



Mr. Eric Lydell Hill

October 12, 1958 - August 4, 2019

Eric Lydell Hill was born October 12, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan. He was the second son born to the union of Essie Brown and Charles Hill, both of whom preceded him in death. From age 5, Eric was raised in Gary, Indiana, by his aunt Josie Mae Ayers, who also preceded him in death.

He attended Gary Public Schools, and as a teen, practiced the sport of boxing. He was an agile right-hander. As an adult, he moved back to Detroit, where he met and married Wanda Barnes on October 9, 1982. To the marriage, Wanda brought a daughter, Tamika Mashaun; Eric brought a son, Shaun Terrell. One daughter, Erin LaRaé, was born into the union.

A car enthusiast, Eric occupied various positions in the automotive industry. He worked as an assembler, burner, mechanic and hi-lo driver. He spent most of his career as a production welder, retiring from the Aetna Corp. in 2008. Eric enjoyed trying his hand at restoring cars, and he was a personal mechanic for his family and friends. He loved watching wrestling, action movies and daytime talk shows like “The Jerry Springer Show,” “The Maury Povich Show,” and “The Steve Wilkos Show”—yelling at the TV about poor decisions guests on the show had made. He was a big Motown Music fan, and he was convinced he could sing like every artist signed to the label. An avid cook, his specialties were roast and chili that no one else successfully mimicked. He was known to laugh at botched attempts. Playing cards with a

group of friends at a local bowling alley was Eric's latest pastime. He also enjoyed talking to his son about sports, cars and their daily adventures. Eric confessed his belief in God before losing his battle with cancer on August 4, 2019, at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Michigan. He was 60 years old.

He leaves to cherish his memory: children Tamika (Walter) Frierson; Shaun (Shay) Anthony; and Erin (William) Perry; grandchildren Tayshaun Anthony, Payton Frierson and Maxwell Perry; brother, Vincent Hill; a loving aunt, Reatha Butler of Las Vegas, Nevada; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

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“ *Mr. Eric Lydell Hill*

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