



# 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!

Submitted by: Deborah Rasberry

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



# Alfonso R. Gray



March 29, 1963 – June 14, 2022

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 - 10:00 AM

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey  
*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*  
*Dr. Emory Lee, Organist*

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# Obituary

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal. Beloved brother may you transition in peace and rise in power.

Alfonso Raphael Gray, also known as "Scootie" was born on March 29, 1963 to the late Arthur "Sonny" Gray and Mary Raspberry Gray. He departed this life on Tuesday June 14th, 2022 at his home. Scootie attended Newark, NJ public schools and later Pitt Community College of Winterville, NC. He was employed with Highway Transport as a long-distance truck driver until his death.

Scootie met no strangers and always the life of the party. He loved his family and was very supportive of others, especially those he loved.

He leaves to cherish his memories; only daughter and the light of his life,

Amber Ja'nee Gray, four grandchildren, James(slim) Altrece Mays, Alajiah Jaia'Mya Mays, Jasir Ayan Mays, Mason Ishmael Gray, all of Middleton NY. Last but not least his unborn grandson King Alfonso Raphael Gray; two beloved sisters, Angela Gray of Ayden, NC and beloved brother, Arthur Gray of Egg Harbor Township, NJ. A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and best friend Michael Kareem Brown.



# Order of Service

Processional

Selection - Dr. Emory Lee

Scripture Reading - Rev. Edward Allen  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort - Rev. Edward Allen

Selection - Dr. Emory Lee

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary - Arthur Gray

Selection - Dr. Emory Lee

Eulogy - Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

## Interment

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

*Repast will not be held family  
will congregate at a local  
restaurant*