

### **Acknowledgement**

The Family of Darrin G. Turtle Marsh wishes to express their deepest and special thanks for the outpour of love and support shown during this difficult time. Whether it was a prayer, card, phone call, flowers, or whatever, we are thankful for you. After the services, please remember to keep us in your prayers as each day from now on will be hard to handle. A special thanks to Marlan Gary Funeral Home for the gentle yet professional services provided to us at this time. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

### **Pallbearers**

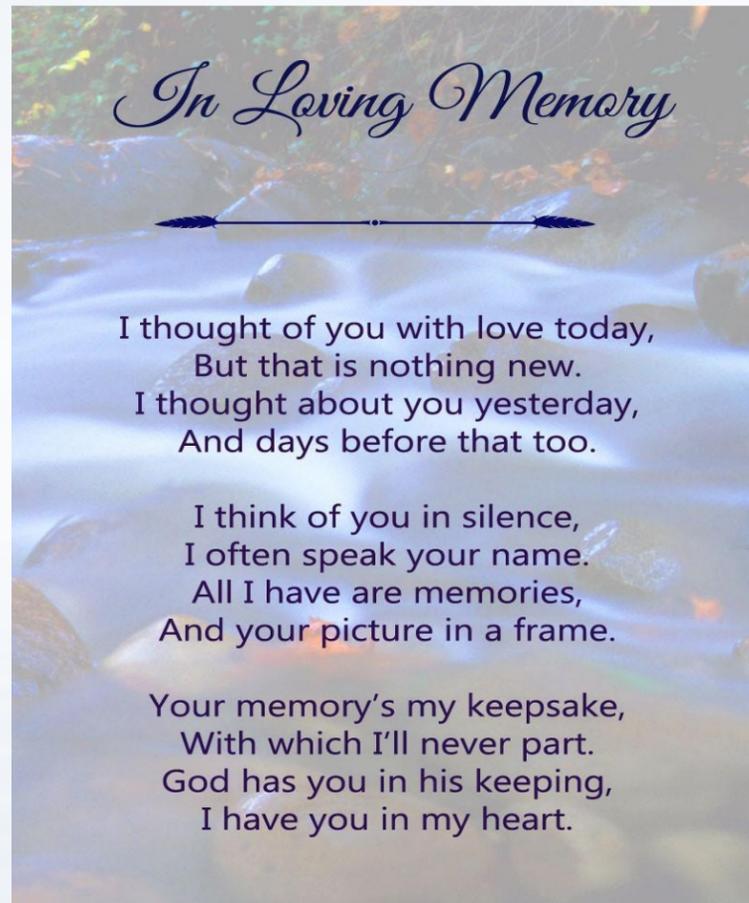
*Tae'Vaughn Driskell - Kenny McDaniel - Darrius Marshall - Mike White  
Jodeci Crutcher - LeAunte Carter - Xvaion Jones - Cordell Brooks*

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

*Dan Jackson III - Dejuan Ridley - Thurman V Jones - Demetrius Lindsay Jr. - Charles Lowe III*

