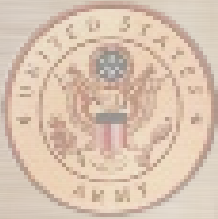


In Loving Memory of



Vernon McKinley Gary

Sunrise
July 23, 1938

Sunset
October 14, 2015

Reflections of Life

On July 23, 1938 in Norge, Virginia, **Vernon McKinley Gary** entered this world as the baby boy of eleven children born to Robert C. Gary Sr. and Luetta Johnson Gary. As he made his way in the world, he made sure everyone knew he was the “Cream of the Crop” and there will be no more like him!

At an early age, the family relocated to Paterson, New Jersey. Momma believed her family should be centered in Christ. Vernon was baptized at New Christian Missionary where the family attended worship. He received his education in the Paterson Public School System graduating from Central High School. Vernon and his brothers “The Gary Boys” could always be seen dressed to the nines, riding in the cleanest cars, and living life to the fullest together.

After graduation, Vernon enlisted in the United States Army. He proudly served his country for four years before being Honorably Discharged. Upon his return home, he became employed as a Boiler Engineer for the City of Paterson. He worked hard and built his career giving back to his city until he retired. His retirement gave him more time to watch his beloved Cowboys and sharpen his skills playing pool.

Later in life, Vernon met and married his lovely wife Exie. They were the proud parents of their blended family that had four children, Cary “Spoone”, Ozella, LaVerne and Tony. He loved his children and adored his grandchildren. If he had it and you needed it, without a doubt you could have it.

Family was very important to him, after all he was the last “OG-Original Gary”. He loved spending time with his sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. He loved attending family functions. Vernon had such an infectious laugh that anyone talking with him would be crying laughing too. You could easily sit with him for hours, as the jokes would continue steadily.

His love extended to his furry children as well. He could be seen riding around visiting people with his little ones in the car. First there was FeFe and Zero, and later on there was Boots and Bonnie. Vernon loved his pets as if they were his children. They were his riding partners cruising around Paterson. When he visited your house, you knew his little ones were coming too.

On October 14, God told Vernon to cruise on into heaven. He had suffered enough and it was time to shine his caddy up in the sky. When he parked in heaven, the horns blew and the trumpets sounded the arrival of the Crème of the Crop. He was greeted by his parents, Robert Sr. and Luetta; brothers, James, John Wesley, Robert, and Samuel Sr.; sisters, Lucille, Dorothy, Florence and Thelma; daughter, Cary “Spoone”; and several nieces and nephews.

Vernon is survived by: his wife, Exie of Paterson, NJ; daughters, Ozella Gary and LaVerne Oliver of Paterson, NJ; son, Tony Drumwright (Pamela) of Clifton, NJ; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Julia Flowers and Lillie Lotts of Paterson, NJ; sisters-in law, Peggy Gary, Otilia Gary, Ella Blue, Sadie Drumwright, and Florence Drumwright; brothers-in-law, Willie Blue, Felix Drumwright, and Randolph Dubose; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

644 East 27th Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Pamela James, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

Word of Grace

Invocation.....Minister

Selection.....Johnetta Bush

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

Selection.....Johnetta Bush

Prayer of Comfort

Poem of Comfort.....“Remembrance”.....Sis. Joyce McKnight-Young

Expressions of Love.....Family & Friends

Acknowledgements /Reflections.....Deac. Pamela Gary-Maple

Obituary.....Deac. Pamela Gary-Maple

Selection.....Johnetta Bush

Eulogy.....Rev. Pamela Grant-James

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

“Remembrance”

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet fight.

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.

There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on.

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Vernon Gary** would like to acknowledge and show our appreciation to Pastor Pamela Grant-James & members of Christ United Methodist Church, St. Joseph Hospital in Paterson, Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Home, Funeral Director David Robinson, all of our family and friends during this difficult time.

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