



In Loving Memory of

Gary Allen DeVore

Sunrise: November 19, 1953

Sunset: December 25, 2017

Service

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."
(Isaiah 40:31)

On Monday, December 25, 2017, **Gary DeVore** departed this life at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, New York at 12:30 PM.

Gary Allen DeVore was born to Naomi Allen DeVore and William Bonds on November 19, 1953 in Little Rock, South Carolina.

Gary attended McCoys Chapel United Methodist Church in Little Rock, SC, where he remained a member until he joined Sharon Baptist Church in the Bronx in the early 2000s. He was a member of the Men's Ministry and the Male Chorus at Sharon Baptist Church.

He attended the public schools of Dillion County, SC until moving to Brooklyn, NY, where he attended Erasmus High School. Gary continued his education at the College of New Rochelle where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Gary felt that graduation from college after many years was one of his greatest accomplishments.

Gary worked as an employee of the NYC Board of Education as a Security Officer and worked at Argus Community as a counselor. He was passionate about working as a counselor helping people through their challenges, struggles, and trials.

In 1972, Gary married the late Linda Miles. From this union were born four children.

Gary was preceded in death by Naomi Allen DeVore (Mother); William Bonds (Father); and Henry DeVore, Jr. (Step-Father).

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, LaTonya/Chester Sullian, Pittsburg, PA, Gary DeVore, Jr., Staten Island, NY, Shaun DeVore, Bronx, NY, and Jerrell DeVore, Orlando, FL; three sisters, Almera Washington, Brooklyn, NY, Lucille Martinez, Shirley, NY, and Rena Buxton, Patterson, NJ; two brothers, Williams Donnell Bonds and James Bonds, both of Patterson, NJ; grandchildren, Tashauna, Tiara, Juwan, Gary III, James, Demitria, Brianna, Aiden, and Desire; aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

He also leaves to mourn his devoted fiancée, JoAnn Ferdinand.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Richard Weiss, President/CEO of Argus Community

Wendell Bennett, Supervisor/Counselor

JoAnn Ferdinand, Fiancée

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park

Paramus, New Jersey

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

The Family of Gary Allen DeVore, wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow. May God richly bless each of you. We thank you for your calls, prayers, cards, and other expressions of love. And a special thanks to Twyona Bennett, Richard Weiss and Wendell Bennett.

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