



Tidjani "TJ" Camara

June 17, 1982 - February 20, 2019

Services for Tidjani "TJ" Camara will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel with John Perry officiating. Burial will follow at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler, Texas under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Tidjani "TJ" Camara, 36, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in Tyler. He was born on June 17, 1982 in Libreville, Gabon to Sory and Marie Camara.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ibrahim and Aminata (Soumah) Camara, and Saliou and Sanaba Sampil. He will be forever cherished by his parents; his "favorite little sister" and her husband, Khady and Michael Harmon; his niece and nephew, Maria Michelle Harmon and John Tidjani Harmon; his brother, Zal Camara; and by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends he chose to call "family".

TJ immigrated to the U.S. from Senegal to attend college in 2002. He first attended Kilgore College where he received an Associate's Degree. He then continued on to the University of Texas at Tyler where he earned a Bachelor's Degree and later a Master's Degree in Science and Kinesiology. He achieved his American Dream when he opened his own gym, Massive Action Training, in Tyler.

TJ had an absolute passion for health and fitness. He created a life and a legacy of encouraging and challenging others to find and embrace their true potential. TJ was such an amazing role model of hard work and impeccable ethics. He was also a tireless servant to his adoptive community; volunteering at cancer awareness events, human rights organizations, and animal rescue organizations including the SPCA of East Texas where he adopted his “babies” Kobe, Jada, and Leo. TJ was an outstanding man that took great care of his family. We are so proud and blessed to have shared 36 years with him! His heart of gold, inspirational words and laughter will be engraved in the hearts of all who knew him. “We don’t all have equal opportunity. But we all have the opportunity to be better than we currently are.” – Chris Ross.

Visitation is scheduled one hour prior to the service on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Stewart Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his honor to the SPCA of East Texas, P.O. Box 132899, Tyler, TX 75713.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Tidjani "TJ" Camara



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 09, 2019 at 02:58 PM

JP

Date of birth was 1982, I didn't realize I said 1987

John Perry - March 10, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tidjani "TJ" Camara



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 06, 2019 at 09:21 AM



Diane Ahouefa

I remember the day I asked you to remove your dreadlocks!!! You started laughing and said "OK I will do that" I remember so many things!!!! Love you forever!!!!

Diane Ahouefa - March 13, 2019 at 09:37 AM



America
Wallis

“ It’s been 6 years since I lost you and although I keep telling myself the pain will go away it hasn’t. You were absolutely one of my best friends. Life happened but we both understood. I have always been so proud of you and I know you’re making a difference with your sweet contagious smile in Heaven. This year you would have been turning 42. I would have loved to send you a text calling you an old man just for you to tease back with something witty. God I just miss you.

America Wallis - May 13, 2025 at 05:11 AM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Tidjani "TJ" Camara



Loretta Martinez - May 09, 2019 at 01:57 PM

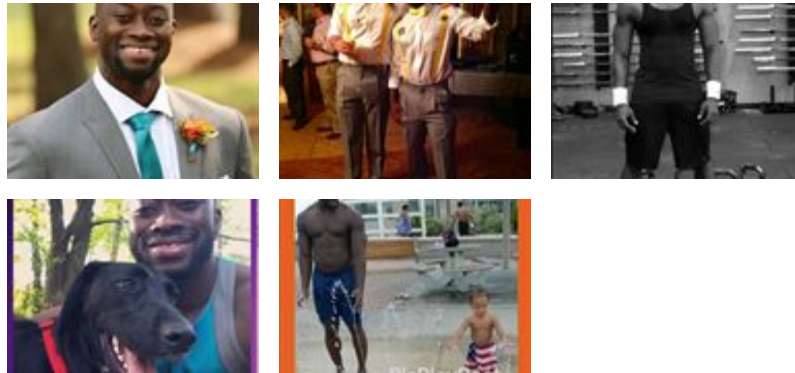
JT

“ We were close friends for many years. I will miss your brother. We laughed and we cried together. I will never ever forget him. He would tell me “you got this.” And I do. Love you and you can and shall RIP. Hug my mom for me. She is reall going to love TJ.. 🌹🙏

Jan Teel - March 05, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ 144 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 05, 2019 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ TJ, you're forever in our hearts and minds! I remember the first day I trained with you - I literally ran to the bathroom at Premier and thought I was going to throw up. 😭 Looking back, you were taking it easy on me. Thank you! I remember you telling me I had a gift of talking so much during a training session that it even made you forget we were working out. I remember you being so nervous that I didn't look at the box before box jumps. I can just hear that laugh and see that smile - worried that I was going to miss and hit my shins. I remember you becoming my friend, and no longer just my trainer! I remember you cracking up and that smile when you saw Einsteins's tricks. I remember you celebrating my LSAT scores with the whole crew and me before I went off to law school. I remember your heart, your smile, your love for people, your positivity! I remember the last time I got to hug you - at Fresh - it was so good to run into you unexpectedly. I remember the last time I heard your voice. TJ, I will miss you - I will miss your smile, your soul, your kindness, your everything. I'm so sad you had to go through hurt but I'm so happy you're with our Lord. See you soon, friend! I love you!

Ashley - March 05, 2019 at 12:11 AM

TD

“ Tamara Dominy lit a candle in memory of
Tidjani "TJ" Camara



Tamara Dominy - March 04, 2019 at 10:25 AM

SG

“ Susan Gardner lit a candle in memory of
Tidjani "TJ" Camara



Susan Gardner - February 28, 2019 at 04:58 PM

JK

“ Julie Killion lit a candle in memory of Tidjani
"TJ" Camara



Julie Killion - February 25, 2019 at 11:23 PM

ED

“ Emily Davis lit a candle in memory of Tidjani
"TJ" Camara



Emily Davis - February 25, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Rita Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Tidjani
"TJ" Camara



Rita Gilmore - February 25, 2019 at 04:41 PM



TJ, I will miss your contagious smile and words of encouragement during my workouts at Massive Action. You made workouts something to look forward to and I will never forget you. Thanks for making me want to improve my health. Workouts will not be the same, but I will keep on going knowing you will be watching and pushing from above.

Rita Gilmore - February 25, 2019 at 04:48 PM