

**PALLBEARERS**

Family & Friends

**FLOWER BEARERS**

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*When I Must Leave*

*Author Unknown*

*When I must leave you for a while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all the things the same  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each working hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near  
And never, never be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky.*

The family of Betracia M. Howard 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  
937-274-8777

*Celebration of Life*

*for*

*Betracia M. Howard*



**Sunrise January 5, 1973 -- Sunset May 4, 2021**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**11:00AM**

**Thomas Funeral Home**

4520 Salem Avenue

Trotwood, Ohio 45416

**Pastor Daniel Cook, Officiating & Eulogy**

## Obituary

**Betracia Mashell Howard (Trisha)** was born on January 5, 1973. She departed this life unexpectedly on May 4, 2021. She was born to Valerie and Tommy Howard in Pomona, California. She moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1986. Betracia received and was baptized at an early age. For the last 20+ years she worked as an STNA and worked at various locations. She loved her patients and they loved her. She was free spirited, outgoing, witty, fashionable, beautiful, intelligent, BLUNT, and the absolute life of the party. Betracia had a beautiful voice, she loved her Mary J Blige. She was kind but quick to put you in your place. She was known throughout the city of Dayton and has left an irreplaceable presence and shine everyone loved. Trisha as we called her, will be gravely missed.

Betracia is preceded in death by her two children Daryll Eugene and Tatyana La'Starr Howard. Her father, Tommy Howard. Her maternal grandmother Willetta Hitchens, her paternal grandparents Claudia and Henry Howard.

She left behind 3 Sons; Darnell (Stephanie) Howard of Texas, James Hamilton and Tommy Howard both of Dayton, Ohio, 4 Daughters; Nakea (Tammy) Howard, Ronniesha (Dominique) Gillis, Aaliyah and Allyssa Howard all of Dayton Ohio. Mother; Valerie Howard, 9 Grandchildren; Makylah, Mya, Savon, Zyaire, Zander, Zion, Jai'chelle, Aleya and Adonis., 2 Sisters; Ebony (James) Norman and Yvonne Burney, 4 Brothers; Tommy T. (Alexandra) Howard of New Mexico, Anthony Knight, Chaz Burney and Eric Brown, favorite Auntie; Patricia Howard, Special Friends; Karen Conyers, Kim Paige, Joyce Yates, Quianna Cook, Katherine Starks and the entire Brown/Burney Family; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

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.

## Order of Services

Processional.....	Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....	Soft Music
Scripture Reading.....	Old/New Testament Pastor Daniel Cook
Prayer.....	Pastor Daniel Cook
Musical Selection.....	To Be Announced
Obituary Reading.....	Ronniesha Gillis
Poem (Big Sister).....	Ebony Norman
Praise Dance (More Than I Can Bare)...	Nakea & Tabitha
Poem .....	Dominique Belfo
Reflections.....	

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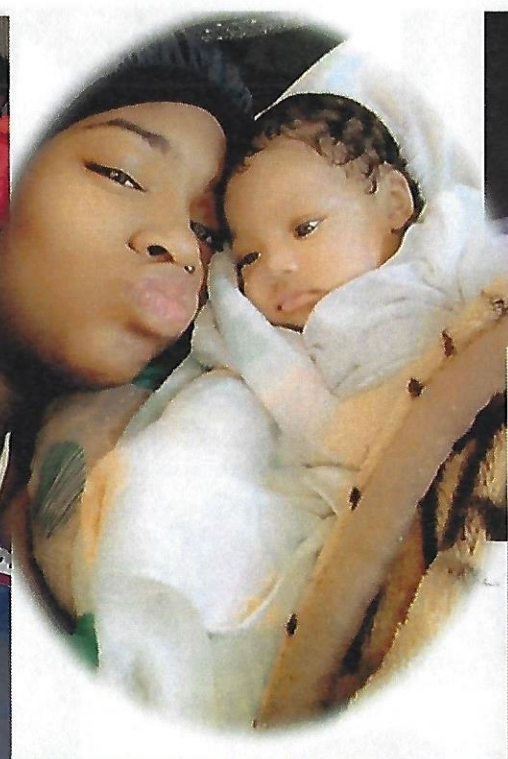
Musical Selection.....	Pastor Daniel Cook
Eulogy.....	Pastor Daniel Cook
Musical Selection.....	Daughters Ronniesha Gillis & Aaliyah Howard

