

**PALLBEARERS**

Family & Friends

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**'The Dash'** by Linda Ellis

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.  
So think about this long and hard; are there things you would like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough to consider what is true and real  
And always try to understand the way other people feel.  
And be less quick, to anger and show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives like we have never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.  
So when your eulogy is being read with you life's actions to rehash. . .  
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?*

*The family of Dion D. Skipper would like to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness and selfless efforts extended to us during the loss of our loved one. Thomas Funeral Home for being there for our family in our time of bereavement. May God continue to keep and bless each and every one of you!*

Services Entrusted to  
Thomas Funeral Home  
4520 Salem Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio 45416

*Celebration of Life*

*For*

*Dion Darrell Skipper*



**Sunrise March 14, 1979 -- Sunset April 4, 2021**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**11:00AM**

**Thomas Funeral Home**

**4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, Ohio 45416**

**Rev. Darryl Beach, Officiating  
Pastor Gregory Pooler, Eulogy**

## Obituary

*Dion entered this earthly life on March 14, 1979 from the union of Georgia and Curtis J. Skipper.*

*At an early age he accepted Christ at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. Dion took his last breath on Earth and his first breath into Eternal Life on April 4, 2021.*

*Dion was known to most as a gentle giant with a playful and giving spirit. He was nonviolent, peaceful, carefree and easygoing when not provoked, and would give you the shirt off his back. Dion was quite the talker when he gets going, but would fall asleep on you in a minute. LOL! Dion loved his family and had a host of incredible friends. When Dion entered the room, you knew he was there. He had a charismatic personality and loved giving big hugs and kisses. Can we say, "He thought he was a Smooth Operator"? His love for family and friends was unapologetically genuine. Dion was a die heart Pittsburgh Steeler fan. When Dion loved, he loved hard and you knew he meant it. But tragically he was taken away from us much too soon.*

*Dion was preceded in death by his father, Curtis J. Skipper and grandparents, Ann and Curtis T. Skipper.*

*Dion will be remembered by his loving mother, Georgia Skipper; son Zae'Dion Skipper; special daughter, A'laizah Richardson; Sister, Joyce Gowdy; Brother, Derrick Daniels; Uncles that are like Brothers, Shane and William (Conrad) Skipper; Paternal Sisters, Danielle and Laquinta Howard; Special Cousins, Alonzo Robinson and Christopher (Luvette) Brown; Special friends, Mickey Harris, Michael Lee and Kaelyn Jenkins, and several Aunts and Uncles who truly loved him from Ohio and Mississippi. Along with a host of close cousins, friends, co-workers and neighbors that thought the world of Dion, especially the Brown Family*

## Order of Services

<i>Processional.....</i>	<i>Family and Friends</i>
<i>Musical Prelude.....</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Scripture Reading.....</i>	<i>Old/New Testament Minister</i>
<i>Prayer.....</i>	<i>Minister</i>
<i>Musical Selection.....</i>	<i>Davida McKinney</i>
<i>Obituary Reading.....</i>	<i>Mary Gowdy</i>

### *Resolutions/Acknowledgments*

*Poem..... "I'm Everywhere"*

*Reflections.....  
(Please limit to 2 minutes)*

*Musical Selection..... Sophia Chandler*

*Eulogy..... Pastor Gregory Pooler*

*Musical Selection..... Elithia Foster*

### *Recessional*

*Interment  
West Memory Gardens*

*For safety precautions and COVID concerns, the family will not be having a repast. The family also will not be any accepting guess at the house.*

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39.*