



## Ms. Kaila Michelle Edwards

September 18, 2000 - August 15, 2015

### Reflections Of Kaila's Life:

Kaila Michelle Edwards was born September 18, 2000 in Southfield, Michigan to Marcus Edwards and Ivy McIlwain. Her birth was highly anticipated because her name was given to Ivy by God in a dream a year earlier.

Kaila's spiritual guidance began at Perfecting Church in Detroit under the direction of Bishop Elect Marvin L. Winans. It was there that her parents, recognizing she was a gift from God, dedicated her back to Him. She later joined Triumph Church with her mother and stepfather, Levie McIlwain where she served on the Hallal Dance Ministry and had the awesome opportunity to perform at the magnificent Fox Theatre.

Kaila was an inspiration to many and served as a testimony of God's healing grace. At the age of 3 she was diagnosed with a tumor on her brain. The prognosis given by the doctors was grim and her parents were told that she may lose the ability to use her facial muscles leaving her unable to smile. They were also told that she would have to learn to walk and speak again and would have a learning disability. But God.....

Kaila was an exemplary 10th grader at West Bloomfield High School. She maintained honor roll status during her entire student life. She was a recipient of the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.

Kaila enjoyed playing the clarinet which she played in band for 4 years. She was also part of the West Bloomfield Marching Band and had a remarkable time performing at the Band of America Competition in Dayton, Ohio and the State of Michigan competition at Ford Field.

Kaila was a hard worker and took pride in earning her own money. She worked at Palmer Park Golf Course where her interest in golf was piqued. Kaila was thrilled about earning a spot on the West Bloomfield golf team.

Kaila had an infectious personality and always greeted you with a big smile and hug. She loved all genres of music and insisted on entertaining her family with her singing and dancing. Kaila also had a heart for helping others and was excited about becoming a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Teens of Detroit Leadership Program to become actively involved in civic and social activities within her community. Kaila was generous with her love and it has been extended in her death. As a donor to Gift of Life, others will benefit from Kaila's eyes, heart and bone marrow.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48207

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Baptist Church East Campus  
2760 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48211

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Aug. **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Kaila Michelle Edwards*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I miss you and I love you so much. I think about you daily. prayers forever with the family.*

**Nadia Harris** - August 07, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *A beautiful child she made her mark on the world in the short time God placed her with us. She is in His arms now and will be forever loved.  
God bless your family.*

**Jerry Zawideh** - November 08, 2015 at 11:08 PM



“ *Kaila was my student during her 4th and 5th grade years at DEA. She was bright, beautiful, and one of the most well-mannered students that I have had in 13 years of teaching. I will miss her coming to visit me now and then at DEA. Kaila will be forever missed, but definitely never forgotten.*

**Tonja Kennedy** - September 03, 2015 at 12:14 AM

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“ *The Balancios lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kaila Michelle Edwards*



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**The Balancios** - August 30, 2015 at 08:11 AM

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“ *The Balancio Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kaila Michelle Edwards*



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**The Balancio Family** - August 30, 2015 at 08:10 AM

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“ *To the Edwards Family, our hearts and our prayers are with you at this time of the homegoing of your beautiful daughter. God continue to hold you in His arms and comfort you. Mr. and Mrs Fred Watkins*

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**Florence Watkins part of the BCN family** - August 29, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tenia and Kaila attended Montessori and grade school at DEA together. Tenia shared with me pictures from her 5th birthday celebration join by Kaila. Fond memories of such a beautiful soul.*



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**Tasha Squires, Tenia's Mom** - August 28, 2015 at 09:59 PM