### **Flowerbearers**

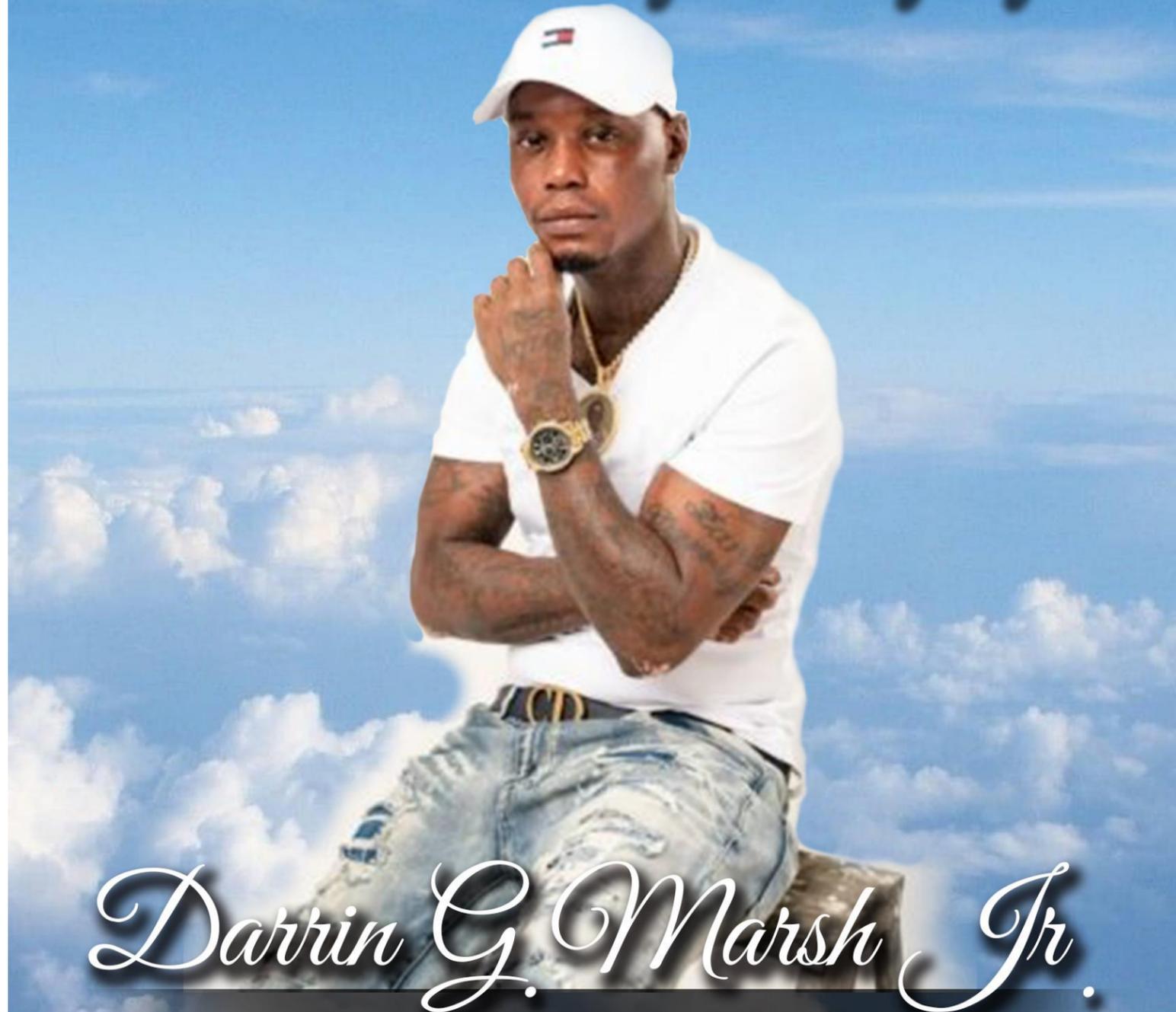
*Ty'Asia Vaughn - Mykaele Martin - Zhylayja Robinson - Corrie Ann - Marie Brooks*



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# *A Celebration of the Life of*



# *Darrin G. Marsh Jr.*

December 20, 1987 - April 30, 2023

**Tuesday May, 23, 2023**

**Richland County Fairgrounds**

**Visitation: 10:00am**

**Service: 12:00pm**

# Obituary

Darrin, Born to Parents Deborah Fleming, Darrin Marsh and Terrence Carmichael on December 20, 1987, unexpectedly lost his life due to senseless gun violence on April 30, 2023.

When Darrin was born his Auntie April picked him up and upon looking at him, she said he looked like a little baby Turtle, thus gaining the nickname that he was so affectionately known by. He was a phenomenal basketball player and Loved sports. And if some music came on, Turtle was definitely doing a two-step. Turtle was smart as a whip too. The way that he could calculate numbers so quickly and in his head was remarkable. While in school he earned wonderful grades and many awards for his academic and sports achievements.

To know Turtle was to love him. He NEVER met a stranger. From a young child, Turtle created family in almost everyone that he came across. His vibrant spirit and genuine heart shined through when he walked in a room. Turtle had a passion for people and if he rocked with you, you never had to question his loyalty.

At 23 years old Turtle was sent to do time in White Deer, PA. During that time, he received his GED, became HVAC Certified and worked as a Unicore employee where he built and finished office furniture for the US Pentagon and the White House. He took pride in the brotherhood that he was a part of. He created bonds with good men who mentored him and loved him deeply. When he came home 10 years later, He made it a priority to make sure that those brothers stayed relevant in his life. He also took great pride in knowing that he did his time and didn't switch up on anyone. He walked those years down with his head held high. He was Solid and everyone knew it.

During his sentence he had to unfortunately endure the loss of his Aunt Donna Sue Fleming. He loved her like a mother and was crushed that he could not be with his family during that time. From that moment he was determined to get out and make her proud. Which he did.

