



## Jaylen Malik Allen

*June 13, 1999 - June 1, 2021*

Jaylen Malik Allen was born June 13, 1999 at NW Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas to Adreano Montrell Allen and Stacie La Kindria Verdine. He and his family moved to Allen, Texas when he was three years old and he attended school in the Allen Independent School District from Kindergarten until he graduated in 2017. Jaylen was always a model student and an accomplished athlete during his tenure at Allen ISD; he also contributed to his community through community service initiatives, such as the City of Allen's Teen Court and Clean Up Project. Jaylen was a member of the choir at Boyd Elementary, the band and the National Junior Honor Society at Ereckson Middle School, and competed in both the Football and Track & Field programs at Allen High School. However, his main focus was always Track & Field. He showed an outstanding love for running at a very young age, even before entering school.

Jaylen attended Team Quest Track Club in high school under the guidance of Coach Donnell Hobbs. Coach Hobbs pushed Jaylen to qualify for a full sports scholarship, which he eventually earned to attend Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Jaylen entered Texas State University in the fall of 2017 with high hopes and aspirations of living out his dream. He loved the campus life and his new-found independence. He continued to thrive both academically and athletically, winning the Sunbelt Men's Outdoor Championship in 2019 with fellow athletes. Jaylen's teammates and coaches, as well as educators and friends admired him. He was a likeable person who most people enjoyed being around and would describe as a humble spirit who listened more than he did talk.

Once Jaylen became a member of the Texas State University Track & Field team, he was so proud of his position and very rarely would you see Jaylen without any attire sporting the Bobcats symbol. He always represented his team and talked about his coaches and teammates with adoration, especially Coaches Jody Stewart (Head Coach) and Ray Williams. Jaylen's parents and extended family members were equally proud of him, jumping at every opportunity to show off his latest accomplishments to friends, colleagues, and on social media. Jaylen met the love of his life, Chelsie Decoud during his freshman year at Texas State and was planning a life together with her post-graduation. He loved and admired her unconditionally and was never afraid to show that love in the presence of anyone.

Jaylen is survived by his parents, Adreano (Tasha) and Stacie; his siblings, Destiny Verdine, Joshua Allen, Jalen Allen,

and Anaya Allen; his grandparents, Jerry and Phyllis Nickerson; one niece, Stella Gatonye; his girlfriend, Chelsie Decoud; his uncles, John Harvey, Rodney Allen, and Patrick Hill; his aunts, Katrice Sally (Don), Patrice Renfrow (Terry), Tyonda Hill-Deaver (Sherilyn), Natria Allen, Ebony Harvey, and Essence Harvey. Also, a host of other cousins, teammates, coaches, and educators.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Jaylen's obituary page by clicking on the following link: <https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/jaylen-malik-allen>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Memorials

*Man you messed me up with this one family. Your baby boy ain't holding up too well right now even though I know you are still by my side like Day 1! Forever my brother's keeper. I love you bro, won't ever forget you.*



**WAKA (JOSHUA), SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

*My deepest condolences to my friend Adreano and his family...I am praying for you during this time.*

**LANIKA DOYLE, JUNE 21, 2021**

*Rest in heaven to this kind soul!*

**RAMIAH CAMPBELL, JUNE 15, 2021**

*Jaylen — I miss you so much. You were the most perfect cousin and everyday I'm thinking about every single memory we've had. You were the best. And even though you were busy, I know that you loved me. We miss you Jay. So much. I love you so much.*

**BRITTANI WICKER, JUNE 15, 2021**

*Jaylen was my student and he was such a special person. He was an excellent student, with such a great spirit, attitude, and smile always. I kept up with his accomplishments on the track, and always hugged his neck and checked that he was good when I saw him around campus. I hope he knows I was so proud of him. What an honor to have taught this extraordinary young man. He was a*

*blessing to all who knew him.*

**AMY PERRY, JUNE 9, 2021**

*Our deepest and most sincere condolences to Jaylen Allen and his family.  
Peace Jaylen.*

