



Aren Charles Craft

January 2, 2000 - February 8, 2024

Aren Charles Craft was born on January 2, 2000 in Norwalk Hospital, Our new millennium baby! If you ever met him, you were immediately drawn to his bright smile, outgoing personality, and amazing spirit. And you couldn't help but marvel at his latest hairstyle, whether it was a ponytail, braids, afro, fade, or as he got older, the color of the month. Aren always marched to the beat of his own drum, that he insisted he play himself. From the time he was able to talk, having a conversation with him was like speaking with a miniature adult. Aren went to New Canaan Country School (NCCS) until eighth grade because he was so popular, he sometimes spent more weekends at friends' houses than at home. But despite this, his empathetic soul also led him to spend time with even the shyest of kids. They loved Aren, and their parents adored him. He excelled on both the NCCS baseball and basketball teams, as well as the Norwalk Bidy Basketball and Cranbury Baseball Leagues. Next, Aren went to Pomfret, a boarding school in upstate Connecticut where he was vice president of his graduating class. In 2014, he and his brother Jaylen helped their dad write a book called "The Offenders: Saving the World While Serving Detention!" and were some of the first authors to sign at An Unlikely Story, a bookstore owned by Jeff Kinney ("Diary of a Wimpy Kid"). Even as a kid he unphased by doing live TV interviews. In fact, nothing seemed to phase him. Aren is a graduate of Bentley University where he received his undergraduate degree in Marketing with a minor in psychology. Aren was a Descendant of Lieutenant Rueben House, a Patriot in the American Revolution (SC) and

member of the CAR - Captain Stephen Betts & Captain David Hawley Societies. And was Society President of Captain Stephen Hawley 2017-2018. Aren was an amazing son to Autier & Jerry Craft, a loving little brother to Jaylen, a precious grandson to Charles & Pauline Craft, and Geneva McBeth & Thomas Allen, and a caring soul to the family beagles Snoopy and Dexter. He loved music, working out, nature, cooking, eating, writing. And he especially loved to laugh. Aren was also an avid reader. He loved fashion. He loved to travel. He was a huge Marvel fan. And he loved both Xbox and PlayStation. But he really loved rooting for his beloved Knicks, Giants, and Yankees. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be held Wednesday February 14, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Grace Baptist Church, 17 West Ave., Norwalk, CT. officiating Rev. Dr. Linsey E. Curtis. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Norwalk, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Baptist Church
17 West Ave
Norwalk, CT 06854-2208
(203) 838-5717

Service

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ Dear Jerry Craft and Family, I am so deeply saddened to learn about Aren. Please accept my deepest heartfelt condolences, I am keeping you and your family in prayer. There are no words. I'm sending you all love, hugs and light. Sincerely, Elaine M. Brown



Elaine Brown - February 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM

RM

“ Blessings. Comfort. Prayers. Strength. Love. Grief. Memories. Legacies. Light. Peace.

*Love, Blessings and Support,
Rhonda Joy McLean-Craig*

Rhonda Joy McLean - February 17, 2024 at 12:16 AM

RS

“ Dearest Autier, Jerry , and Jaylen,
We are heartbroken to hear about Aren. We will always remember Aren and your family for the the kindness you showed Rory at NCCS.

*All our love,
Robin, Mathis and Rory Shinnick*

Robin Shinnick - February 16, 2024 at 02:43 PM

NF

“ Jerry,
My deepest sympathies over your loss. May peace find you in time.
Nick Friedman

Nick Friedman - February 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM

SH

“ Our first memory of Aren is of him being a spunky, happy friend to all. Condolences to Autier, Jerry and Jaylen. May Aren rest in peace.

The Harris-Azor family

S. Harris - February 15, 2024 at 12:28 PM

CB

“ Jerry, Autier and Jaylen, We are holding you in our hearts and our prayers. You poured so much love into Aren, and he gave you so much joy. The love continues and I hope your many happy memories bring you comfort at this difficult time. Wrapping our arms around you...Love, Cathy, John, Peter and Jamie Bonczek

Cathy Bonczek - February 14, 2024 at 10:17 PM

BG

“ Craft Family, my daughter was in the same class at Pomfret with Aren. She is devastated thinking of the loss of your sweet son. Aren was a good friend to Berkeley. He was someone she leaned on in hard times, someone who would listen. He was authentic, caring, fun-loving, and supportive. There are no words that I can share to ease your pain, but please know that we will never forget Aren nor the impact he has had on so many. Sending prayers and love as you navigate the grief. I am so, so sorry.

Berkeley Gardner - February 14, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DL

My Deepest Condolences 🥺🙏🥹💔🕊️ Sissy to you and the family.i am so sorry for your loss.. 🙏.. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.ILU...

