


In Loving Memory of

Jamil D. Gray

A portrait of a smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored, textured cardigan over a white top. She is standing in front of a wooden cabinet with a vase of white lilies. The background is a soft, light blue wall.

Sunrise: August 19, 1968
Sunset: October 24, 2017

Service

Monday, November 6, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary



On August 19, 1968, **Jamil Denise Gray** was born in Harlem Hospital. She was beautiful, yes I know, everyone thinks that their baby is beautiful, but she was with her large bright eyes and beautiful brown skin, thus the nickname "Chocolate".

Chocolate attended Alfred E. Smith High School. During high school she developed a passion for music, once she realized that music was not her forte, she enrolled in the Rockbey School of Dance and Drama. Shortly after her time in Rockbey, she conceived her first child, Willie. Two years later, she gave birth to Ronald, two years after that she gave birth to Dominique. After three boys she gave birth to her two daughters, first came Essence and then Andayea. Andayea was conceived with her husband of 20 years, Tim. Not only did they share a daughter together, but Jamil also gained another son, Timothy, Jr. Tim and Jamil were happily devoted to one another; working together to raise their children and ensure each other's happiness.

During her adult life, Jamil held many jobs, but her passion was giving back to her community through outreach and education. Jamil worked many years as an outreach specialist and substance abuse counselor for people who struggled to overcome some of life's most difficult social and economic barriers. Due to her own struggles with these same barriers, Jamil turned to God for strength and guidance. She was baptized on Easter Sunday, 2017 at the New Tabernacle Church in Bronx, NY. Jamil was truly thankful for the many blessings that she had been given.

Chocolate loved her children dearly and was very proud of them. She played a role in seeing two of her children graduate college, two more graduate from high school, and one enter high school just this year. Jamil's children were her pride and joy.

In April 2017, Chocolate was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. Jamil fought very hard to battle cancer; she had to learn how to walk and eat again after her first stint in the hospital. Jamil was able to spend the summer with her family, including all of her children and grandchildren before succumbing to breast cancer on October 24th, 2017.

Jamil left a vacant space in the hearts of all of her family members. She is survived by: her five children; her step-son, Timothy; two grandchildren, Eden and Teddi; her husband of 20 years, Tim; her mother, Gardenia; her two brothers, Tyrone and Kareem; and her sister, Bunnie.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection - "I Can Only Imagine" (Tamela Mann).....Sheila Ingram

Scripture Readings.....Pastor Gwen Wilson

Prayer.....Wilhelmina Dorsey

Selection.....Organist/soloist

Acknowledgements.....Aunt Terry

Remarks (5 speakers, 3 mins each).....Mr. Goodhope
Bunnie Slade
Wilhelmina Dorsey
Timothy Anderson
Ronald Thomas

Obituary.....Pastor Gwen Wilson

Selection - "I'll Be Ready" (Yolanda Adams).....Sheila Ingram

Eulogy.....Pastor Gwen Wilson

Viewing

Committal

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

REPAST:
129 -133 West 147th Street
Between Lenox and 7th Avenue

I'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!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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