



## Khalil T. A. Bibbs

January 22, 1977 - July 18, 2017

Khalil Teshome Alonzo Bibbs was born January 22, 1977 to Kathryn M. Bibbs and Norman E. Reynolds (now deceased) Maternal Grandparents Henry and Thelma Bibbs (both deceased) and Paternal Grandmother Venell Reynolds (also deceased), in Cleveland Ohio. He was the youngest of 2 children born to Kathryn Bibbs. He attended Cleveland Urban Lutheran Elementary, Orchard Middle School and was a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in the Cleveland Public School System in June, 1995.

Khalil was always ambitious and was always looking for an honest opportunity to raise money for himself; especially when our Church was planning our trips to Toronto Canada the first weekend in August to enjoy Caribana. He and his brother were Christened and raised as members of Tree Of Life Center Of Light. As a child of the church he enthusiastically participated in youth activities such as the Children's Choir and the Children's Day Program. In his senior year at John F. Kennedy he served as the churches Men's Day Chairperson with the hands-on guidance of Deacon Donald Cox and the unwavering support of the men of Tree of Life. Upon graduation, he moved on to attend Akron State University. While there he returned to his love for cooking. His goal was to learn all he could about the Culinary Arts and to eventually open his own restaurant.

Khalil had many jobs as a young man but eventually he returned to his first love and began working for many of Cleveland's premier restaurants as well as those in the suburbs, including the Cedar Creek Grille and most recently Coastal Tacos. His work ethic made him one of the finest employees at these restaurants; well on his way to reaching his goal.

He was a voracious reader and he read many books throughout his life from Khalil Gibran (for whom he was named), and many other literary greats. His love for reading began when he was a little boy while waiting backstage or in the audience, or sometimes helping out backstage when his mother was performing at Karamu House Theatre, Cleveland, Ohio. He had a great love of theater and all genres of music and he loved to travel.

Khalil met and fell in love with his soul-mate, best friend and the love of his life, fiancé Marquita Renee Riddle on Valentine's Day, 2010.

On July 18, 2017 at 10:39 pm the Holy Spirit called him home after a tragic car accident. Khalil leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Kathryn Bibbs, his brother Akwasiba F.C. Bibbs, an adored nephew, Justin Tyler Motley, 2 beautiful nieces K'Amari and K'Amiya and a loving great aunt, Henrietta Bibbs, 7 paternal aunts and 4 paternal uncles. Also left to fondly remember him is his beloved Marquita and her children and grandchildren Darnell, Darryl, and Darquisha Howard, MarSean and MarKayla Robinson, Breara and Darryl Howard, Jr. and Justin Sails. He was also great-uncle to NaLane Montgomery and Diion Brown, Jr. His extended family relationship with the Johnson Family and the Chambers Family and all its branches of the family tree meant very much to him; and finally the beloved members of Tree of Life Center of Light.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Private

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**AUG** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Strawbridge Memorial Chapel

3934 Lee Road, Cleveland, OH, US, 44128

**AUG** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 06:30PM

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Tree of Life Center of Light

3483 East 93rd Street, Cleveland, OH, US, 44104

**AUG** **Service** 06:30PM

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