

CELEBRATING

THE LIFE

OF

Gary Powell

Sunrise:
October 8, 1958

Sunset:
May 11, 2022

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 - 11AM
Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Gary Powell, the fifth oldest child of the late Justion L. Powell, Sr. and Zena M. Powell was born on October 8, 1958 in Newark, New Jersey.

He was educated in the Newark school system and graduated from Malcom X. Shabazz High School in 1976. After graduating from high school, he attended Upsala College located in East Orange and studied Agriculture. One of his passions was art at which he was very skillful.

Gary was employed as a letter carrier for the Irvington Post Office for 14 years. He also worked in several schools in New Jersey as a Head Custodian. Prior to his passing, he worked as a Floor Technician in the complex where he lived.

Gary was known for his culinary art skills. He loved cooking, throwing family dinners and opening his home to whoever wanted to attend. He was a loving, caring person who always considered the needs of others. Gary was a quiet person at heart and at times he would grab your attention through his story telling. He loved his family and spent a lot of time with his siblings, relatives and friends. He loved to dress and back in the 70's was part of the "THE 40s BOYS" organization which consisted of his brothers and close friends – family strong....if you know, you know!

Gary made his transition on May 11, 2022. He is predeceased by his father – Justion L. Powell, Sr., his brothers – Justion L. Powell, Jr. and Jeffrey W. (Bobe) Powell - and his sister Linda Mae Powell-Williams.

He leaves behind to celebrate his memories his loving mother Zena M. Powell of Rocky Mount, NC; his sister Nancy Patricia Powell of Irvington, NJ; his brothers Wayne Roberto Powell (Furquan) of East Orange, NJ - Mikail El (wife Carolyn) of Pine Bluff, AR – and Dennis Benjamin Powell, Sr. (wife Agnes) of Hollywood, FL; brother-in-law Clarence L Williams. He also leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gary will always remain in our hearts and truly missed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Reading of Obituary – Carolin El

Remarks – Family and Friends (2 minute limit)

Reading of Cards – Martha Lynette Walcott

Eulogy – Adrian Walcott

Closing Prayer and Benediction

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery

1137 N. Broad St., Hillside, NJ 07205

MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan;
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know and
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt gestures of love, calls, cards and prayers during this time. May God continue to bless and keep you.

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