

## Larger Than Life...

Romello was born on 23 October 1997 in Nashville, TN. He loved his family more than anything. He also loved animals, especially dogs. Romello and I fostered dogs for eight years for a dog rescue in Franklin, TN. He loved helping with the puppies and other dogs as they passed through on their way to adoption. Like many his age, in his off time, he loved playing video games with his friends.

He received his High School Diploma from The Academy at Hickory Hollow in December 2015. For the next few years, he was trying to find a career he had passion for and decided to start an apprenticeship as an electrician.

While working full time at an Electrical Contractor company, he also attended the ABC Electrician Apprentice Program. He had just completed and passed his first-year exam in early May 2020. His Auntie in Nashville had promised him she would do something BIG for him when he was done with his apprenticeship because she was so proud of him. He couldn't wait to find out what that surprise was.

He understood how important it was to find a career that he liked and that would help him be able to have a better life and live in a nice area. After he was done with his Apprentice Program, he had plans to move into a nice apartment.

Family was a big part of his life. He wanted to visit his grandparents in Germany as soon as he was allowed to fly there again because of Covid-19. He hadn't seen them in eight years! He missed them, and they missed him. He was their only grandson. They were both in their 80's, and he wanted to make sure he got to see them again before they leave us. He also has an Auntie in Germany that misses him like crazy and is heartbroken like all of us because we will never see him again.

His younger sister and brother were looking up to him and are still trying to make sense of their life without Romello. He has two young nieces and a nephew in Nashville that he loved dearly, and they loved their Uncle Romello. They don't understand why they can't see him again.

Sadly, he also made decisions that cost him his life. It goes without saying that a parent will never get over the loss of a child. One can only pray that God gives us the strength to find a way to live our lives to the best of our ability, which is what our Romello would want us to do. And knowing that he is always with us in our hearts gives us some peace.