

This Selfless Act Can Spark the Eradication of Racism and Hatred

Racism is an ugly cultural disease that has plagued man for centuries, and it has especially drawn major attention in this country over the past couple of years. But God's love and harmony between the races still exists, and a prime example of it shone forth this past weekend between two students at Forrest County Agricultural High School in Forrest County, Miss.

reported that, upon being announced as the school's 2021 Homecoming Queen, senior Nyla Covington, a Black student, immediately walked over to Brittany Walters and placed the crown upon the head of Walters, a white student, shattering many people's perceptions about hatred between the races.

The reason for Covington's encouraging benevolence? Walters' mother, A.J., who was an administrative assistant at the school, passed away from cancer that same morning.

reported that Covington's actions took Brittany Walters completely by surprise.

"All I could think about was my mom and how she wanted to be here, and then the next thing I know, Nyla walked towards me and she hugged me," Brittany told *WLOX*. "I just didn't really think anything of it, and then she started to take off her crown. ... My mom would have done the same thing if she was in Nyla's shoes, and I just felt my mom's presence there. I can see my mom through Nyla. They have the exact same caring, giving spirit and it's really fulfilling."

Covington didn't think twice about handing Walters the crown.

“I told her it belonged to her, and then she was, like, backing away,” Covington says. “I as like, ‘No, come here, get it, you’re mom is queen. I wanted her to know that then I hugged her. She’s (A.J. Walters) like the person that I want to be like, honestly, cause she just smiled (during her life).”

That homecoming evening, FCAHS Principal Will Wheat says, will be one that most will never forget and A.J. Walters will never be forgotten as a person.

“Her spirit is what made her special,” Wheat told WLOX. “Even on the hardest days, even battling cancer, she always had a smile on her face. We hope Nyla’s selfless act will be a light for the rest of society. So, we’re very proud of her and her giving nature.” {eo}

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