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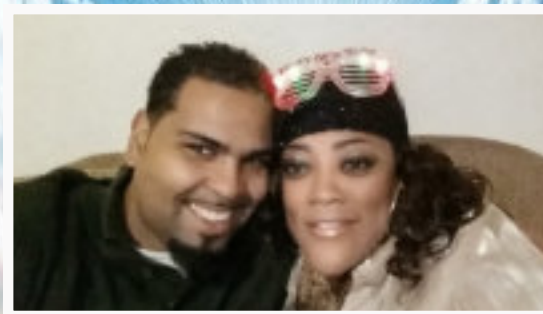


# Memories

## There's A Reason

For every pain that we must bear  
For every burden, every care  
There is a reason.  
For every grief that bows the head  
For every tear drop that is shed  
There is a reason.  
For every hurt, for every plight  
For every lonely, pain-racked night,  
There is a reason.  
But if we trust God, as we should  
It will all turn out for our good  
He knows the reason.

-Author unknown



## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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## A Celebration of Life for Renato H. Gourding

Sunrise: September 27, 1973  
Sunset: March 10, 2021

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021 - 11:00 AM

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# Obituary

On Wednesday – March 10, 2021 at home in Hillside, New Jersey, Renato Gourdine, Son of the late James Wilbur Gourdine departed this earthly place and transitioned to his eternal home.

Renato Hayward Gourdine was born on September 27, 1973 in Newark, NJ. His early life began in East Orange, NJ with his parents and one sibling Chanta Gourdine. Renato was educated in the East Orange and Irvington School Systems, receiving his diploma from Clifford J. Scott High School in 1993. Renato received certification from Lincoln Technical Institute for Drafting/ AutoCAD in 1994. Renato’s tenacity, drive, and interest in computers supported his decision to attend Chubb Technical Institute where he received certification as a Computer Support Technician in 1999.

In 2000, Renato married the love of his life, LaToya Trapp. From this union one daughter was born, Taylor Rae Gourdine in 2013. Renato love for his family was evident by the way he cared for them, with special notice of the care and concern he showed his mother as her primary care taker and his sister.

Renato’s employment was no disdain, but doing what he enjoyed (computers...computers and computers). Renato’s technical expertise employed him at various companies such as Hackensack Meridian Hospital, Canon Solutions America, Verizon Wireless and Irvington Police Department. In his past role, he served as a Dedicated Technical Support Specialist for IBM at Port Authority for over 2 years. Renato was well liked among his peers.

Renato’s hobbies were pool, bowling and online gaming. He created an online Madden Football league for other players to come together as a brotherhood to network, enjoy the game and most of all have fun. For over 10 years Renato was considered a close friend, even family to some in this brotherhood and has left an impact on hundreds of Madden online gamers all around the world. The league he created will carry on his legacy. Renato was also light on his feet and loved to dance. Renato had the gift to make people laugh and a personality that expressed concern and empathy for others. He was filled with so much joy and laughter was a great friend to those that knew him.

Renato, was raised in the church and was a member of Bethany Baptist church in Newark NJ under the leadership of of Rev. M. William Howard, Jr. He also attended Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Rahway, NJ under the leadership of Rev. Allen Thompson.

Renato was predeceased by his father James Wilbur Gourdine.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving wife, LaToya Gourdine, a daughter (his princess), Taylor Rae Gourdine, Mother, Eleanor Gourdine, Sister, Chanta Gourdine, Mother in Law, Barbara Mason, Father in Law Eric Mason, Sister in Law, Erica Mason, Niece, Madison Walton, Uncles, Brian Gourdine, Jesse Nailor, Aunts, Delphine Gourdine, Janet Nailor and a host of cousins.

Renato will truly be missed by his family and friends, and all that knew him.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional with Viewing

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Gregory Blount Sr.

Solo.....Mark Oatman

Old Testament.....Rev. Allen Thompson  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament.....Rev. Allen Thompson  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Acknowledgement of Cards.....Elrigea (DJ) McIntosh

Obituary.....Patricia Murray

Remarks.....Family and Friends

Solo.....Mark Oatman

Eulogy..... Pastor Gregory Blount Sr.

Benediction.....Pastor Gregory Blount Sr.

Recessional

Interment  
Evergreen Cemetery & Crematory  
137 N. Broad St.  
Hillside, NJ 07205