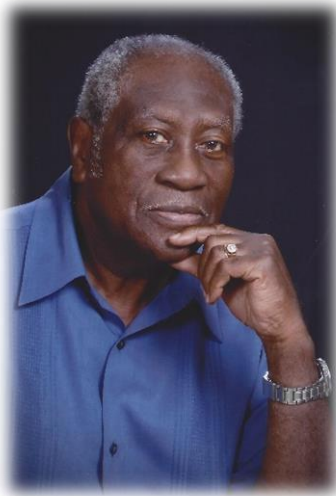


Homegoing Services

for

James H. Gray

February 18, 1939 – February 19, 2019



Saturday, February 23, 2019

Noon

St. Paul Baptist Church

3501 Stillman Blvd.

Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Dr. Lenoise Richey, Jr., Pastor and Officiating Minister

Rev. Dr. Jeffery L. Cammon, Eulogist

OBITUARY

On Tuesday, February 19, 2019, James Howard Gray transitioned from this life to be home with the Lord. He was the oldest son of the late Willie Gray and Lucille Harris. His wife of 53 years, Willie Marie, preceded him in death.

James joined St. Paul Baptist Church at an early age. For many years, he served as a trustee. One of his greatest joys was blending voices and singing with the dapper men of the Male Chorus.

Educated in the Tuscaloosa City School System, James was a graduate of the Druid High School Class of 1959. He valued education and at every chance passed this legacy on to his children and grandchildren. James became a licensed barber and was the sole proprietor of Gray's Barbershop for more than forty years. He had many loyal customers, including adults fondly known as "board members" and he demonstrated that goodwill was a key to success. He visited customers when they were hospitalized or home-bound and often gave them complimentary services. For almost 20 years, while working in the barbershop he simultaneously worked as a patient care assistant at Druid City Hospital.

James H. Gray was preceded in death by brothers George and Willie, Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory three children, Veronica J. Williams, Dr. James H. Gray, Jr. (Rosianna), and Kimberly J. Gray; grandchildren, James H. Gray, III, Diamond A. Gray, CamRon J. Ruffin, and Jordyn E. Gray; greatgrandchild, Carlton Ace Morris; sisters Sarah Durrrough of Detroit, Michigan and Wanda German of Tuscaloosa; brothers McArthur Gray (Annie) of Huntsville, Alabama, Honorable Jimmy Lee Gray (Latessa) of Detroit, Michigan, and James Harris, Jr. (Annette) of Tuscaloosa, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. Lenoise Richey, Jr., Officiating

Processional

Opening Hymn *“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”*

Scripture

Psalm 27 Rev. James Carter

Prayer..... Rev. Terry L. Cole
Pastor, Beautiful Zion A.M.E. Zion Church

Selection..... St. Paul Baptist Male Chorus

Reflections

From a “Board Member” Mr. Cedric Burns

As a Church Member Mr. Kenneth Hardy

Selection..... St. Paul Baptist Male Chorus

Acknowledgments

Instrumental Praise..... James H. Gray, III
Accompanied by Mr. Donnell Johnson
“How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Jeffery L. Cammon
Presiding Elder, Tuscaloosa-Bessemer District
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Recessional

PALLBEARERS

Emmett Burroughs

Ulysses Lavender

Henry Daniels, Sr.

Matthew Smith

Joe Hughes

Jerry Taylor

Flower Bearers

Missionaries and Friends

INTERMENT

Cedar Oak Memorial Park
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

IN GRATITUDE

The family of the late Mr. James H. Gray wish to express sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness expressed during our time of bereavement. It is our prayer that God will bless you as you have blessed us.

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