

*On Loving Memory
of
Josiah Nilio-Troy Correa
"Boobie"*

*Sunrise
September 28, 2005*

*Sunset
February 9, 2014*



Obituary



A TIME TO BE BORN: Josiah Correa known to his family as "Boobie," was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Josiah came into the world bright-eyed and looking all around and, was named by his Great-Aunt Sharon Burgess, who was told by God that he was to be called Josiah after King Josiah in the Bible II Chronicles 34. He was the only child born to Nilio Correa and Troyvonne Hamilton.

A TIME TO KNOW GOD WAS IN CHARGE: Six days after birth, when Josiah arrived at the doctor's office the nurse saw Josiah and yelled to Dr. Ahmad, Josiah's Pediatrician, "Doctor you got

to see this baby; he is orange." That day we learned Josiah's bilirubin level (jaundice) was too high. Another test confirmed he must be admitted to the hospital immediately. He was admitted to the Integris Baptist Neonatal Intensive Care Unit that evening for an immediate blood exchange and treatment under the "blue lights." Neurological damage to Josiah's Basal Ganglia area of the brain had occurred. Eighteen months later, we learned, Josiah had the most preventable brain injury that can happen to any newborn, a preventable brain injury called Kernicterus. The test to prevent this tragic disease cost only \$1, and as Josiah learned the hard way, this disease causes you to suffer throughout your life. Every newborn throughout the world deserves to be tested before they go home from the hospital.

A TIME TO LEARN: Josiah received therapeutic and educational services from Sooner Start up to the age of three. He went onto attend Washington Irving Elementary School in Edmond, Oklahoma from preschool to Kindergarten. On weekends he played soccer with the Top Soccer League in Edmond,

TO SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD: "Boobie attended People's Church; He enjoyed the fellowship with other children his age and grade. He had a smile to share with everyone he came in contact with. Even though his body was trapped with uncontrollable muscle movements, his spirit could not be contained. Josiah was confined to his wheelchair, but the love God gave him reached people with just his beautiful smile. God gave Josiah a smile, and that smile attracted so many people to him. Kernicterus may have had his body, but did not have his spirit. "Boobie" never let his illness hold him back from showing the world that we do not need to let our limitations and disabilities define us, but let God use us to show His love in our lives.

A TIME TO BE REBORN: Josiah is preceded in death by his maternal Great-Grandparents Milton and Earlee Hamilton, Great-Grandparents Benjamin and Ennis Robinson, his Great-Aunt Sharon Burgess, Great-Uncle Harvey Robinson, Cousins Brian and Brenee Gardner, paternal Great-Grandmother Lydia Niedo, Great-Grandfather Luis Correa, Great-Great grandfather Beinvenidos Correa, Great-Uncle Malcolm Niedo, Great-Aunt Elvira Niedo.

Josiah leaves to mourn in his passing: his mother, Troyvonne Hadiya-Lea Hamilton of Oklahoma City, Daddy, Nilio Louis Correa-Diaz, Jr. (Cache, OK). His Maternal Grandparents Troy and Jackie Hamilton (Oklahoma City, OK) his paternal grandparents Nilio and Fedora Correa (Rio Grande, Puerto Rico and Cache, OK), his Uncles Troy "Harry" Hamilton of Oklahoma City, OK, Uncle Theo Niedo, Aunts Meleia Niedo and Fedora Niedo of Oklahoma City, OK. BFF Special Cousins: Latrell and Takia Robinson, Melakii Brown and Jeremiah Hamilton of Oklahoma City, OK, and a hosts of great aunts & uncles, cousins, and friends.

