

## Brother

Every day I think of my Brother.  
A part of me has left and can't be replaced by another.

I've yelled, I've screamed, I've cursed the skies.  
Asking, Please Lord, why did my Brother Die.

Brian was always there for me when I needed a friend.  
I never considered us having an end.

We'd joke, laugh and talk of our past.  
My memories of Brian Billups will forever last.

My brother Brian Billups was one of a kind.  
Strong, handsome, funny with a uniquely brilliant mind.

Now when I ask God a question he always answers back.  
The message I received was a heavenly Fact.

"Your brother can never leave you.  
He sits here with me.  
His Love and My Grace Last ETERNALLY."

ONE LOVE, FROM BABY SIS PIG



## Words of Wisdom from Brian

"If you ever find yourself having to  
choose between paying your car note  
and paying your rent, pay your car  
note. You can always live in your car  
but you can never drive your  
apartment."

## Acknowledgements

The Family of Brian Billups would like to express our  
deepest appreciation for all those that gave their  
support, love and prayers. We would like to extend  
special thanks to Deacon Martez Allen Lewis and Total  
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## Passing Thru

# Brian Vincent Billups

June 29, 1973 - July 25, 2021



Liberation Celebration

From Life to Life Everlasting

Celebration Service

Sunday, August 1, 2021  
Visitation: 10:00 am  
Funeral Service: 11:00 am  
Walker Funeral Home  
2625 Gilbert Avenue  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Deacon Martez Allen Lewis, Officiating

## Obituary

Brian Vincent Billups was born on June 29th, 1973 to Tommie Lee Billups and Vera Billups (Deceased), Brian grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio in the community of Bond Hill, and made his transition at the age of forty-eight. Brian was baptized later on in his adult life and received his high school education while attending Woodward High School.

Brian was never satisfied with simply putting a smile on your face instead he had to make you laugh and laugh hysterically. He was the type of person that even if you got upset with him, it wouldn't last long. Brian would always figure out a way to make you laugh. In 1988 Brian met the love of his life Jeanine Lewis; they were married on February 16th, 2012. He will be best known for his fun-loving spirit and his commitment "To marching to the beat of his own drum." Brian lived a breezy cheerful life and he was a very good laborer. His skills as a general laborer, general contractor, painter, and tree trimmer kept him busy. Brian was also creative and loved to perform. Some of Brian's performances have included dance, rap (Beedy Eyez), and comedy.

Brian was Lovable, and Brian was truly Loved! He always had something funny to offer, regardless of the situation. He was a true entertainer. Brian never met a stranger and could hold conversations on just about any topic. Brian loved history, movies, television, as well as current events. He would often engage those around him in regular discussions about his favorite topics. Brian was a "what you see is what you get kinda guy". He was unapologetic about who he was and what he stood for. Brian shared a very special bond with two of his siblings (Kurt and Tinika). The three of them would hold regular conference calls were they solved all the world's problems. Brian loved to dress fly and "kick it" with family and friends. Brian lived a life of labor and leisure. He was truly "One of a kind." In his spare time, he loved to research and write. He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren and care for his beloved turtle Boxy Brown. Brian was a socialite and always welcomed a good time. The Name Brian means "high and noble" and all that knew him would say "Brian was certainly HIGH";-)

Brian is survived by: his wife of 9 years, Jeanine Lewis "Ne Ne"; their four children, Brianna Nicole Lewis (Curtis Edward Carr Sr.), Brian Vincent Lewis, Brittaney Renell Lewis, and Brinia Shanice Lewis; three brothers and three sisters, Kurt Billups (Monica), Tinika Parsons (Mark), Gladys Gatlin, Ollie Ashtari Larki, Andre Alexander (deceased), and Andre Johnson; his grandchildren, whom he cherished, Curtis Edward Carr Jr, Brooklyn Michelle Lewis, Cameron Vincent Carr, Braxton Lee Vincent Lewis, Braela Lanice Lewis, and Briel Michelle, 16 nieces and nephews, along with a host of great-nieces, aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins, and countless family and friends.



Brian was a passionate writer. He has written songs, poems, he played the trumpet and dabbled with guitar. Brian has also written numerous unpublished plays, skits, sitcoms and short films.



Brian has had just one personal pet his entire life His beloved turtle Boxy Brown



He Will Be Forever Loved, Cherished and Remembered

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? - Psalm 118:5-6



## Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View ..... Immediate Family
- Prayer ..... Quincy Dawson
- Scripture ..... Kurt Billups
- Selection ..... Psalmist Doneta Dawson  
"I Give it All to You"
- Poem ..... Tinika Billups
- Silently Reading of the Obituary
- Recorded Selection ..... "You Got Me"
- Acknowledgement & Cards
- Remarks ..... 2 Minutes Please
- Slide Show Tribute
- Prepared by Rollins Thundra
- Song Selection ..... Psalmist Doneta Dawson  
Sovereign
- Eulogy ..... Deacon Martez Allen Lewis
- Benediction ..... Deacon Martez Allen Lewis

### *Pallbearers*

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Andrew Williams      | Brian Lewis     |
| Christopher Freeman  | Clinton Lewis   |
| Danny Williams       | Darius Woodruff |
| Donnelle Billups     | Donta Thrasher  |
| Ephraim Williams Sr. | Eric Lewis      |
| Herbert Williams     | Kurt Billups    |
| Laquan Billups       | Mark Parson     |
| Marquan Lewis        | Michael Ellison |
| Nelson Williams      | Obbie Williams  |
| Quincy Dawson        | Raquan Williams |
| Ronell Ellison       | Steve Strange   |
| Terry Jackson        | Tommie Billups  |