

Celebrating the Life of



Ashton M. Gittens

SUNRISE: July 31, 1949

SUNSET: August 7, 2023

Friday, August 18, 2023 - 10am

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Obituary

Ashton (Ashie) Gittens was the son of the late Ashton and Linda McQuilkin Gittens. He was one of seventeen children and was born on July 31, 1949 in New York City. He earned his wings to heaven on August 7, 2023.

Ashie received his religious studies at Ebenezer Methodist Church, where he attended on Sundays. He received his early formative education at PS 109 and Junior High School 99. He later attended Gompers High School where he excelled academically and graduated. He was an avid reader and historian. Ashie had a sharp mind and was very vocal when he spoke. His knowledge and wisdom would blow you away.

He wore many hats. He had a career as a counselor and mentor, a cab driver for many years, a trade as a carpenter through an apprenticeship program, a career at Con Edison and New York City Transit where he retired.

Ashie loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed cooking and bragged about how well he can cook. (Ashie received professional training from a culinary institute.) He enjoyed watching television and particularly loved sports, softball and handball. He was the king at playing dominos. He was a dog lover especially pit bulls. He enjoyed traveling with his family and most often enjoyed doing things with his children and grandchildren. He had a fun-loving spirit and a zeal for life.

He leaves to cherish his memory: five children, Hannibal Gittens (wife, DeAnn), Jamar Gittens (wife, Shanine), Raquel Gonzales-Favors (husband, Faizon A. Favors), Lanora Gittens, and Nubia Williams; two stepchildren, Anthony Davis and Tanya Davis; seven grandchildren, Lateef J. Gittens, Mya L. Gittens, Shytasia Gittens, Jamar Gittens, Jr. (wife, Maddy), Shamar Gittens, Ayanna K. McRay, Ithiel T. McRay, and Alana Thomas; one great grand, Kain Miyon Burkeward; one sister, Phyllis Morris; two brothers, Melvin Gittens and Calvin Gittens; one sister-in-law, (Pam); and a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, other relatives and friends. He is also survived by Aldora Davis-Gittens.

Order of Service

Presiding

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Adjutant Bernard Bowen

Musical Selection

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 23

Deacon Karen Pridgen

New Testament - John 14:1-6

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Musical Selection

Remarks/Reflections (2 Minutes)

Poetry Selection

Pamela Gittens

Obituary

Eulogy

Elder Dawn Heyward

Final Viewing

Recessional

FINAL DISPOSITION:

Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

Remember Me

Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow

But remember me in every tomorrow.

Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,

I've only gone to rest a little while.

Although my leaving causes pain and grief,

My going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me

Not as I am now, but as I used to be.

Because I will remember you all and look on with a smile,

Understand, in your hearts. I've only gone to rest a little while.

As long as I have the love of each of you,

I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

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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