

Poem

You can shed tears that he is gone,
or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what he'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Pallbearers

Haris Hardaway, *Brother* Daryl Greene, *Cousin* Anthony Thompson, *Cousin*
Myell Diggs-Belin, *Cousin* Matthew Owens, *Cousin* Tyrell Wade-Greene, *Cousin*
Lashoney Davis, *Cousin*

Honorary Pallbearers

Danny Hardaway, *Father* Alexander Belin, *Uncle*
Avery Jackson, *Uncle* Luqman Abdur-Razzaq, *God Father*

Acknowledgements

The family of Dr. Rashad Hardaway would like to send sincere appreciation to all our family and friends, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and acknowledge all your many expressions of love, kind words and thoughtfulness during our time of bereavement.



In Loving Memory of

Dr. Rashad Hardaway

March 9, 1987 ~ June 20, 2025



FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 at 11 AM

CHARLES ST. A.M.E. CHURCH

551 Warren St., Dorchester, Massachusetts

Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr., Officiating

Life Reflections

Dr. Rashad Hardaway was born in Boston, Massachusetts, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Catherine Hardaway. He is survived by his brother, Haris Hardaway and his many aunts, uncles, cousins and God family. He was reunited in heaven with his eldest brother Bashir Hardaway. Always an inquisitive child, Rashad was ahead of the game, constantly reaching for more in the world around him. His thirst for knowledge was insatiable, and he was destined for more than the ordinary.

A proud graduate of Boston Latin School, Class of 2004, Rashad made excellence his craft. He never accepted less for himself or the relationships he built with friends, classmates, or teachers. His brilliance extended beyond academics into the arts, music, dance and he was even named “Who’s Who Among High School Students” in the nation in 2004. Throughout his high school career, his deep love for music theory and step dancing became his passions.

As a musician, Rashad played the clarinet and explored other instruments. As a dancer, he became a master of step and served as captain of the BLS Step Squad, leading them to multiple trophies and awards in the Greater Boston Step Association. He was also a key figure in the broader step-dancing community, where he spent years recruiting, coaching, and producing competitions.

Rashad further honed his leadership skills in the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program at Boston Latin School. There, he began his journey into teaching and discovered a deep connection to Afro-Latino cultures, which helped forge meaningful bonds with people around the world.

After high school, Rashad was accepted to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry. His passion for science led him to a career in medicine, and he was accepted into the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Remarkably, he graduated medical school at the age of 25 and went on to complete his residency through Harvard Medical School and Partners HealthCare in Boston.

As a physician, Rashad specialized in psychiatry with a focus on child psychiatry. He was devoted to serving Black and Latino communities, working tirelessly to address disparities in care. A published researcher, he contributed to several projects supporting Nobel Prize, recognized work in biochemistry.

But science was only one facet of Rashad’s brilliance. He was also a gifted writer who turned to poetry and creative writing as a means of expression and healing. Through his words, he conveyed love, understanding, and insight into the world’s complexities.

Rashad was a passionate advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and utilized his savvy socialite skills to expand entertainment and nightlife opportunities for his community. He used his voice to uplift those often unseen and unheard. As a leader, he also championed the rights of the poor, disabled, immigrants, and children, always confronting inequality in medicine and society with courage and conviction.

From coast to coast and across the world, Rashad brought joy, love, and the spirit of family to everyone he met. Whether in Seattle, Oakland, New York City, Boston, or beyond, he left a mark wherever he called home. To know him was to be changed by his care and compassion which will live on in our hearts.



Organ Prelude

Visitation Prayer

Invocation

Opening Hymn

“When Peace Like A River”

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament
Psalm 23*

*New Testament
John 14:1-6*

*Surah 2: Al Baqarah—
Ayah 284-286*

Musical Selection

Remarks

2 minutes please

Poem Reading

Obituary Reading

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Organ Postlude

Chris Grant

Imam Abdullah Faaruuq
Mosque For Praising Allah

Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, Sr.

Haris Hardaway

Cathy Greene

Danny Hardaway

Alan Rias

Family & Friends

Lois Simon

Alona Benton &
Ruthzee Louijeune

Alan Rias

Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, Sr.

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Chris Grant



Order of Service



Interment

Oak Lawn Cemetery
427 Cummins Hwy
Roslindale, MA 02131

Repast

Fort Hill Bar & Grill
2805 Washington St.
Roxbury, MA 02119