



Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero

February 4, 1995 - September 8, 2024

Ciara Marie (Rucker) Nero was born on February 4, 1995, to Cornelius and Karen Rucker in Kansas City, MO. Ciara grew up in Kansas City, MO within a religious family and accepted Christ in her life at an early age. Ciara attended the Kansas City School District. She received early recognition and was honored as being a gifted and talented student. She graduated from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy in 2013. After graduating high school, she went on to attend college at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. Ciara was gifted with musical talents and while attending William Jewell, she was part of the gospel and concert choirs, which are a highly selective ensemble composed of the very best choral singers. Ciara received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 2016. Culminating her education in 2019, she graduated with a Master's degree in Education from John Hopkins University.

Ciara began her teaching career for Uplift Education Charter School District in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area. She was part of the inaugural class of Urban Teacher residents in Uplift as a part of the John Hopkins University program. When her residency was completed, she joined Uplift Wisdom Secondary. She was the first 8th grade Math teacher for the campus. For seven years, she taught various levels of math for middle school and high school students. Ciara was truly dedicated and desired to have an impact in shaping the minds and lives of her students. She impacted hundreds of students' lives because she was doing something that she loved. After several

years of teaching, Ciara advanced in her career by taking on various leadership roles. She became the Math department chair, where she made contributions by establishing the Diploma Program (DP) math program. She was a part of the Leadership network program for the Fort Worth area and made contributions to the STEM program. She became one of the International Baccalaureate DP Coordinators for Uplift Wisdom Preparatory, where she carried out effective leadership and administrative functions of the IBDP Program. Throughout her teaching career she received many awards and high recognition for her dedication and teaching performance.

In October 2020, Ciara married Deron Nero in Kansas City, MO at Boone Tabernacle COGIC, where they were members. To this union a son was born, Deron Nero Jr. Ciara loved her family, she was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She looked forward to family outings, creating moments of laughter, and spending quality time with her family watching movies. She also enjoyed reading, traveling, shopping and singing. She attended One Community Church, in Dallas, TX with her family where she served on the praise team.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Floyd (Jake) Steeby and her maternal grandmother, Rosa Mary Wells.

Ciara leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: her husband, Deron Nero; her son, Deron Nero Jr; her father and mother Cornelius and Karen Rucker; mother-in-law Diane McCray; her grandmother, Mary Steeby; her siblings Michael Coats (Erin); Carlos Jones; Channel Smith (Reginald Sr); Chontae Rucker; Constance Rucker; brothers-in-law James McCray; Anthony Nero; sister-in-law D'Adria Dixon (Tyrone); as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, loved ones and friends.

Funeral services Saturday, September 21, at 11:00am at Boone Tabernacle Church of God In Christ. Interment Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation 10:00am-

11:00am at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ
1317 E 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 471-0955

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KA

“ Hello, I recently bought a digital camera on Ebay that has over 600+ family photos and selfies on it from around 2010-2011 that I believe belonged to Ciara. I saw her name and birthday in one of the photos and found this obituary and want to send love and prayers for everyone's loss. I tried reaching out to some people on Facebook but didn't receive a response so I'm posting this with the hopes that someone sees. The person who sold them to me has no connection to the family and told me I could just delete them, but I didn't want to delete the photos without offering them to her loved ones first. If anyone is interested in them please let me know. Thank you.

Kayla - May 06 at 08:36 AM

LO

“ I had a dream , it wasnt normal. It's normal to see you in my dreams but not in the way that I seen you . I didn't see u this time . Only your hand . And I held it . Then it slowly faded away . I did the research. And my dream turn out to be true .



This shit hurts . Every thing about you was a dream come true . I'm glad someone got to experience you , and I hope he took care of you . Mentally physically and emotionally. I did watch the service .its been 2 days Im broken , I can't eat , I can't sleep . Haven't cried and 3 years . Now I can't stop .

I wish I would've made the right choice . I wish I was able to be there for you in all of your hard moments. I wish I was able to just be there for you in general. I wanted to see you atleast one more time . So much happened in 6 1/2 years and everyone one of those years my heart would cry out . So loud that my words would reach you . Even with the respectful declines knowing you were ok put me off just for another year until....

I wouldve showed up to the service if I'd known, & no one was going to stop me. You have a very handsome son . Seeing you smile with him in your arms made me smile because I know that's something you wanted ! Well that matching tattoo we talked about getting. I'll be getting it tomorrow . I have so much to say but I know this won't ever reach you.

You were and still are the most beautiful being I've ever met ,8th wonder of this natural world . That's inside and out .

I hope you where loved with everything ounce of energy around you until you where called home. I still have hope I'll see you again . So I won't let go . It's something I have to tell you that I should've told you but never did . So until I can tell you . I'll See you in another life love 🍍

Lorēnzo - April 04 at 04:02 AM

CI

“ My name twin, oh to see this, is definitely a bitter sweet feeling. YOU FOUGHT HARD! Rest in God's love! My prayers are with your family.

Ciara - November 18, 2024 at 01:20 PM

NL

“ Nancy & John, Josh & Lindsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.

Nancy & John, Josh & Lindsey - September 20, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.



September 20, 2024 at 09:26 AM

UP

“ Uplift Wisdom Preparatory purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.



Uplift Wisdom Preparatory - September 19, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



September 19, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ *Your EMC Bond family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



Your EMC Bond family - September 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



September 19, 2024 at 08:52 AM



“ *Love you always Mom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



Love you always Mom - September 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ *The McCray family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



The McCray family - September 18, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SR

“ *Shari R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*

Shari R. - September 18, 2024 at 12:20 PM

SR

“ *Shari R. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



Shari R. - September 18, 2024 at 12:20 PM

LC

“ *Lareather Carthen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero*



lareather carthen - September 18, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ciara Marie Steeby Nero.*



September 16, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *My condolences to the Rucker Nero family. May God comfort you in your time of bereavement. Praying for you Crystal Rucker and family.*

Kim Wimberly - September 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM



Chrystal Rucker, sorry misspelled your name.

Kim Wimberly - September 15, 2024 at 03:26 PM



My prayers and condolences to the Rucker Family. May ' God cover and comfort you with His peace and strength during this very difficult time. Special prayers for you Elder and Sister Rucker.

LaDonna Jefferies - September 17, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Love and miss you cousin Ciara. Such an infectious smile and beautiful spirit. We miss you so much. Cousin Trena and Auntie Marie* ❤️

Trena Thomas - September 13, 2024 at 08:33 PM

CR

“ *Ciara is such a beautiful person. Her spirit and smile light can light up any room. I miss you terribly sister. Love you to infinity!* ”

chontae rucker - September 13, 2024 at 06:03 PM