

Home Going Service For

# Vann G. Gaddie, Jr.

Sunrise: February 11, 1940

Sunset: May 30, 2017



**Service:**

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**RANDALL CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

115 Oliver Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Elder Johnny Howard, Williams Chapel Holiness Church, Officiant**  
**Bishop Alton Little, Host Pastor**

# Obituary

**Vann Gaddie, Jr.**, son of the late Vann Gaddie, Sr., and Susie Gray Little, was born 4th of 11 children on February 11, 1940 in Wilson, NC. In his early 20's, Vann made the big move “up North,” starting out in New York before settling in Newark, NJ, his home until his death on May 30, 2017.

Vann was a proud, self-taught man of many talents. He began his career at Rubel Ice Company where he became an engineer the old fashion way – through an apprenticeship and a series of certifying exams. He also worked at DuPont for nearly 20 years before starting his own business. In his “retirement”, Vann sold fresh fruit and vegetables, specialty meats that he would transport up from North Carolina, and other goods. He also was well known as “Joe the Ice Man.” Well-respected for his high level of customer service, the Ice Man could be seen making deliveries to his fiercely loyal private and commercial customer base well into the wee hours of the morning.

When Vann was not working, he proudly served as a Deacon at William Chapel, where Elder Johnny Howard was his pastor. Vann was a devout Christian and never hesitated to give God praise through testimony and through song (*His Grace and Mercy* was his favorite solo!). Even when hospitalized, any medical staff entering his room could not leave without a (long) lesson about the goodness of Jesus.

Vann was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Jean Abrams Gaddie; his son, Vann Gaddie III; and his siblings, Jimmy Roy Gaddie, Louise Murphy, Joyce Marie Williams, Thelma Jackson, and Barbara Jean McMillian. He is survived by his children, Allison Cannady-Smith (Tacoma, WA), Susan Cannady (North Plainfield, NJ), Constance McCoy (Newark, NJ), Kyron Gaddie (Newark, NJ), and Shavon Gaddie (Atlanta, GA); twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; his siblings, Gloria Jean Reddick (Manhattan, New York), Rometha Gaddie Whitley (Bronx, New York), Mary Edwards (Washington, D.C.), Mary Hester (Atlanta, GA), Dorothy “special sister and mom” Williams (Newark, NJ); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and friends.

For all who had the privilege of knowing him, Vann also leaves behind a penchant for hard work, a passion for treating people with respect and dignity, and a huge grin that would light up any room. It was nearly impossible to win an argument with Vann, but quite easy to steal his heart. He loved God and he loved God's people. He surely will be missed by us all.

# Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family  
Invocation.....Bishop Alton Little  
Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament - Psalm 121.....Evangelist Lillian McIver Williams  
    New Testament - Romans 8:18-28.....Reverend Allison Cannady-Smith  
Musical Selection..... Jonah Williams  
Acknowledgements (2 minutes).....Friends and Family  
Obituary .....Khalil Dock and Amanda Smith  
Musical Selection  
Eulogy.....Pastor Johnny Howard  
Final Viewing  
Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## **Repast**

Family and friends are invited to a repast immediately following the service  
at: Randall Chapel Freewill Baptist Church  
115 Oliver Street  
Newark, New Jersey



## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

Special thanks to the Williams and Hammonds family and friends for providing the repast.

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