

Taiya Marie Sebastian

APRIL 9, 2026

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Sunrise October 21, 2004

Sunset April 9, 2026

Taiya wasn't made for ordinary—and she made sure everyone around her knew it.



With a sharp wit, a perfectly timed eye roll, and her signature “f* off” attitude (usually paired with a well-placed middle finger), she moved through life unapologetically herself. She had a dry humour that could catch you off guard and leave you laughing when you needed it most. And when she laughed—really laughed—it was everything. Those moments were gold.**

She had a voice that stopped people. Singing wasn't just something she did—it was something she *felt*, and you felt it too. There was a softness in her voice that contrasted beautifully with her fire.

Taiya loved fiercely. She wanted to live—*so badly*. She didn't want to leave this world—not because she was afraid, but because of how deeply she loved her family and how much she wanted to stay and take care of them. Especially her sister Tianna—she was genuinely concerned about who would boss her around. And she fought for that life with everything she

had.

After an incredibly hard and emotional battle with AML, Taiya passed away—but not without showing every single one of us what strength, stubbornness, and soul really look like.

She leaves behind a family who adored her: her mom Janelle (and Dimah), her dad Derek (and Cally), her sisters Tianna (and Zach), Courtney (and Tim), her brother Chanse (and Alexa), Amma Holly, Afi Lavern, Sweetie Terry, her incredible aunties Candace, Paige, Rhenda, Audrey, Kim, and Shanna-Lee, her special aunties Brenna (and Alexea), Sarah, Linda, Joelynn and Shayla—who all deeply cared for and took such beautiful care of her—her uncles Jared, Chad, Craig, Larry, Glen, Colin, and Ray, her Grammie Shirley, her special nephews Dawsen and Hunter, her cousins Dierks, Blake, Trinity, Kanin and Emily, and the rest of her big beautiful family who loved and supported her endlessly.

She also leaves behind her cats, Steven and Leopold—who were lucky enough to be loved by her—and her very best friend, Brii, who stood beside her through everything.

Taiya didn't go quietly. She didn't fade. She fought, she laughed when she could, she pushed back, and she lived in every moment she was given.

We want to thank everyone who helped care for her through her journey. To the nurses on 5D—you are truly exceptional. You held her, supported her, and cared for her with so much compassion—and you kept her well supplied with popcorn (most of the time, perfectly unburnt). A very special thank you to her doctors, Dr. Kawari and Dr. Sabry. Taiya especially loved

to argue with Dr. Kawari—he always met her with grace, and more often than not, she won. Thank you for trying to save our daughter and for giving us more time with her.

She was everything good in this world—and she brought everyone together with love.

Taiya's Final Act will take place at Darke Hall (2255 College Ave, Regina) at 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Please come and share in our love for her. If Taiya has made an impact in your life - you are invited

Messages of Condolence

Dear Terry and family, so deeply sorry to hear of Taiyas passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and the entire family. Vicky forwarded the sad news to us. We hope you find some comfort knowing that she's in the comfort of Mel's arms and no longer suffering. Marv & Betty

— Marvin & Betty Baumgartner

It's heartbreaking to see such a perfect soul leave us down here, Taiya fought with everything she had, even those around her could feel her strong and resilient attitude, I give my condolences to somebody who changed our lives in the most extraordinary way. love you Taiya, Forever in our hearts

— Gabriel Beaton

Taiya was such an amazing and unique person. She gave her all to everything she did and this world is a little less interesting without her in it. We are so sorry for this loss for her family and everyone who had the privilege to know Taiya.

— **Zabrina and Eli Downton**

Jared, Rhenda and family, we are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

— **Jon & Amanda Laberge**

Dear Janelle, Tianna and Dimah. Words cannot express how deep my sorrow is for the loss of your precious Taiya. Her light shone so brightly and her ability to bring out joy in others was truly a remarkable gift. I know that the loss of Taiya will be felt forever and that the memories of Taiya will be held dear by all who knew her. This feels unfair and unfathomable. Her fight and her life was not in vain. I pray that her transition to the next journey will be guided her ancestors and bolstered by all she learned, gave and experienced in this life. She was loved well, which I know will carry her on her next journey. With all my love, Charys

— **Charys Payne**

We extend our deepest condolences to all members of the Sebastian family. Such a sad loss for all of you but please take care and luv yourselves going forward with her memories.

— **Lareau**

Please accept my heartfelt condolences as the family navigates this unimaginable loss. Taiya was a leader who was brilliant, bold and loving. She carried a presence that drew people in-effortlessly and without ever trying to be anything other than herself. Our family had the pleasure of crossing paths with Taiya when she started her journey in Pre-K. Her spirit had a way of filling a room, and as years went on, that spark only deepened. Taiya’s spark lives on in the stories, the laughter, and the love she shared so generously.

— **Alisa Elaine S**

Dear Janelle and Sebastian family, It was an immense privilege to know Taiya and get to experience her bright light, be it only for a short time. She has left a great impact on everyone around her, including on me and serves as a reminder to push and never stop fighting. Words will never be enough to console a family's grief, I can only hope that her memory continues to bring you peace.

— **Avideh Afshar**



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