



Farewell My Love

Somewhere in my heart,
all my grief and pain is a smile,
I still wear at the sound of your name
"Jerry" my "husband" Anderson Gray.
You were my world, my first love,
now my heart is hurting,
broken because you are no longer here with me.
God chose you for his angel to watch me from above,
to guide me and advise me, and know that I am still loved.
The day you had to leave me, your life on Earth was finished.
You have fought a good fight,
you have finished the course,
you have kept the faith.
Now God has better plans for you.
God brought us together and the memories surround me,
I can't hold back the tears,
you truly were my best friend, my lover,
my husband and my Pastor, someone I could confide in,
you always had a smile on your face and such a tender heart.
Now the time has come that I must
say farewell my love, I will see you in the morning.



Services Entrusted To:

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A Celebration

*of
Life
for*

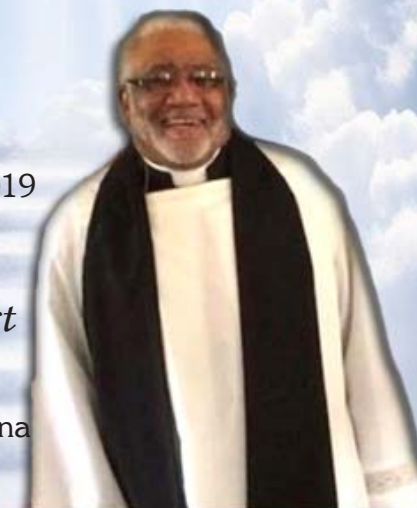
Elder Anderson C. Gray

"Pop Gray"

Saturday, August 10, 2019
11:00 A.M.

*Bethlehem Baptist
Church*

Newberry, South Carolina



Bishop Johnnie J. Johnson, Chief Officiant
Superintendent C.A. McCluney, Presiding
Bishop Ernest Jones, Eulogist

Obituary

Elder Anderson C. Gray, affectionately known as “Pop Gray”, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2019. Born in Newberry County, he was the son of the late David V. Gray and the late Adell M. Gray.

He was the pastor of Prayer and Faith Ministries COGIC in Hodges, SC, until his death. He pastored a total of thirty-eight years at six churches throughout Germany and the United States, producing seven Bishops and countless Pastors and Ministers. Elder Gray served twenty-seven years of honorable Military Service in the US Army. Upon retiring as Master Sergeant, he worked for twenty-three years in Newberry County School District as a Transportation Coordinator.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Bonnie Nance. Surviving are his wife, Bertha L. Gray; daughters, Denise R. Gray of Spartanburg, SC, Connie Caldwell of Swansea, IL, and Lakeica Bell of Riverside, NJ; sons, Clarence T. Gray of Indianapolis, IN, David A. Gray of Charlotte, NC, Anderson C. Gray of Gaffney, SC, and Parnell Pass of Browns Mill, NJ; sister, Vernelle Bouknight; and brother, David V. Gray both of Boston, MA; two uncles; twenty-seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; three daughters-in-law; one son-in-law; three sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional Episcopal & Family
“My Soul Has Been Anchored”
- Final Viewing
- Scripture
 - Old Testament Pastor Wayne Penn
 - New Testament Pastor Demetrius Moye’
- Prayer Prophetess Rashieda Phillips
- Choir Selection “He’ll Welcome Me”
- Reflections Please Limit to 3 Minutes
 - Community Pastor James Caldwell
 - Military Armed Forces Jan Thornton-Andrews
 - Church Prayer & Faith Min. Johnathan Martin
 - Family David Gray
- Solo Elbert Foster
- COGIC State Officials
 - Jurisdictional Supervisor Mother Willie Mae Rivers
Dept. of Women
 - Jurisdictional Prelate Bishop Johnnie J. Johnson
- Solo Dist. Missy Fant
- Resolutions & Acknowledgments
- Choir Selection “Total Praise”
- Speaker Bishop Ernest Jones, True Vine Ministries
- Recessional
- Committal and Benediction Graveside
- Interment with Newberry Memorial Gardens
- Full Military Honors

We Cannot Know

We cannot know what lies ahead
From day to passing day.
What changes God is planning
In His wise and loving way.
We cannot know the reasons
He allows both joy and tears,
Why we must lose the precious ones
We’ve cherished through the years.
We cannot know – but we can trust,
And faith can help us find
Our way to those tomorrows
That will bring us peace of mind.

Casket Bearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

The family of Elder Anderson C. Gray acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at our time of bereavement. We thank God for each of you, for He has come to us through you. May His love and peace abide with you always.

— The Family