**JOEL AND TERRI GUTIERREZ (RONNIE BRISCOE'S GOD PARENTS), JUNE 9, 2021**

*My condolences, Jaylen was very love by Chilse's family. We no, no time on earth last forever god call his children home when he's ready. We just need to pray for strength every day to get by. By gods grace you will be strengthened to the highest god hold for you. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

**LATOYA HILLIARD, JUNE 9, 2021**

*Rest easy, It was a blessing to have you as a teammate.*

**KEN, JUNE 9, 2021**

*To Jay, I wanna thank you for the two years that I got with you, in just that short time you became a friend to me, you became a role model to me, you simply became just someone that I was excited to see every day. No matter what, everyday we saw each other at practice you would always put that big pretty smile on your face and say "Hey Ebb how are you" and I would always smile back and say "Wassup Jay I'm good." Although those small words don't seem like much, they always meant so much to me. I'm gonna miss your little bouncy walk and you never looking tired no matter how much you ran. Thank you Jay for being the best teammate, role model and friend that anyone could have ever asked for. May you rest now KING and watch over us all. Love, Ebb*

**EBONY WOLRIDGE , JUNE 9, 2021**

*To jaylen families members I want to say my condolences and keep strong. I will continue to pray for the lord to give y'all strength to go through these hard times. I love you all.*

**CHRISTINE IRVING , JUNE 9, 2021**

*This is my first year at TXST. Jaylen you were so humble, I hardly heard you talk. You worked so hard at practice, you never give you always pushing yourself to the best of your potential. I always mess up your name because I am not good at names so I call you by our other teammate names that is close*

*to yours. The few times we get to communicate you always said positive words to me and you always motivated me. I just want to say thank you and you will be missed dearly. Sleep in paradise.*

**CHRISTINE IRVING, JUNE 9, 2021**

*It was a blessing to have known you Jaylen and watch you grow over the past years with track and your academics. Your memory will always carry on in everyone you touched. I thank you for being such a wonderful friend and brother to my Ronnie. I will remember all the good times you both had and that beautiful smile of yours. This is not goodbye but see you later sweet Jaylen, until then rest in peace.*

**DESIREE BRISCOE, JUNE 9, 2021**

*To the family I give you my thoughts and prayers. I had the pleasure of serving as his graduate advisor and mentor through the AAC for a semester while I worked at Texas State. Jaylen was one of the most humble, and respectable young men I'd ever encountered. I took joy in meeting with him on a week-to-week basis. He will truly be missed and he's left such a legacy and lasting impression at the AAC,*

**CHRISTIAN TEAGUE, JUNE 9, 2021**

*I will miss you Jay. Fly high. Your impact on my life will always be one of the greatest impacts.*

**AMAYA BROWN, JUNE 9, 2021**

*Words cannot describe the sorrow I wish to share for the Allen family. The loss of a child is tough, especially so suddenly. To the Allen family, you raised a great young man who was always respectful and, as many can attest to, had a smile that could brighten a room. There is not a time when I saw him that he did not have that smile on his face, while working to improve himself. As a member of the athletic academic staff here at Texas State, I mourn the loss of Jaylen but also celebrate the life he had. He has left a lasting legacy here at the university and embodies the reason I love my job. To Chelsie, your bobcat family is and will always be here for you. Seeing you two together was truly something special. I could see how much you loved him, and he loved you.*

*You are not alone my dear, Jay is walking with you and every step you take.*

**KEVIN AJE, JUNE 9, 2021**

*My thoughts and prayers to the family and girlfriend Chelsie. Jaylen had the most amazing presence about him. An unstoppable attitude that was positive and compassionate to everyone he encountered. Not only was he a great student-athlete but an outstanding individual. It was an honor and privilege to work with Jaylen at Texas State and I know his inspirational impact will continue to live on. May he Rest In Peace*

**DANIELLE GLEASON, JUNE 9, 2021**

*May you fly high with the angels and continue to watch over your mother and father and siblings who needs you here on earth. We love and will miss you dearly Aunt Iesha*

**IESHA STEWART, JUNE 9, 2021**

*Jay was truly a legend. He inspired me to keep going in track and I can't thank him enough for helping me see it through. Without him I wouldn't be the man I am today.*

