

Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon Darren Hawkins would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the many acts of kindness and love shown during our time of loss. Whether you sent a card, flowers, food, offered comforting words or simply kept us in your thoughts, Your kindness has been a source of comfort to us and hasn't gone unnoticed."

Pallbearers

*Timmy Williamson - Darryl Hawkins - Mark Sherrod
Ross Jordan - Steven Washington Sr. - Steven Washington Jr.
Micaiah Washington*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Jessie (Marcquie) Hawkins - Andrew Washington
Lewis Lamonte Booker - Danny Sherrod - Deacon Sherrod*



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In Loving Memory of



Darren Gene Hawkins

September 13, 1961 - July 20, 2024

Thursday, August 1, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am Service: 11:00am

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

*The Chapel of Peace East
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232*

Reflections of Life

Darren Gene Hawkins, 62, transitioned to his eternal rest on July 20, 2024 at Ohio State East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Darren was born on September 13, 1961, to Janice Hawkins and the late Robert D. Hawkins Jr.,

Darren attended Linden McKinley High School, where he had a short stint on the basketball team. During desegregation, he was bused & graduated from Centennial High School in 1981. After graduation, Darren received a scholarship from the Milo Boys & Girls Club. He furthered his education at Columbus Technical Institute, which is now known as Columbus State Community College, where he played basketball. He then left CTI & joined the US Navy on the USS Puget Sound, where he also played basketball around Europe. After returning home, he worked in security, then got a job with the City of Columbus at the Columbus Port Authority. During this time, He met the love of his life, Carolyn and they married in September 18, 1992. He started at the US Postal Service in 1995, where he retired from more than 2 decades later.

Darren lived a life full of joy, laughter, and unwavering faith. Darren was a Deacon for over 20 years & a faithful servant of Philadelphia Baptist Church of Love & Faith, where he sang with OCC (Ohio Chosen Christians) up until the time of his sickness. He was also a member of the Eastern Union. He enjoyed singing with OCC and Eastern Union. He always attended musical programs.

Darren was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and a DEVOTED fan of the Michigan Wolverines football team. He was everything Michigan, he hated Ohio State. Darren's enthusiasm for sports was infectious.

Darren was preceded in death by his father, Robert D. Hawkins Jr.; brother, Maurice Hawkins; his father-in-law, Robert Reece; step-son, Jason Jordan; and brother in laws, Virgil and George Reece.

Survived by wife, Carolyn; mother, Janice Hawkins; sisters, Myra Hawkins and Nancy Skelton of Columbus; brothers, Timothy Williamson of Columbus, DeVonn Hawkins, Woodbridge, VA; step-daughter, Iris (Steven Sr) Washington; a host of grandchildren, Tommara Anderson, Stevie Washington, Ross Jordan, Micaiah Washington, Joannah Washington, Taylor Washington, Andrew Washington.; special nephews, Darryl, Maurice Jr & Jessie (Marcquie) Hawkins of Columbus; special friends; Mark, Danny, Deacon Sherrod & the entire Sherrod Family, Lewis Lamonte Booker, Kevin Jones & a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins & the many post office friends he stayed in contact with after retiring, as well as the many others he had close relationships with.

Darren was a beloved husband, son, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, deacon and friend. He will truly be missed!

Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE Danny Sherrod
- PARTING VIEW Immediate Family
- SELECTIONOhio Chosen Christians (OCC)
"This Old Building"
- SCRIPTURE READING Clergy
Old Testament..... Psalm 23
New Testament John 14:1-6
- PRAYER Clergy
- DANCE TRIBUTE Donnice Grinter
"I Still Have You"
- POEM Tommara Anderson
"The Dash"
- OBITUARY Read Silently
- REMARKS Family and Friends
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Chana Taylor
- SELECTIONOhio Chosen Christians (OCC)
"Goin Up Yonder"
- THE EULOGY Pastor Tyrone Lawes
- BENEDICTION Pastor Tyrone Lawes
- RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends

Interment

East Lawn Cemetery

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. - Matthew 11:28-29