

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Minister John D. Alexander, Officiant

Processional
Special Remarks.....Kerry Malone-Marable
Team Prayer.....lead by Coach Shavez Jobe
Special Tribute
Solo.....Pastor Andray Clemons
Scripture.....Pastor Terrance D. Davis
Prayer.....Pastor Robert L. Spickard, Sr.
Solo.....Co-Pastor Falesia Butler
Acknowledgement and Resolutions.....Dr. Dalydia Cason-Clemons
Solo.....Deacon James L. Neuble, Jr.
Special Remarks.....Friends, Family and Special Guest
Solo.....Pastor Andray Clemons
Words of Comfort.....2 minutes please.....Ministers
Solo.....Rojon Garrett
Eulogy.....Pastor Michael Grooms
Memorial.....*Luther Vandross* - "Dance With My Father"
Recessional.....Ministers, Flower Ladies, Pallbearers,
Neuble Monument Funeral Home Staff, The Family

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IN LOVING *MEMORY*



MAURICE EDWARD GROOMS

October 29, 1971 - January 16, 2022

LOVINGLY REMEMBERED AS:

"Coach Grooms" aka "Squirrel"



Saturday · January 29, 2022 · 12:00 PM

HAMILTON CHAPEL CHURCH FAMILY LIFE CENTER

2240 McCrary Road · Lebanon, TN 37090

Eulogist: Pastor Michael Grooms | Officiant: Minister John D. Alexander

TO MY LOVING FAMILY



I'M STILL HERE

Just because you cannot see me,
Does not mean I am not there.
Just because I am in heaven,
Does not mean I do not care.
I often see you crying,
You often say my name;
I want to hold you tight,
I want to cease your pain.

It's easy for me,
For I know heaven is real,
If you knew the truth,
How much better you would feel.
One day we will meet again,
But only when the time is right;
When you step out of the darkness,
I will be standing in the light.

by John F. Connor©

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Coach Grooms aka "Squirrel"

Maurice Edward Grooms
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You can say he was well loved and respected by his family and peers.
A true role model for young men to follow!
Love Mike Harris

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today in our loss, our hurt and our pain, we recognize our gains in you, our friends and loved ones for flowers, your whispered prayers and every kind deed have been a source of strength and comfort. You have relieved much suffering with your kind expressions of sympathy and concern. We are deeply grateful and pray God's richest blessing on each of you. As we move ahead with milestones, memories and moments of Maurice, your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered...

-The Family of Coach Maurice Grooms-

INTERMENT

Mount Lebanon Memorial Gardens
2464 Old Murfreesboro Road · Lebanon, TN



FLOWER LADIES AND HONORARY FLOWER LADIES
Lebanon High School Class of 1989

PALLBEARERS AND HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Football Players and Teammates





... Maurice ...

I wish there were words to express just how much you meant to us. You were an amazing partner, father, grandfather and friend. We are saddened to have to walk without you for our earthly journey, but we cannot wait to be together again. We love you, we miss you. We are so proud of the legacy you leave behind. Thank you for being you and being so strong for us. Until we meet again!!!

All Our Love...April and the Kids

LETTER TO MY UNCLE IN HEAVEN

They say there is a reason, they say time will heal;
Neither time nor reason, will change the way I feel.
Gone are the days we use to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
The gate of memories will never close;
I miss you more than anyone knows...
Love and miss you dearly everyday. Till we meet again.
Love Always and Forever...Your one and only niece,

La'Bria Marie



Maurice, This is not "Goodbye" but "See You Later". Although we didn't talk daily or see one another as often as we'd like, the love was always there. We will definitely miss your presence at the family gatherings being our "Game Coordinator" or the "Cook on the Grill"! Take care and rest Big Cuz.

Love Nancy

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"COACH GROOMS" AKA "SQUIRREL"

Coach Grooms (Maurice Edward aka "Squirrel") was born on October 29, 1971 in Madison, Tennessee to George and the late Emma Grooms. He departed this life January 16, 2022 on his dad's birthday. Maurice found Christ at an early age and became a member of Cedars of Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Elder Brewer Hall, Jr.

He was preceded in death by grandparents: James (Slim) and Roberta (Birt) Harris, George and Edna (Mother) Grooms; sister, Monica Word; uncles: James R. (Son), John H. Harris, John Bell, J. T., Clyde, Lillard, and Dupree Grooms, Ray King and Herbert Hoover; one aunt, Beverly Bell.

Maurice attended Lebanon High School and graduated with the Class of 1989. He played football all four years of high school and continued playing in college. He played for many semi-pro teams after graduating college. In 1989 after graduating high school, he received a full grant to Lambuth University where he played true freshmen and his team went 10-1 and won the 1989 Steamboat Classic. Maurice then transferred and earned an athletic scholarship to Western Kentucky University where he started 22 straight games, Lettered and was also on the Dean's List from 1992-1994. Maurice was Vice President of the Wilson County N.A.A.C.P. Chapter from 1996-2002. He received his Master's Degree in 2014 from Bethel University with a 4.0 GPA.