**MYLES ANDERS, JUNE 8, 2021**

*R.I.H. one of God's fastest angels.*

**DAMIEN HILLARD, JUNE 8, 2021**

*Sending our sincere condolences and prayers during this troubling time. My husband and I had the pleasure of meeting Jaylen during track & field activities both in High School and with Team Quest. He and our son Glenn were members of both the 4x100 and 4x200 record setting teams at Allen High School, ran together with Team Quest and kept in touch post high school. Jaylen was a very nice, humble and respectable young man that will surely be missed. Our family will keep your family in our prayers as you all work through this loss. Love, The Bender's (Ron, Glynette, Glenn and Lauryn)*

**THE BENDER FAMILY, JUNE 8, 2021**

*You are and forever be the Bother N Law I wished to have met. Just knowing of you through Chelsie made the difference. I see now how your light shined through everything you came in contact with. Rest In Heaven Jaylen, for you*

*have earned your wings. You have done what God has asked of you, and now have heard His words. "Well Done My Son, Come Home." I will keep your family and friends in my prayers.*

**JOSHUA SMITH SR., JUNE 8, 2021**

*Oftentimes when we lose someone, there is incredible sorrow and devastating pain. There's a looming sense that the individual has gone too soon or that there were many things left undone. Of course it's normal to experience sadness with the loss of any loved one no matter young or old, but knowing that a person lived their life to the fullest and shared their light and love with the world can make it a little easier to accept their transition. Job well done Jaylen for God is pleased! Matthew 25:21*

**LINDSAY PAUL-BOLTON, JUNE 8, 2021**

*To know Jaylen was to love him. Such a great soul and sweet person. God took his time when he created you. Im so greatfully for the little time I did get to share with you. I always told you That Coach stewart would put you in the 400 group after your freshman year, and what do you know , The very next year you're runnng the 400! You will truly be missed ! Fly high Jaylen, Fly high with much love -Shae*

**DAWN SHAE EVANS, JUNE 8, 2021**

*My deepest sympathy to you all. Jaylen was a joy and it was pure pleasure to have him pop into my office from time to time. His smile and warmth was always uplifting and there were days he just seemed to know when I needed someone to pop in and smile and say hi. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, especially Chelsie. I really enjoyed having her work here in the AAC and I often think about her.*

**TRACY HOOVER, JUNE 8, 2021**

*Your genuine loving spirit will be remembered forever! Team Quest for life!*

**DEONCA BOOKMAN, JUNE 7, 2021**

*On behalf of the entire Team Quest Family, we are deeply sadden and we will continue to pray with and for the family. I am very honored to be a part of Jaylen's legacy. He was a great person and outstanding athlete. Definitely a*

*model for others to follow. Heaven has a good one!*

**DONNELL HOBBS, JUNE 7, 2021**

*Om behalf of the entire Team Quest Family we are very sadden by the departure of one of our family members. I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to coach and mentor Jaylen. He was a model athlete and a great person who represented his family very well at all times. He will be missed by all but heaven got a good one!*

**DONNELL HOBBS, JUNE 6, 2021**

*Our hearts go out to the family of Jaylen Allen. You were such a wonderful wonderful young man. We will miss seeing you at the college track meets. Rest In Heaven Jaylen. We love you! The Fazarro Family!*

**ANGELA FAZARRO, JUNE 5, 2021**

*My heart goes out to the family of Jaylen Allen. Jaylen was such wonderful young man. My oldest son Asante ran track with him at Allen H.S and hold two records with him. We will miss seeing him at some of the college track meets. My husband Dominick would always keep track of his track meet accomplishments. Rest In Heaven Jaylen. You will be missed. We love you! The Fazarro Family!*

**ANGELA FAZARRO, JUNE 5, 2021**

*Thank you for blessing my life with your presence. It was an honor to be one of your athletic academic advisors at Texas State. You were always a breath of fresh air who worked extremely hard. You earned your wings in Heaven and you won the ultimate race. Never goodbye just see you later in Heaven, Jaylen.*

**SHANNON MARSHALL, JUNE 4, 2021**

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