt Renee Newton (paternal) grandmothers Mary Hill (paternal), Annie Harris (paternal) and Katherine Bell (maternal), grandfather Maurice McKinney (paternal) and several uncles (paternal) and an aunt (paternal).