



IN LOVING
MEMORY
OF

SHAWN
W. GIBBS

JUNE 1, 1966 — JULY 11, 2026

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Visitation ~ 1:00 PM

Omega Service (Alpha Phi Alpha) ~ 1:45 PM

Celebration Of Life ~ 2:00 PM

Marlan Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace, East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Elder Janet Kimble Smith, Officiating

Bishop Jerome Ross Sr., Eulogist

GOD'S GARDEN

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain*

*He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So He closed your weary eyelids
And said "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With sincere appreciation and grateful hearts, we acknowledge the many acts of kindness shown to us during our loss. Each sympathetic gesture served as a source of comfort to us during this time. We pray God's blessing upon each of you.

The Gibbs Family



MARLAN GARY
FUNERAL HOME

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HIS LIFE REFLECTIONS



Shawn was born in Columbus, Ohio, on June 1, 1966, and entered eternal peace on July 11, 2026. He took his last breath at 2:30 a.m. with his daughter, Kaila, right by his side.

Shawn graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1984, where he was a phenomenal student-athlete. He broke records in both track and field and football. He then attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, graduating in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in Physical Education. While at Ohio University, he also played football and joined the fraternity that forever impacted his life, Alpha Phi Alpha. His 1906 brotherhood and its legacy remained with him throughout his life.

After college, Shawn held a variety of positions, including juvenile correctional officer, principal, and security officer. No matter where he worked, he was known for his dedication and commitment.

Shawn met Pam in 1993, and together they welcomed their pride and joy, Kaila, in 2000. Although their relationship changed over the years, they remained supportive friends and were united in their love for their daughter.

Shawn enjoyed watching football, basketball, and just about any sport with his family, especially his two older brothers, Jeff and Greg Gibbs. Even though they all rooted for different teams, spending time together was what they cherished most. Whether it was cookouts, Super Bowl gatherings, concerts, or festivals, none of them would have admitted it, but those moments together were the ones they treasured most.

The last five years of Shawn's life brought some of his greatest health challenges. He grew tired of being tired, and while his passing leaves a tremendous void, his family finds comfort in knowing he is finally at peace and reunited with his beloved parents.

Shawn was preceded in death by his parents, Willmatyne and Willie Gibbs.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Kaila; his brothers, Jeff and Greg Gibbs; his nephews, JD (April) and Antwaun (Toni); his aunts, Betty, Arlene, Essie, and Goldean; his uncles, Robert (Lala) and Lewis (Burnetta); his close cousins, Derrick, Valerie, Dawna (Al), and Anthony (Denise); his second mother, Mattie; and many other cherished family members and friends, including Oscar, Dewayne, Jerome, Pam and Paula.

Shawn's strength, love for family, and unwavering brotherhood will never be forgotten. Though he is no longer with us, the memories he created and the love he shared will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

ORDER of SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
Parting View
Immediate Family

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Psalm 23, Goldean Gibbs, Aunt
New Testament
John 14: 1-4, Lewis Gibbs, Uncle

Prayer
Elder Janet Kimble Smith

Selection
The Chapel Of Peace Music Ministry

Acknowledgement/Condolences
Clergy

Remarks
Jeff and Greg Gibbs, brothers,
Stephen Clark, friend, Dewayne Johnson, friend
Jerome Ross jr., friend

Reading of Obituary
Read silently

Selection
Elder Joe Moorehead

The Eulogy
Bishop Jerome H. Ross Sr

Benediction
Clergy

Recessional
Clergy, Family and Friends