

A Celebration of Life for

A portrait of Monti William Edwards, a Black man with a beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is standing against a background of a blue sky with white clouds.

Monti William
EDWARDS

JUNE 20, 1972 – MAY 8, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Visitation: 11:00 a.m. • Service: 12:00 a.m.

WORD OF DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

693 Fresno Road • Cincinnati, OH 45240

Pastor Charles Hillman, *Officiating*

Pastor Kathy Wilfong, *Eulogist*

Bishop Bobby Hilton, Ph.D., *Senior Pastor*

The Obituary



Monti William Edwards was born on June 20, 1972 in Lexington, KY. to George William Edwards and Carol Denise Bailey and was the oldest of three siblings. He was affectionately known to some family members as “Big Baby” or “Big T” and when he encountered friends, would frequently greet them with “What’s up Big Dawg?” prompting them to say it back to him in return.

Monti grew up on Speigle Hill (the planet), on the South side of Lexington, KY and loved spending time with family and friends during gatherings and holidays. He was a loving, kind, gentle God-fearing man who never met a stranger. Everyone who knew him was touched in some way by his kindness.

He graciously took on the role of a surrogate big brother/ father figure to his siblings, nephews, nieces, great nephews and nieces, cousins, and godchildren, and loved them unconditionally. A “Papa bear” at heart, he was most definitely a fierce supporter and protector over all of those he loved. He was never afraid to say he loved you and those opposed were put on notice that he didn’t play about “his people”, as he would say.

Monti attended Lafayette High School and was a graduate of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Lex., KY., and was active on the football and wrestling teams. In 1992, he enrolled at Kentucky State University where he studied History/ Secondary Education and played football as well. Monti met his “Love,” Angelle Greene at Kentucky State in Frankfort, KY. Upon returning home, he worked at Eastern State Hospital and shortly thereafter, became an entrepreneur starting Edwards Dry Cleaners in Lexington, which is still a part of the family’s businesses.

Monti gained Christian experience and was baptized a member of Imani Baptist Church, in Lexington, KY., under Rev. Willis Polk with Angelle by his side to witness his acceptance of Christ as his Lord and Savior. They were united in marriage on March 8, 2003, and to this union two children were born, Arielle Mon’et and William Monye’ Edwards both of Cincinnati, OH. Upon moving to Cincinnati, he joined Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lincoln Heights, OH. and was ordained as a deacon on March 3, 2013. He served faithfully over the years at Tabernacle, currently known as City of Promise, Fairfield, OH., Bishop Gary G. Hayles, Lead Pastor and continued his christian experience there. Monti loved his Bishop dearly and church family.

Monti was a man of faith, devoted father, husband, uncle, brother, and friend. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed rooting for his teams. As an avid UK basketball fan, “He bled Blue!” Also, he was a fan of Notre Dame, Alabama “RollTide,” and after moving to Cincinnati, even became a Bengals fan! Ultimately, his favorites of all time to watch were his children, as they participated in athletics, musicianship, and church ministries.

Monti worked at Emerson Power Transmissions, now known as Regal Beloit Power Transmission Solutions for almost 20 years. He was a “Classics movies” buff and loved to groove to all genres of music whether working, driving in his car during his long commute, or relaxing in his favorite place, on his back deck. He was also surprisingly light on his feet!

This soldier fought a long hard fight, most times with a smile on his face and love in his heart. Once diagnosed with Stage 4, esophageal cancer, he was #Ready2Fight from the beginning until the end. So when you think of him and you have a battle to overcome, remember to #FightlikeMonti.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Laura Salyers; grandfathers, Pastor George W. Edwards Sr. and Oscar Murphy; grandmothers, Fawnetta Dudley, Ella Ruth Salyers and Linda Edwards; uncles, Leroy

Murphy, Kimbo Davis and Gregory Edwards; aunts Johnetta McNair and Thelma J. Coles; father-in-law, William D. Greene Sr., grandmother Rachel Whittaker, aunt Callie Banks-Floyd and brother-in-law Gregory Whittaker.

He leaves to celebrate and cherish his memory, his loving wife Angelle Greene-Edwards, children Arielle & William Edwards, father George W. Edwards, mother Carol D. Edwards, grandfather Jimmy Bailey, brothers Demetrius "Sean"(Tia) Edwards, Damon "Pumpkin" (Shawneil) Edwards, Tavaris Edwards, bonus brother, Quincy (Erika) Murphy, uncles Larry "Lamont" Murphy, Garnell Edwards, G. Gerrad "G.G" (Joy) Edwards, Keith "Ketty"(Eleanor) Barbour, Goffery Edwards, Emeil Edwards, and Julius Edwards, aunts Anna Laura "Dubie" (Zedekiah) Arthur, Theresa "Sissy" Murphy, Joyce Brown, Carolyn Banks, Giselle (Cassius) Edwards-Williams, Audrey Lamb and Rita (Leonard) Maxberry, special cousin, Theolita "Woman" Murphy, mother-in-law, Gwendolyn Greene, brothers-in-law Vernon Keith (Karen) Greene and William "Doug" (Mychelle) Greene, and sister-in-law, Sherry Lynn (Larry) Hicks. He will also be lovingly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many other bonus brothers, sisters, and friends "but like family," who will share in Monti's loss.

The Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Darlene Miller
Parting View	The Family
Prayer.	Rev. Willis Polk
Scripture	Rev. Willis Polk <i>Old Testament – Psalm 23 • New Testament – Romans 8:18; 35-39, 1 Timothy 6:12</i>
Selection	Lindsay Orr II & Latoya Whittle
Acknowledgements of Cards & Resolutions.	Cassandra Robinson
Remarks	(2 Minutes, Please) Co-Workers, Friends, Church Family, Family
Obituary	(Soft Music) Read Silently
Selection	Lindsay Orr II & Latoya Whittle
Eulogy	Pastor Kathy Wilfong
Benediction	Pastor Kathy Wilfong
Recessional.	Clergy, Pallbearers & Family

Interment

SPRING GROVE CEMETERY
4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45232



Acknowledgement

The family of Monti William Edwards would like to send acknowledgements and expressions of sincere gratitude to those who have sent comforting condolences, prayers, flowers, cards and other heartfelt expressions of love and concern to our family in this time of bereavement. Your words of encouragement thoughts and kind deeds will sustain us and with God's strength, give us peace. Whatever you have done to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Bishop Bobby Hilton and Word of Deliverance Ministries for opening their doors to us and to Pastor Charles Hillman and Pastor Kathy Wilfong of The City of Promise (Fairfield, OH) and church family.

We also appreciate our work families at Regal Beloit, especially our friends, Wilt, Teneca, and JV, the Mt. Airy School Staff for your thoughtfulness throughout the years. We are grateful for you fighting along with us. You all rock!! Monti has won and the price is everlasting life!

Active Pallbearers

Paul Jones	Rob Richards
Ernest Thompson	Eric Spaulding
Antoine Smith	Gregory Patterson Sr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Donald Ison	James (JD) Coles
Derrick Roseman	Phil Madison
Greg Walker	Wilton Monroe
Eddie Alford	Steve Johnson



Flowerbearers

Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
and "Bonus Sistas", Susan, Belinda, Shannon, LaTania, Cherri, and Nicola



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