



## Mr. Tobias V. Maines

July 24, 1979 - March 14, 2018

Mr. Tobias V. Maines 38, of Forest Park GA passed away on March 14, 2018. Tobias V. Maines known as “Shawn” to his loved ones, was a gifted, fun-loving, friend-making extraordinaire, who embodied everything that a human being should be. He loved his family and his friends. Shawn brought a spirit all his own to any party or family gathering. Shawn adored his mother and shared a mutual respect and love with his father. His brother Brandon was his second heartbeat, although you wouldn’t believe it if you watched as he playfully terrorized him as a child.

Shawn was born on July 24, 1979, to mother Julia Maines and father Willie R. Maines. Shawn’s parents divorced when he was younger and his mother later married Lee Arthur Carlyle. Lee was an amazing stepfather to Shawn.

No one embraced life as fully and joyfully as Shawn! From childhood to his final days, his smile and spirit magnetically attracted anyone he encountered.

Shawn enjoyed family holiday gatherings, brunching with friends, cooking, traveling, and walking his dogs. New York was one of his favorite places to visit, because of the music, art, and culture.

Shawn loved helping others. Most recently he worked with a government organization to provide care and relief to the victims of hurricanes Harvey,

Irma, and Maria. Shawn was overjoyed that he was able to interact and help so many—this work fed his spirit.

Shawn's spirit will live on through his parents Julia Maines and Willie Maines; two brothers Brandon Carlyle and Omar Johnson; three sisters, Cynthia Carter, Nabrina Anderson (James), and Audrey Revell; four aunts; Catherine Crawl (Melvin), Mary Helen Ogletree, Barbara Grier (Frankie), Jeanette Jones; three uncles, Wardell Alford Jr. (Nina), Alvin Maines, and Charlie Maines (Lucille); Godparents Jack and Barbara Knowles; special cousins Bobby and Peggy Parham, Lawanda Crawl, Germarcus "Twan" Crawl, and a devoted cousin whom he loved like a sister, Matarsha Parks (Euell); best friends Tina Semple, Stacy Addison, Koku Tona, and Heather Ingram, and a host of other friends, relatives, and loved ones. Waiting for Shawn in heaven is his stepfather Lee Carlyle and other loved ones.

Memorial Services for Mr. Maines will be held at the South Dekalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur GA 30034 on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 1:00 PM.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, South Dekalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy Decatur GA 30034. 404-241-5656.

Click here to order the memorial video and other keepsakes.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/XC236YRWKJSL32N5>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Tobias V. Maines*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - April 08, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dear Maines Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again right here on earth by means of the resurrection. “There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous “ May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.*



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**Faye Ethridge** - November 07, 2018 at 04:12 AM

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“ We are so Blessed to have know Shawn We praise God for his kind spirit and loving ways. May his mother and the rest of his family find comfort in knowing that Peace has Come..

We love you.

Your Courtside Neighbors:

*Dr. Naomi Kirkman-Bey*

*Michealla James*


*Billy Blanding*

*gwen Blanding-Abercrombie*



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**Gwendolyn Abercrombie** - March 24, 2018 at 07:43 AM

 Carolyn Copeland

“ Carolyn Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tobias V. Maines



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**Carolyn Copeland** - March 23, 2018 at 10:53 AM

VP

“ When I met Shawn it was through my sister -in-law Matarsha Crawl Parks, and it was a pleasure he was always a very respectable young man, and my first time meeting his mom I knew why because Julia was like a breath of sunshine simply beautiful, when you meet people that you call family anything they go through you go through, praying for the family strength, & for comfort that will only come from God, I am so sorry for the precious loss of Shawn physical body, but know his spirit truly do lives, He is healed now with no more suffering & pain, just know He will be your guardian angel always near watching over you, I love you All very much Sending hugs and kisses, Vanessa (Diane ) Parks,

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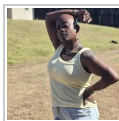
**Vanessa Diane Parks** - March 23, 2018 at 02:36 AM

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“ When I was told this news, it really saddened me. Tobias was a really kind and silly person, there was never a dull moment when around him. To know him was to love him and I'm glad I did, so now rest on Shaun we will miss you dearly..... Love Nece a close friend of the family ❤️

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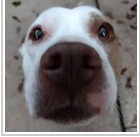
**Tara Tyler** - March 23, 2018 at 01:12 AM



*My deepest condolences go to the family. Shawn will definitely be missed. I thank God for the bright light that he was during his most special time with us. My God grant the family peace.*

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**Yachsia Fuller** - March 24, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ Tobias was one of the most genuine people that I've ever met. One thing was always very clear with him: His relationships with loved ones was the most important thing to him. The world is a darker place without him in it. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

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**Katie Shea** - March 20, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ In the year 2014 i found myself in need of care from the effects of a terrible stroke in 2010. my younger daughter Heather rushed to my aid and moved me into her home in Hapeville GA where Tobias was was already residing. he proved to be the kindest,most patient, and most caring person i can imagine, we had been friends for many years by then but i came to know more over the next two years than i had ever dreamed, this family and this world has lost a remarkable human being. my heartfelt sorrow and condolences to his family and many friends. I feel sure that our Lord has him in his eternal care as we grieve  
John W. Planer

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**john w. planer** - March 18, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ Always in our hearts, With So Much Love from  
The Addisons



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**Jennifer and Jason** - March 16, 2018 at 09:14 PM