Turtle was released on July 7, 2021. Not even a week later Turtle's ambitious nature allowed him to acquire his driver's license and land a good job. He worked for Heidelberg Distribution where he was a Forklift Loader. And later, worked at Evoke Wellness Rehab as a sobriety transporter, where he enjoyed mentoring recovering drug addicts.

Turtle loved his family beyond measure. He was so excited to reunite with his Children, Grandmother, Mother, Cousins, Aunts, and Uncles. He did everything in his power even until his death to spend as much time as he could with them. He traveled countless times to Mansfield just to check on his people. And that went for his Day One's too. He quickly reunited with his brothers and homeboys that he grew up with and they DID NOT miss a beat. They picked up right where they left off and He Loved each and every one of them.

Turtle's children never went without his presence even while he was away. He loved being a dad and provider. He wanted nothing but the best for his children. Turtle loved that all of his kids looked just like him and often joked about them inheriting no pinky toenail and sleeping with their eyes open just like him. He was especially proud that his eldest daughter Nhy'Keelie (Kee Kee) was in college and about to be a nurse and that he was about to see his second oldest Zaniah who he named Poo Poo graduate from high school this year.

No matter if you knew him by Turtle, Darrin, Turl, Turk, Darrin Dollaz or Southside you knew that he was a good genuine man that loved everyone. He was real, thoughtful, thorough, sensitive (at times), funny, loving, and solid. Not to mention he was very outspoken and thought he knew it all and would argue you down even when he knew he was wrong. He called it "Biddin" LOL. He will be extremely missed by all.

Turtle was preceded in death by his Beautiful Aunt Donna Sue Fleming. Uncle Boyd Fleming Jr., Grand Father Boyd Fleming, Sr. and Grand Parents Willie and Joann Marsh.

Turtle leaves to cherish his memory His Grandmothers Emma Ruth Fleming and Paula Carmichael- Cline of Mansfield. Great Grandmother Suchee Carmichael. Parents Deborah Ann Fleming and Darrin Marsh of Mansfield and Terrence Carmichael of Columbus. Children Nhy'Keelie Marsh of Mansfield. Zaniah Beauford, Ziyon Beauford, Zaiya Marsh all of Columbus. Darryona Marsh, Malachi Marsh and Jenesis Fisher all of Mansfield. Sisters Briana Wentz of Mansfield. Curterra and Lourdis Carmichael of Columbus. Mariah Stewart Of Florida. Brother Terrence Carmichael Jr. of Columbus. Aunts Edna Howard, April Jones, and Lawanda Marsh all of Mansfield. Cynthia Marsh- Gamble of Indiana. Uncles Willie James Fleming, Mitchell Fleming, Thurman V. Jones, Carl Fleming, and Dan Jackson III all of Mansfield. Special Sister Cousins Takara and Telecia Morris of Mansfield. Special Cousin Brothers Trey Howard of North Carolina and Jodeci Crutcher of Elyria. Special Brothers Kenny McDaniel, Mike White, Carl Shannon, Darius Marshall and Xvaion Jones. And a host of Nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and friends that became family.

We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

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.

You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

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# *Order of Celebration*

PRAYER.....Aunt Lawanda Marsh

SELECTION ..... The Cam3Sisters  
"More Than Anything"

TRIBUTES..... Curterra Carmichael  
Zaniah Beauford  
Nhy'Keelie Marsh  
Darryona Marsh  
Kenny McDaniel  
Mike White  
Dan Jackson III

READING OF OBITUARY ..... "Ma" Natoya Lowe

TRIBUTES..... Cherie Cook  
Family and Friends (2 Minutes Please)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Tarasha Eatman

TRIBUTES..... Takara Marris  
Cousins Tribute  
"Turtle's Mom" Deborah Fleming  
Kara Beauford

SELECTION ..... Britney Williams  
"Open My Heart"

## *The Eulogy*

Pastor Mark Cobb

BENEDICTION ..... Pastor Mark Cobb

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family and Friends

## *Interment*

Mansfield Cemetery

**DO NOT STAND  
AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP  
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP  
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW  
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW  
I AM THE SUNLIGHT  
ON RIPENED GRAIN  
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN RAIN  
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNING'S HUSH  
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT  
I AM THE SOFT STARS  
THAT SHINE AT NIGHT  
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY  
I AM NOT THERE. I DID NOT DIE**

