

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



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Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Kofi Michelle Cooper,
are deeply grateful for all acts of kindness,
prayers, and expressions of love shown to us
during this difficult time.

A special thank you is extended to all of her
friends, whose care, support, and unwavering
love meant so much to her throughout her life
and continue to mean so much to us now.

May God richly bless each and every one of you.



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Kofi Michelle Cooper

Heaven Sent: August 10, 1977 - Heaven Bound: April 19, 2025



May 3, 2025

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 11:00am

Walker - Walnut Hills

2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Dr. Deborah Merritt, Officiating

Obituary

Kofi Michelle Cooper was born on August 10, 1977, in Washington, D.C., to Vida Gillespie-Cooper and Gary Cooper. From the very beginning, she carried a light and strength that would define her journey through life.

Kofi was a woman of extraordinary willpower, unwavering faith, and boundless love. She lived her life in true survival mode—fierce, humble, and powerful all at once. Through every challenge she faced, she remained a fighter, grounded by her deep devotion to her family and the unbreakable spirit that lived inside her.

Kofi's love for life was reflected in her passions: she enjoyed sports, shopping, traveling, and creating memories with those she loved most. Her laughter was contagious, her love was endless, and her smile—always present—could brighten even the darkest days. She made everyone around her feel seen, loved, and important, and her impact will be felt for generations to come.

Family was at the center of Kofi's world. She carried her loved ones in her heart every step of the way, never wavering in her loyalty or her kindness. She grew up especially close to her favorite cousins, building lifelong bonds that shaped much of her spirit and joy. Kofi also had wonderful friendships; her friends were like family to her, and she treated them with the same fierce loyalty and unconditional love that she gave her family—and they, in return, loved her just as deeply.

She was the kind of soul who left a permanent mark—strong yet tender, bold yet nurturing, a true force of nature wrapped in grace.

Throughout her career, Kofi held multiple positions in the workforce, always bringing the same fierce dedication, resilience, and warmth that defined her life outside of work.

Kofi will be deeply and forever missed by her beloved daughter, Mikelle Hill; her loving parents, Vida Gillespie-Cooper and Gary Cooper; her brothers, Todd Cooper of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jazz Cooper of Paris, France; and her treasured aunt, Anita Gillespie, who never left her side at UC Hospital. She also leaves behind Katrina and Jack Morrison of Pinehurst, North Carolina; William and Kim Gillespie of Raleigh, North Carolina; and the Waddy and Gillespie families of West End, North Carolina; Howard Gillespie...

Her spirit will continue through her two nephews and two nieces—Todd Dior Cooper Jr., T'Kevion McKinney, A'niya Cooper, and Ta'Maury Cooper—each of whom held a precious place in her heart.

Kofi Michelle Cooper's legacy is one of strength, courage, love, and endless grace. Her memory lives on in every life she touched—a shining reminder that true strength is born from love, and true beauty is found in a heart that never gives up.



*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown

Order of Service



- Musical Prelude
- Parting View
- Prayer
- Musical Selection Dawn Merritt
- Scripture Reading
- Prayer of Comfort Dr. Deborah Merritt
- Acknowledgments
- Obituary Read Silently
*A time to reflect and thank God for the life of
Kofi Michelle Cooper*
- Musical Selection Dawn Merritt
- Eulogy Dr. Deborah Merritt
- Benediction Dr. Deborah Merritt
- Recessional



Final Resting Place

Vine Street Hill Cemetery
3701 Vine Street - Cincinnati, Ohio 45220