

In Loving Memory of

Johnnie B. Gay

Sunrise
August 1, 1931

Sunset
May 30, 2015



Service

Friday, June 5, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. ALYOSIUS RC CHURCH

219 W. 132nd Street • New York, NY
Father Victor Emuwen, Officiating

Obituary

Johnnie Baptist Gay affectionately known as “Big John” was born August 1, 1931 in Farmville, North Carolina and was called home “To The Father” on May 30, 2015. He was the son of Odessa and Albert Gay Sr.

He received his education at H.B. Sugg School in Farmville, North Carolina. He was drafted into the United States Army as a young man to serve his country as a soldier in the Korean War. He returned home and married the LOVE OF HIS LIFE, Mary Elizabeth Gay. Together they had Gloria Marie Gay and he was the stepfather to Patricia Pitt (Kelley).

Johnnie obtained his Barbers License from Tyler Barber School in Harlem. He worked as a Barber at Pete’s Barber Shop on Lenox and 127th St. He eventually inherited the business from Pete and retired when he felt like it. (Smile)

Johnnie loved his family and his family loved him back. He is survived by: his loving wife, Mary of sixty-two years; devoted daughter, Gloria and step-daughter, Patricia (Kelley); two granddaughters, April and Sherice; four great grands, Eniyah, Laavaysha, Kianni and Jayvon; his siblings, Richard Gay (Marie), Rudy Carlton Gay (Rae Lynn), Albert Gay Jr.; his elder sister, Patricia Williams (James), Rosa Vaughn Calie, Eleanor Darby (Donald) and Fayline Cooper (Walter); and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by Walter, Mary Elizabeth, Dorothy Jean Graves (Lonnie), Robert Gay (Ruth) and a special nephew, William. Also a special shout out to Bernard Lewis. (Thank You BeBe)

Johnnie lived his life to the fullest. He did it “HIS WAY” his motto was “I am going to live until I die.” Peace Out!!

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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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