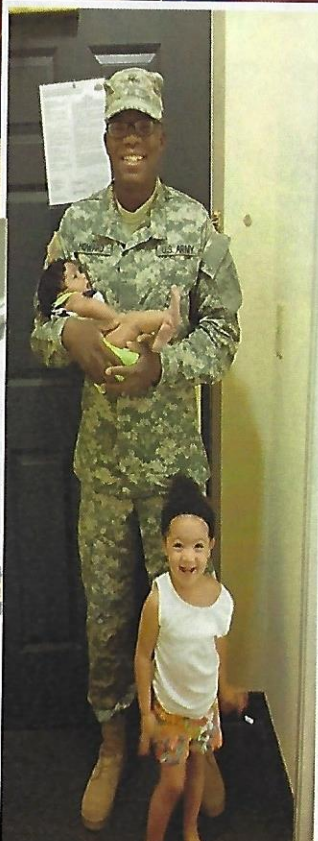
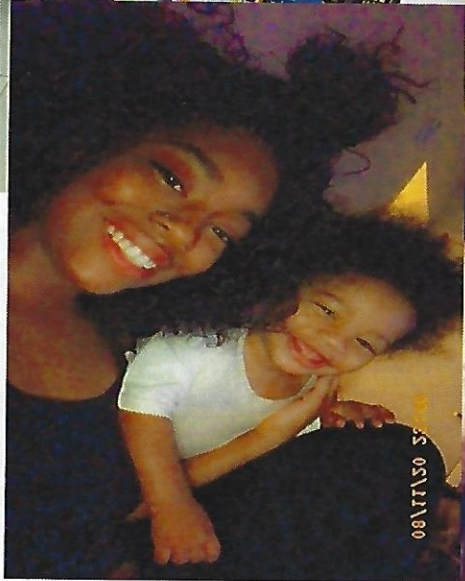
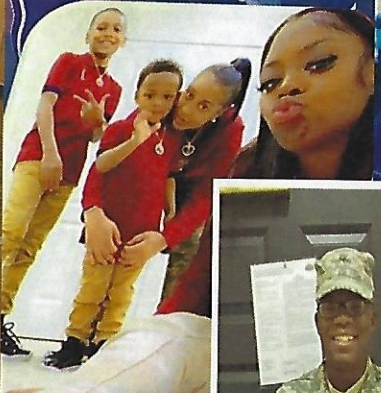
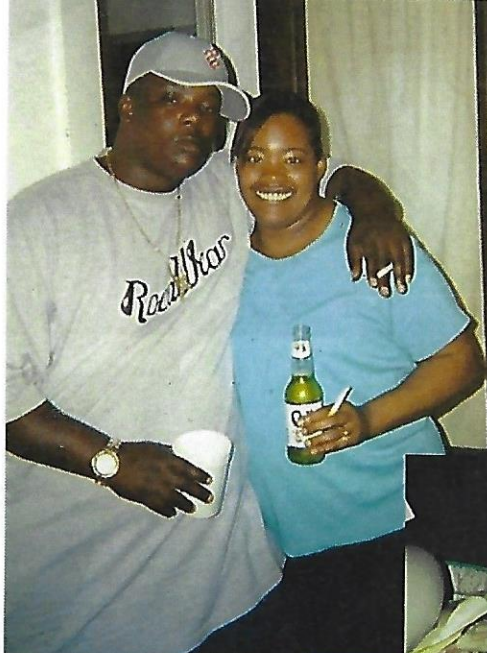
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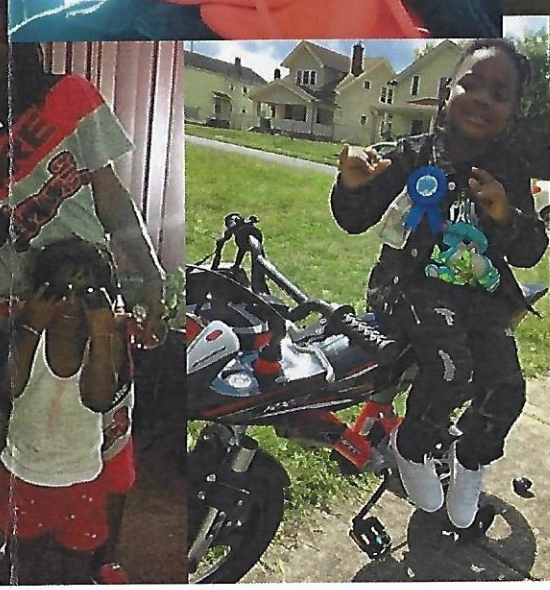
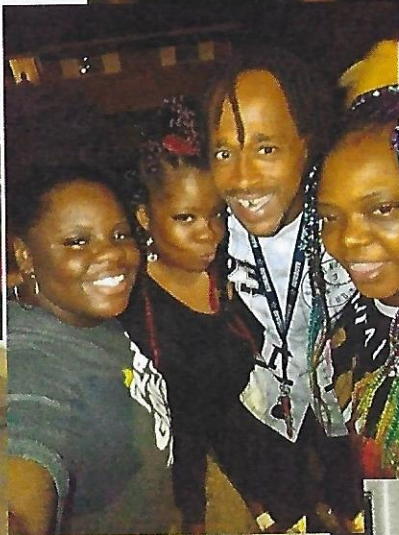
**Interment**  
Jeffersonview Cemetery

**Repast**  
**Webb Lounge**  
3901 Salem Avenue  
Dayton Ohio











*God gave each of us a special family  
 that we can call our own.  
 A family that loves us for who we are  
 so we would never feel alone.  
 They may not like everything we do  
 or everything we say,  
 but the beautiful thing about "family"  
 is that they love us anyway.*

—Josephine Zavala-Florez