



## Tatiana Royal

March 20, 1995 - August 28, 2024

Tatiana Royal, 29, of Bluffton, IN, and her unborn daughter, Stormy C. Royal, were welcomed into the loving arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the morning of Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Born on March 20, 1995, in Bluffton, IN, Tatiana was the cherished daughter of Christopher Eugene Velez and Vonnetta (Royal) Zalac. As the eldest of four siblings, she naturally took on a nurturing role, which inspired her passion for cooking and baking. She loved to share her delicious creations with her family and friends.

Tatiana graduated from Bluffton High School in 2014, where she was a member of the softball, swim, and cheerleading teams. She then went on to study business at Ivy Tech. Alongside her interest in business, she expressed her creativity through hair styling, makeup, music, and dancing. Bilingual and deeply proud of her Chicano heritage, Tatiana embraced her culture with pride. She was also a devoted member of Hope Missionary Church.

There were those who held a special place in Tatiana's heart, such as her Aunt Vonita, her children, and her mother. Tatiana and her aunt shared a deep bond, living together for four years and spending countless evenings having heart-to-heart conversations by the fire and enjoying peaceful naps together. With her children, Annah'Bella and Messiah, Tatiana loved engaging in arts and crafts and taking on DIY projects, creating cherished memories. Tatiana also shared a special connection with her mother, enjoying travels together where they embraced new traditions, foods, and experiences.

Tatiana leaves behind a loving family, including her parents, Christopher Velez of Huntington, IN, and Vonnetta and Shawn Zalac of Bluffton, IN; her adoring grandparents, Vonda Deus of Bluffton, IN, and Guadalupe R. Vallejo of Roanoke, IN, as well as her bonus grandfather, Charles Zalac of FL. She is also survived by her beloved brothers, Miguel Arriaga and Tomas M. Arriaga, both of Bluffton, IN, Marcello D. Arriaga of Jacksonville, FL., her twin brothers, Maddon & Leyton Velez and her brother, Riley Velez. Tatiana's two cherished children, Annah'Bella Jo Royal and Messiah Amor Royal, will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

Her legacy is further carried by her aunts, Vonita Royal of Bluffton, IN, and Via Lee of Tulsa, OK, as well as her cousins, Vonda Royal of Louisville, KY, as well as Danetta Bailey and De-Jah Clark of Columbus, OH. She is fondly remembered by her nieces, Ivy Sutton and Verena Sutton, Amelia Velez and her nephew, Gianni Arriaga. Tatiana's memory will also be honored by her bonus dad, Miguel Arriaga, Jr. of Fort Wayne, IN, who played a significant role in her life, as well as her Godparents, Ken and Sharlene Honegger of Bluffton, IN, and her best friend, Taeler Allen.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, James Swearngen and Kathleen M. Vallejo, and her great-grandparents, William and Ermal Royal. Visitation will take place on Thursday, September 5, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, with funeral services immediately following at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to an educational fund for Tatiana's children, payable to Vonnetta Zalac.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of the Lemler family at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends are invited to send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hope Missionary Church  
429 E. Dustman Rd.  
Bluffton, IN

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hope Missionary Church  
429 E. Dustman Rd.  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tatiana Royal*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 06, 2024 at 02:42 PM

JH

“ *You will be missed. On to your next adventure.*



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**Jeremy C Heaston** - September 09, 2024 at 04:29 AM

JH

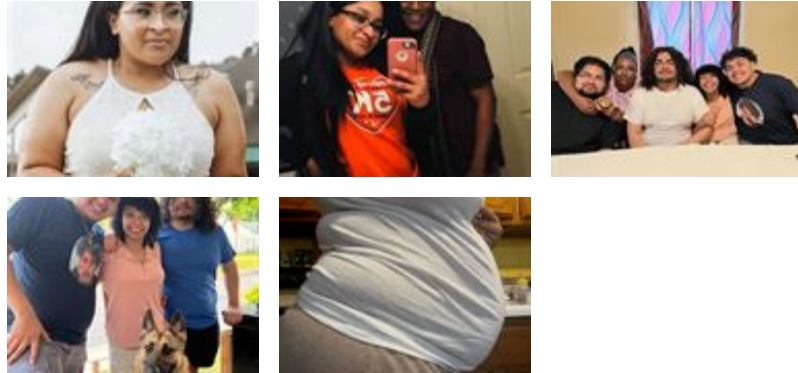
“ *Tt was a beautiful and intelligent young woman. Always smiling, and had a great energy about her*



