

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 Maurice Dontate Upshaw Sr.



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*In Loving Memory
of*



Maurice Dontate Upshaw Sr.

November 27, 1979 - February 27, 2025

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Visitation: 10:00 am
Funeral Service: 11:00 am
Walker - Walnut Hills
2625 Gilbert Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
Michael Smith, Officiating

Obituary

Maurice Dontate Upshaw was born on 11/27/1979 to Beatrice Upshaw and Robert Bradford in Cincinnati Ohio. He was the eldest of two children. He took his big brother responsibility seriously, always protecting his younger sister.

Maurice had a heart of gold, and a keen smile. He would smile, hit you with that gold and light up a room. He also loved to dress nice, you could count on him to send you a selfie of his latest purchase – jewelry and clothing. He was educated in Cincinnati Public Schools and in Orange County Public Schools (Orlando, Florida). After completing school, Maurice worked several jobs. He also enrolled in online courses to further his education.

Maurice grew up in the Westwood and Fairmount Communities. Growing up, you could always find him on the weekends at his grandparents' house, on his grandfather's heels. If you saw granddaddy, Maurice was definitely nearby.

Maurice was in chill mode, he stayed to himself and took care of his business. He didn't like foolishness and would quickly distance himself if he didn't like the vibe.

He accepted Christ into his heart and was baptized in 2003. He faithfully attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Maurice married Amanda Bayless in July 2006, to this union two children were born. He loved all three of his children. He was very proud of them and their accomplishments. Often sharing the latest updates on what they were doing.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Beatrice Upshaw, Robert Bradford, Sister, Lasharie Upshaw, bonus sisters Diamond and Fay Bradford. His children: Jacoya, Maurice Jr. and Lillie Upshaw, three grandchildren: Kynzei, Karter and Skyla. Aunt - Donna Bradford, Uncle - Edward Bradford, one niece, one nephew, one great nephew and a host of other relatives and friends.

My son, may the father of ALL welcome you into his kingdom with open arms. The times we shared are always set in my heart with grand memories. Until we meet again.

Love always,

Dad

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Going Up Yonder
Tramaine Hawkins

Parting View Immediate Family

Prayer Minister Michael Smith

Old Testament Doris Robinson

New Testament Amanda Upshaw

Selection Darrell Gates
It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday

Acknowledgements Tiffany Childress

Obituary Read Silently

Recorded Selection Tamela Mann
Take Me to the King

Eulogy Minister Michael Smith

Benediction Minister Michael Smith

Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Maurice Upshaw Jr.	Artrell Thomas
Calvin Upshaw	Edwin Gates
Darrell Gates	Herman Upshaw III

Honorary Pallbearers

Ronald Hicks	Daylin Garland'
Glenn Bryant	Deshawn Bryant

Flower Bearers

Lillee Upshaw	Keyshira Thomas
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Interment

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