Maurice's motto was "I Believe in Leading by Example" and he did just that. He always had a love for not only football, but the players that he encountered on and off the field. Maurice spent many years working as a teacher and a coach. His heart was big enough to offer individual attention not only to his family but every child that walked in his life. He made a difference in the lives of hundreds of children over the years and his kindness and positivity will leave an unwavering legacy in this community. Maurice shared his funny sense of humor and big smile with everyone he encountered and when times were difficult, he would put a smile on our faces.

He taught at Lebanon High School, LaVergne High School, Antioch High School, Sunset Elementary and Middle School, Wilson Central High School and Stewarts Creek High School. He was very instrumental and proud to work with On Top Athletics (OTA).

He leaves to mourn, a very devoted and loving wife, April Grooms; three sons: Landon (Ashley), Brick and Kaleo Grooms; one daughter, Melody Grooms; two granddaughters: Amora and Indigo Grooms, all of LaVergne, TN; father, George E. Grooms of Lebanon, TN; one sister, Valerie (Bay Bay) White of Fort Worth, TX; four nephews: Travis White, Joshua Knight of Fort Worth, TX, LaVoisier (Brandi) Knight of Rochester, MN, LaVon Knight of Lebanon, TN; one niece, La'Bria White of Fort Worth, TX; three great nephews, four great nieces, three aunts: Billie Love of Riverside, CA, Paulette King of Watertown, TN and Shirley Harris of Alexandria, VA; three uncles: Michael (Evaunder) Grooms of Hartsville, TN, Eugene (Laurene) Grooms and Chris Grooms of Watertown, TN; one great uncle, Clyde Woods of Watertown, TN; he was also blessed with a host of cousins and devoted friends too numerous to mention by name.

Maurice... you left us these beautiful memories...



MY SON

It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go alone, A part of me went with you, the day God called you home. A million times I've thought of you, A million times I've cried, If loving could have saved you, you would have never died. Forgive me lord, I'll always weep, for my son I loved so much, but yet I could not keep. I love you and miss you so much,

George



Maurice,

Nothing...and I mean nothing, we've (You and I) experienced has left me in utter shock, flooding me due to your untimely transition. I understand and accept Gods' will to add you in his vase of beautiful flowers. For him to do so, has broken my heart and created an endless void. You were my sun shining bright and my stars twinkling at night No words can ever express the gratitude and love within me for you to have been assigned in my life as my "Little /Big Brother". Always encouraging and asking nothing except that I listen to you, be

real and true. I'm going to miss you Maurice. In acceptance and with realization that God's will to close your eyes, stop all your earthly labor as he said "Peace Be Thine." I firmly believe that though you're transitioning leave me broken, I know you are in a better place and free of all earths mountains and valleys life serves. Due to our Bond and unbreakable sibling love. I Valerie you're "Big Sister" will always reminisce about all the times we had, by remembering your intelligence, your bold & beautiful smile, laughter and warm embrace and definitely the phenomenal sincere love for your family. Maurice I know you're rejoicing in Heaven with Mama and Monica.

I love you forever and always, Your Big Sister, Valerie aka "Baby"

M.A.U.R.I.C.E.

M-Most loving little brother a girl could have. **A**-Always showing love to all he encountered. **U**-Understanding the Importance of Family and those held close. **R**- Radiant a joy to be around. **I**-Inclined to always be your best. **C**-Captivating when speaking. **E**-Easy going in every aspect.

M-Modest **A**-Adaptable **U**-Understanding **R**-Rational **I**-Imaginative **C**-Calm **E**- Easygoing

Maurice in our eyes this is how we see you.

--Love You Always, Big Sister Valerie

MY UNCLE MAURICE was my idol; I always looked up to him in so many ways. Growing up I always mimicked everything he did because I always wanted to be just like him. My uncle looked out for me, my brothers and my cousins, he took care of us by teaching us life lessons but I didn't realize that at a young age just how important those lessons would become in my day to day life. I started to understand those lessons when I became an adult myself. I never became a good dancer like him, but I did get my joking from him. I remember my uncle asked me if I wanted to play football on the Green Machine and I was so excited and ecstatic because I was able to finally play with my idol. When it was time to pick out jersey numbers, he choose his old college #93, and I choose #92 because I looked up to him and wanted to be just like him. I still have my Green Machine jersey to this day and I will always cherish it because of just how much it meant to me to be able to play football with my idol. I love you and miss you and I know one day I will see you again, save some bread for me in Heaven and I will always keep your memories and life teachings alive. Until next time.

Love Always, Lavoisier (L.A.)