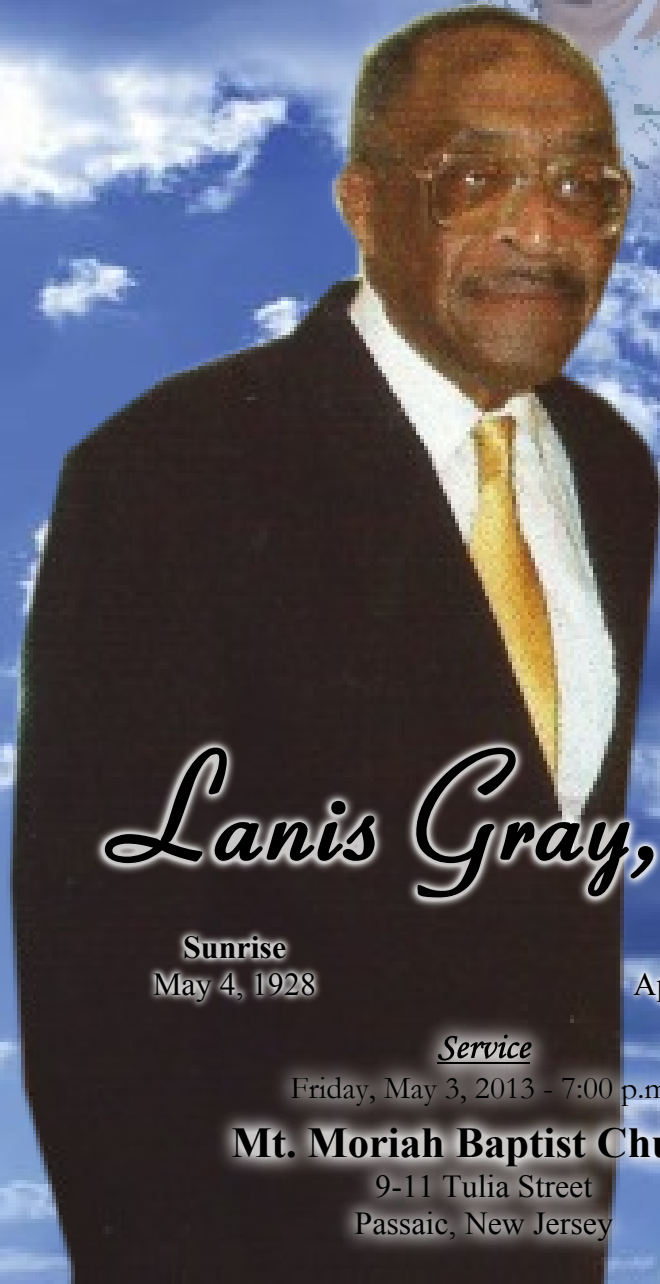




*A precious one from us is gone,  
 A voice we love is stilled,  
 A place is vacant in our heart  
 which never can be filled.  
 We are only a victor here,  
 We did not come to stay.  
 You are only paying a debt  
 We all must pay some day.  
 God knows how much we miss you,  
 Never shall your memory fade,  
 Loving thoughts will even wander,  
 To the place where you laid.*



*In Loving  
 Memory of*



*Lanis Gray, Sr.*

**Sunrise**  
 May 4, 1928

**Sunset**  
 April 29, 2013

Service

Friday, May 3, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

**Mt. Moriah Baptist Church**

9-11 Tulia Street  
 Passaic, New Jersey

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late Lanis Gray, Sr. wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Musician Minster Selton Dove

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

First Testament Reading ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Pastor Salvatore Dentu  
Living Faith Christian Center • New Port News, VA

Second Testament Reading .....II Corinthians 5:1-8  
Pastor Matisha Dentu  
Living Faith Christian Center • New Port News, VA

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Amos Mickens

Selection ..... Mt. Moriah B.C. Choir

Acknowledgements, Tributes  
and Resolutions ..... Sis. Nikki Merritt

Reflections of Life..... Sis. Nikki Merritt

Remarks ..... Deacon L.C. Taylor

Selection ..... Mt. Moriah B.C. Choir

The Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. William F. Baskerville

Selection ..... “Near The Cross”

Remarks ..... Funeral Director

The Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Cremation .....Cedar Lawn Crematory • Paterson, New Jersey

# Obituary

*I will lift up mine eye unto the hills from whence cometh my help,  
my help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth.*

*Psalm 121:1,2*

**Lanis Gray, Sr. (Horse)** was born on May 4, 1928 in Saluda, SC to the late Deacon Dewey Gray and Irene Gray. His parents moved to New Jersey in 1930.

Lanis grew up in Passaic and attended the Passaic School system. He was employed by Dufferoff Paints and Valley Fair, where he served as manager for many years before going into the trucking business for himself. Lanis was also the Owner Of “Sweet Pea’s” Pool Parlor on Passaic Street in Passaic. He was a member of the Social Club called “The Regular Fellow.”

Lanis was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Hill and one sister, Hattie Gray.

Lanis Gray, Sr. (Horse) departed this life on Monday, April 29, 2013 at home in Haledon, New Jersey.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife of sixty years, Elizabeth; one daughter, Cynthia Gray-Miller of Haledon, NJ; three sons, Robert Gray of Paterson, NJ, Lanis Gray, Jr. (Roberta) of Baltimore, MD and Kenneth Gray (Marisol) of Bronx, NY; four grandchildren, Rev. Matisha Dentu (Rev. Sal), Shawn (Nii), Shaneaqua and Evan; four great grandchildren, Allie, Tore, Na’Kwama and Little Nii; two adopted grandsons, Matthew and Marcus; one godchild, Jason Zeek; a devoted friend, Dorsey Hayes of Tallahassee, FL; and a host of relatives, neighbors and friends.

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