

# Ms. Wallace

## The Notorious B.I.G.

Hi I'm Voletta Wallace, Biggie's mom  
I wish to thank you for your kind words  
You warm gestures and your constant support over the years  
I also need to share with you a few words about my son  
Please take a few moments and listen  
I hope you gain something from it, thanks  
As a child Christopher was outspoken  
When it suited him at times he was quiet  
And of course he was mischievous as all little boys are  
As a young man he likes to do everything  
He liked to read, he liked to be with his friends  
As young kids or young boys he enjoyed life  
Everything that would make him happy or comfortable  
He would do but mostly he enjoyed being with his friends and family  
His early inspirations toward rap music  
were  
The LL's of the world, the Sugar Hills, the Mr. Magics  
And the Fat Boys of the rap channel  
Those were all the things I heard in the house  
Even though I called it noise and banging  
I know now, it is a accepted musical art form  
I was a single parent, I raised my son on my own  
His father had no influence on his decision  
Towards the musical outlet or career he chose  
My son had a mind of his own, even if his father was around  
He would have turned to rap he loved music, he loved rap  
At a point in my sons life he developed paranoia  
About death and about the dying  
We are living in a world of imperfect human beings  
Where greed, jealousy and envy  
Are manifested by what others have accomplished in life  
My son was very very much aware of that  
He appreciated his station in life on the directions  
In which he was going or traveling  
On the other hand there were others  
Who I should use the hip hop phrase player hating  
And I think that is what resulted in his paranoia  
If I had to change anything in my sons life  
That would have allowed him to be here today  
I would have deterred him from a career in music  
I'm aware that millions appreciate his music, millions loved  
his music  
Be that it may if he hadn't chosen that lifestyle, that career  
My son would be alive today  
If I could sum up Christopher in one word the word would be generous  
The thing that my son loved most about  
life was the fact that  
He was in a position to help, position to share  
Position to give to others who needed, to others who wanted

To others appreciated the gifts that he gave

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