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**Jeremy C Heaston** - September 09, 2024 at 04:28 AM



“ 110 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 04, 2024 at 05:15 PM

NR

“ *Nathan, Melissa and Linda Royal purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



**Nathan, Melissa and Linda Royal** - September 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM

RA

“ *Our sincere condolences to your family on the loss of your beloved Tatiana. The staff of Wells County Community Corrections.*

**Raine** - September 03, 2024 at 09:04 AM

ME

“ *Our sincere condolences to your family on the loss of your beloved Tatiana.*

**Mettler** - September 03, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



September 03, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ *Love, Veronica Velez purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



**Love, Veronica Velez** - September 02, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ *Charles & Mary Zalac purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



**Charles & Mary Zalac** - September 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM



“ *I'll never forget the day Vonnetta brought Tatiana to meet me. She was so tiny and beautiful! I held her and that tiny, beautiful little baby just lifted her head right up and started talking to me like she knew what she was talking about. I just couldn't believe all that was coming out of that tiny little thing! Aunt Carman loves you babygirl! I hope my precious babygirl was there to greet you!*

**Carman Shively** - September 02, 2024 at 11:40 AM

CP

“ *Oh sweet baby girl we met in YSB and our memories were amazing. I love you so big bby <3 fly high you will forever be missed*

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**Chelsea Phillips** - September 02, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Susie King lit a candle in memory of Tatiana Royal*



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**Susie King** - September 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

VV

“ *My heart hurts, Ur gonna be missed so much cuddy...we love u! You've reminded us all how important it is to stay in touch with 1 another.*

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**Vincente Velez** - August 31, 2024 at 10:46 PM

VV

“ *Vincente Velez lit a candle in memory of Tatiana Royal*



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**Vincente Velez** - August 31, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Tatiana Royal.



August 30, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ Summit Logistics, Inc. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Tatiana Royal.



Summit Logistics, Inc. - August 30, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Summit Logistics, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tatiana Royal.

Summit Logistics, Inc. - August 30, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ You were such an amazing friend and person all the way around. My prayers for you all.



Ashley Columbus - August 30, 2024 at 08:30 AM

FM

“ *My condolences to your family and may your soul rest easy.*



Farrah Mayo - August 30, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AJ

“ *Aunt Marcy ,Alberto, Monica & Alberto Jr purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



Aunt Marcy ,Alberto, Monica & Alberto Jr - August 29, 2024 at 11:04 PM

RV

“ *Riley Velez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Tatiana Royal.*



Riley Velez - August 29, 2024 at 09:32 PM

KM

“ *Tatiana was such a beautiful soul and had a laugh that could not be forgotten. I send my deepest condolences and prayers to her children and family at this time! Rest In Paradise my beautiful friend* □



Kelsey Miller - August 29, 2024 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ shelby macias lit a candle in memory of  
Tatiana Royal



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**shelby macias** - August 29, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Stacey West lit a candle in memory of Tatiana  
Royal



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**Stacey West** - August 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM

MZ

*With deepest sympathy to the Royal Family! Sending hugs and prayers*  
🙏❤️ Mary and Charles Zalac

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**Mary Zalac** - August 29, 2024 at 06:24 PM

TW

“ Tiffany Waters lit a candle in memory of  
Tatiana Royal



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**Tiffany Waters** - August 28, 2024 at 06:14 PM

RA

“ *Ruth allen lit a candle in memory of Tatiana  
Royal*



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**Ruth allen** - August 28, 2024 at 04:09 PM