Diane Margaret Lizasuain - February 17, 2024 at 10:02 PM

IW

My deepest and sincere condolences to you Jerry Autir and Jaylen.. May the peace of God that passes all understanding rest upon you. I know this is a time of grief and sadness and a do grieve with you guys. Just know that God loves you. May he Rest In Peace 🙏😊💪🕊️❤️👉 please stay with God as your strength. God will see you through. Iris Wallace

Iris Wallace - February 19, 2024 at 11:01 PM

TB

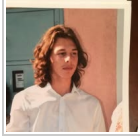
“ *Our hearts are broken Jerry, Autier and Jaylen. RIP Aren. Trisha and Mya*

Trisha Barron - February 14, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *With the devastating passing of your beloved son and brother we offer up Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you Autier Jerry Jalen and all who knew and loved this dynamic young man Aren. May the LORD strengthen, keep and comfort you all during this most difficult time 🙏 Cheryl Goodwin and Family.*

Cheryl Elizabeth - February 14, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *My most sincerest heartfelt condolences. Aren’s smile, spirit, & infectious laugh will be dearly missed. He is as bright & caring as anyone can be. Much love as myself & all of his dear friends at Bentley will miss him dearly*❤️



Arlind Shehu - February 14, 2024 at 09:00 AM

CA

“ *Craft Family - The loss of your precious son Aren is a loss felt by all who knew him. May the love and memories you shared bring some measure of comfort during this difficult time. Whatever you need, I'm standing by. Our heartfelt condolences. Autier you would always refer to your boys as your moon and stars so continue to look up to the sky to find Aren there continuing to shine his light.*

*Loves,
Candice, Nate, Tyler and baby Bella*

Candice - February 14, 2024 at 01:33 AM

CB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Claudette Blot - February 14, 2024 at 01:01 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the album Pomfret's Aren Craft - S. Davis



Steve Davis - February 13, 2024 at 11:07 PM

RD

“ We've shared so much through the years and I'm here now to share the weight of your loss. Whatever you need, I'm standing by. Our/my heartfelt condolences. Your baby will always be with you close to your ❤️
Roni Davis and family 🙏🙏🙏

Ronica Davis - February 13, 2024 at 07:51 PM

CF

“ To The Family,
Aren will forever shine light in your hearts.
Starlight, Sunlight, Candlelight, Northern
Lights, Moonlight, & Streetlights.
Continue To Shine Bright Sir Aren ✨🕊️



Chicki Jackson & Family - February 13, 2024 at 07:34 PM

KG

“ *Autier and family,*

I am incredibly sorry for the loss of your son, Aren. Please accept my deepest condolences. Your son will always be remembered as a cherished part of this world, and may his memory bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Karla Gadley (Vivian Tyler's Sister)

Karla Gadley - February 13, 2024 at 06:51 PM

AS

“ *On behalf of your sisters in Norwalk-Village Green chapter, NSDAR, I send all of our most sincere condolences for this tragic loss. You are in our prayers and we will support you, our beloved sister, forever, Autier.*

Alice Schroeder - February 13, 2024 at 04:44 PM

DY

“ *Have my condolences, this family from Columbia, SC. Praying 🙏 for the family and his friends.*

Delores Jamison Yarbrough - February 13, 2024 at 04:33 PM

ES

*My sincere condolences to the family of Aren Craft. My prayers are with the entire family. Aren will be missed by many
Edna Sutton*

Edna S Sutton - February 13, 2024 at 07:15 PM

LM

“ On behalf of CTDAR, I send sincere condolences to the Craft Family. There aren't really words but I want you to know that we are heart broken for your loss of Aren. We love you, Autier. If there is anything we can do to help you, please please let us know.

*Lisa Melland
CTDAR State Regent*

Lisa Melland - February 13, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JK

“ The Keefe family sends its love and support during this difficult time. Remembering seeing your kids on trips up to Connecticut or when you'd come down to Long Beach. Kids just running around the house while we sat down and just tried to take a breath and relax. Seems so long ago and just like yesterday both at the same time. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



Jim Keefe - February 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM

PD

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Aren was an amazing friend to Matthew at NCCS. We always loved for Aren to come over to our house and hang out with Matthew. He was always kind, fun and an amazing kid. Our deepest condolences. Love, Patti, Jim, Matthew and Lydia Dormer

Patti Dormer - February 13, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *The Wallace family is holding Autier, Jerry and Jaylen in prayer. We are so very sorry to hear of Aren’s passing. He is a love that transcends time and space and we hope that you are covered in beautiful memories of the brilliant life you each gave him as a son and brother on earth and look to the heavens to marvel at him amongst the stars any night you seek comfort. God bless and keep you all. Love & light,*
Adrienne

Adrienne Wallace - February 12, 2024 at 09:21 PM

PM

We are crushed. There’s no getting around it. But Aren’s light, openness, soaring joy, incandescent spirit, huge heart, ready laugh, and infinite kindness live on in the Mendoza family because he touched us all. We hope this poem will give you some measure of comfort in the days and years ahead.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep^{[L][SEP]}
I am not there; I do not sleep^{[L][SEP]}
I am a thousand winds that blow^{[L][SEP]}
I am the diamond glints on snow^{[L][SEP]}
I am the sun on ripened grain^{[L][SEP]} I am the gentle autumn rain^{[L][SEP]} When
you awaken in the morning’s hush^{[L][SEP]}
I am the swift uplifting rush^{[L][SEP]}
Of quiet birds in circled flight^{[L][SEP]}
I am the soft stars that shine at night^{[L][SEP]}
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
^{[L][SEP]} I am not there; I did not die.*

By Mary Elizabeth Frye

We love Aren forever. ❤️

Pat Mendoza - February 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

BL

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Craft Family, we are very saddened for your Loss. Yours in Christ, Rev. Curtis and Betty Langley of North Carolina* 🙏



Betty Langley - February 12, 2024 at 05:42 PM