Celebrating His Life...

Michael Allen Gray, Sr.



June 13, 1977

January 16, 2023

Saturday, January 28, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Stuart Mortuary_Chapel

2201 North Illinois Street | Indianapolis, Indiana

Order of Service

Minister, Yusuf Ford, Presiding

Living Stone Church of Christ | Indianapolis, Indiana

| PROCESSIONAL | | Musical Prelude |
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| SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER | | Minister Yusuf Ford |
| SELECTION | | Donovan Gray |
| "His Eye s Is On The Sparrow" | | |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | Ms. | Myia Girton and Ms. Jasmine Hill |
| OBITUARY | Read Silently | Soft Music |
| REMARKS | Two (2) minutes, please | Expressions of Love |
| SELECTION | | Donovan Gray |
| WORDS OF COMFORT | | Minister Yusuf Ford |
| BENEDICTION | | Minister Yusuf Ford |
| RECESSIONAL | | Musical Postlude |

Committal and Interment

Sutherland Park Cemetery | Indianapolis, Indiana

Repast

Moose Lodge # 17 7055 East 16th Street | Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

Acknowledgment

The family of **Michael Allen Gray**, **Sr.** wishes to acknowledge all the comforting words, cards, prayers, floral tributes and other acts of kindness evidenced at this time. May God bless you all. Living Stone Church of Christ, with sincere appreciation, our family extends a special note of gratitude for the faithfulness of comfort given to our family and Michael through his later years of life. We also extend our appreciation to the staff of the following: Stuart Mortuary; Sutherland Park Cemetery and Moose Lodge #17 for your aid and support during this incredibly difficult time.

His Story

It is with profound sadness that the family of *Michael Allen Gray Sr.* share with you his passing on Monday, January 16, 2023 at the age of 45 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Preacious C. Gray. His sister, Andrea Gray preceded him in death.

"HIS-chapters" Michael's story of life began June 13, 1977 in Indianapolis, Indiana as the youngest son of Harvey and Preacious Gray. His early childhood education began with the Indianapolis public school system, graduation from Lawrence North High School and further attendance at Ivy Tech Community College.

Michael's passion for sports led to his basketball success. However, his enthusiasm for sports did not begin at school; but, rather from a seed of joy planted by his mom and dad. Many youthful fishing trips continued throughout the years with great conversation. Who knew that such a tiny seed of family time would grow into a life-long purpose? His on-going, freelance work in varied fields were a means to provide that purpose and was fulfilled with final employment at Roche Diagnostic in Indianapolis, Indiana. But, his greatest fulfillment was a constant, shared message of togetherness. Backyard barbecues usually ended in funny roundtable talks with childhood friends and family. He often said, "Families Stick Together!" because he truly believed that as truth.

He was baptized into Christ, August 2, 2015, gaining an extended group of families and friends. Michael was a protective, loving son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He touched the lives of others by his gift of shared purpose from a seed planted long ago.

He is lovingly remembered by his parents, Harvey and Preacious C.; his partner, Angela Colwell; his children, Deasia Gray-Taylor (Antonio Taylor Sr.), Shyauna Lynea Gray; Nadia Gabrielle Stennis, Mycah Aleise Gray, and youngest daughter, Jada Valerie Gray; his son, Michael Allen Gray Jr.; Maxwell Isiah Gray; Curtis Crawford Cherry III; Tyler Caldwell; and Jeremiah Brooks; his grandchildren, Chaíly Gray; Antonio Taylor Jr.; Khámiya and Malaiya-Tara Gray; his siblings, Chryle Yvonne Jenkins; Brenda Lee Jenkins; Harvey Jerome Gray III; Antoinette Gray-Hill, and niece, who was more like a sister, Shquan L. Jones, along with other favorable nieces and nephews, other relative and friends.

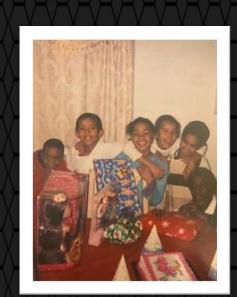














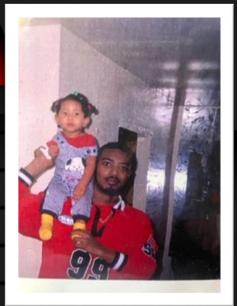


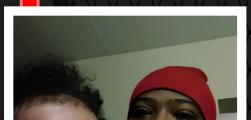










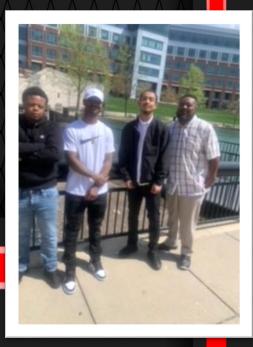














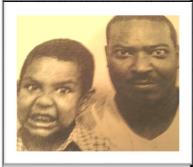
















"My Father's Wishes"

Read By: Jasmine Hill

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times the

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes we're together again.











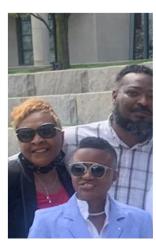














Pallbearers

Michael A. Gray, Jr. Curtis Crawford Cherry, III

Mark Jenkins R.C. Mormon Harvey J. Gray, III Aspher Davis

Honorary Pallbearers

Cameron Parks
Marcus Johnson
Julius Wilson

Michael Moore, Jr. A A A Harvey J. Gray, IV

Michael Moore, Sr.

Flower Bearers

Relatives and Friends

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an AFTERGLOW
Of smiles when day is gone.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times, and laughing times,
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave
When my life is done.

Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted
To The Final Care Of:



Stuart Mortuary, Inc.