

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.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the
many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to
them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

- The family of Hurdie Phillips Jr.



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Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Hurdie Phillips Jr.

August 13, 1939 - July 2, 2026

Memorial Service: 3:00 p.m.
Walker Funeral Home - Walnut Hills
2625 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Obituary

Hurdie was born on August 13, 1939, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to his loving parents, Mr. Hurdie Phillips, Sr. and Mrs. Edna Phillips. Hurdie Phillips, Jr. got his wings on July 2, 2026, at the age of eighty-six.

Hurdie was also affectionately known as “June Bug,” “Bug,” “Hurdie Bird,” “G-Pa,” and, to many, “Mr. Phillips.” He always demonstrated a happy and positive spirit; laughed often and was easily tickled to the core of his being – his laughter could fill a room. Even though he could be the life of the party; he had a calming reserve about him that kept him firmly grounded.

Hurdie was baptized at an early age at St. John AME Zion Church. He remained in faith and was always spiritually connected and thankful for God’s blessings. He was a kind man whose warmth, curiosity, and love for life touched everyone who knew him.

He had an infinity for learning and was always eager to discover something new, whether through conversation, research, reading, or simply paying attention to the world around him. Hurdie began his education in Cincinnati, Ohio, at Sherman Elementary School, Junior High at Samuel Ach Junior High School and graduated high school at Central Vocational High School. Hurdie went on to serve four years in the United States Navy, obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1968, and a Master of Education Degree in 1973 from the University of Cincinnati.

Hurdie was also an athlete and took pride in his health through exercise and eating healthy. He enjoyed cheering for his favorite teams and sharing that passion with family and friends. He played football, coached, wrestled, and ran track. Sports brought him excitement, connection, and so many memorable moments – not to mention a reason to indulge in his favorite refreshment “Colt 45.” Hurdie also knew his way around the kitchen. His signature meals were his mom’s (Mr. Edna) chili recipe and his salmon croquets.

Hurdie was a worker – he served as a lifeguard in his early years, worked at Kahns, taught and substituted at multiple elementary schools in the Greater Cincinnati area. He also worked at General Motors (GM) for many years and was instrumental in coordinating plant closures for both Cincinnati and Columbus Ohio plants. After a transfer/move to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1992, he supervised at the GM St. Louis Service Parts Operation (SPO) Plant. Hurdie was not one to sit still – he always believed in “Just Do Something.” After retiring from GM, he worked in the St. Louis Metropolitan area at the May Company and both the stadium and event center.

Hurdie Phillips, Jr., will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Helena Antoinette Phillips, along with his children, grandchildren, siblings, extended family, and friends. His legacy of kindness, curiosity, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Hurdie is survived by his four children, Darryl Lawson; Tanya Lawson Perry (Tuki); Terrin Scott Phillips; and Alexandria Andrea Phillips; three stepchildren Terah Nichole (Nikki) Owes; Racquel Holt; and Tikora Scott; Siblings Delcina Searles (Fifi); Charles Phillips, Lavern Carr-Black; four nephews, three nieces, great nieces and nephews, 1 grandchild/2 step grands and many friends, students, and co-workers that worked with him over his life’s journey.

Order of Service



Musical Prelude	
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-9
Prayer of Comfort	
Recorded Selection	Going Up Yonder
Acknowledgements	
Remarks	2 Minutes Please
Obituary	Read Silently (Soft Jazz)
Eulogy	Helena Phillips (wife)
Benediction	
Recessional	Clergy, Family & Friends



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