

A portrait of Eugene Edward Gladden, a young Black man with short dark hair, looking directly at the camera. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with bright orange and yellow clouds and a blue sky above. The text is overlaid on the image.

In Loving Memory of

Eugene Edward Gladden

Sunrise
April 3, 1958

Sunset
May 16, 2015

Service

Thursday, May 21, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On the evening of May 16, 2015 **Eugene Edward Gladden** departed this life due to his four year ongoing battle with cancer at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ. He was born on April 3, 1958 to Beverly and Edward Caleb Gladden he was the second of four children.

Eugene which we all knew as Gene was born and raised in Newark. He attended Central High School where his love for music blossomed with his father as his primary influence, his passion for drums was put into action. He joined various bands and drill teams. Eugene marched to the beat of his own drum literally. Loud hems of pitter patter and beat bops would fill the house spilling out into the streets with tunes so smooth and melodic.

Everyone who remembers G-Man knows that he was full of life. He was creative in many ways with a keen eye for detail. I mean couldn't you tell by the way he kept his clothes pressed so tight. Eugene was truly a gift.

Eugene leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Beverly; two brothers, Glenn and Guy; his sister, Velvet. Eugene has two daughters whom he adored, Fatima Dupree and Eugenia between the two of them he has three grandsons. He also leaves behind a host of relatives and close friends.

“Love leaves a memory that no one can steal.”

Rest peacefully G-Man.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

J'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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