

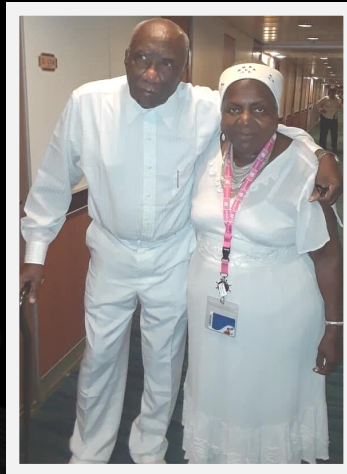
A Broken Chain

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*



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A MEMORIAL GATHERING

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF

Robert Lee Gray, Sr.



REMEMBERING HIM

Robert Lee Gray, Sr. was born on July 26, 1938, to the loving union of the late Frank Edward Gray, Sr. and Georgia Virginia Gray in Latham, AL. He was the oldest of eleven children and was affectionately known as “Ray” to all who knew and loved him.

After receiving a formal education in the Baldwin County school system, he relocated to Newark, New Jersey. This is where he met and married the love of his life, Marjorie Davis, and they entered the Sanctity of Holy Matrimony on May 27, 1967. To this union was born five beautiful, devoted children. Robert was a man of Faith. He joined the Nation of Islam in 1967. He spent countless hours and days spreading the word of the most high, also known as Allah and was a faithful follower himself. He was a hard worker and believed in providing for his family. After being employed at the Worthington Pump Foundry, he later went on to join Ford Motor Company where he ultimately retired. In 1980, he moved back to AL in order to have a better quality of life for his family.

“Ray” was full of life, wisdom, and knowledge and he would share his philosophies on life with family, friends, and anyone else willing to listen. He was a creative spirit with a great mind and soul; he used his hands to give life to inanimate objects. He liked the pure sounds of music and his guitar gave him comfort and joy, wrapped up within each music note he played. Not only was he a man of God, he was a husband, father, brother, uncle, mentor, singer, friend and a philosopher. Robert had a great sense of humor and his infectious laugh would always leave others with a light heart. He lived by several codes, “Nothing will just come to you, you have to get up and make it happen,” “Practice breeds perfection, and “If teaching don’t teach you, condition will”.

At 5:55am on Monday, September 26, 2022, he quietly closed his eyes and took his final breath. He departed this life, knowing that he was fully loved and his legacy will continue to live on through his teachings. He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings: Mary Harris and Anissa Shuler.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife: Marjorie Davis Gray of Bay Minette, AL; five children: Robert (Raquel) Gray of Foley, AL, Reginald Gray of Independence, MO, James (Nicole) Gray of Bear, DE, Tahira Gray of Mobile, AL, and Haris (Shindu) Gray of Independence, MO; seven brothers: George (Nagma) Gray of Bay Minette, AL, Frank (Golden “Pat”) Gray of Bay Minette, AL, Jessie (Genola) Gray of Severn, MD, Tom (Voncile) Gray of Latham, AL, Curtis Gray of Panama City, FL, Jeffery (Janice) Gray of Latham, AL and Joseph (Susan) Gray of Erie, PA; two sisters: Virginia Grant of Latham, AL and Sharon (Fabbian) Pearson of Missouri City, TX; five grandchildren: Jamez Gray, Alexis Gray, Dorien Gray, Jalyn Gray, and Alayah Martin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

The Memorial Gathering

Saturday, October 1, 2022

Final Viewing and Visitation

10:00am – 11:00am

Celebration of Life

11:00am

Banks Memorial Funeral Home

SEATING OF THE FAMILY

PRAYER | LEROY JONES

SCRIPTURES | ERIC SHULER

OLD TESTAMENT (PSALMS 90)

NEW TESTAMENT

SELECTION |

TRIBUTES:

ALEXIS & JALYN GRAY

ROBERT GRAY

MARJORIE GRAY & TAHIRA GRAY

OTHERS: 2 MIN. PLEASE

OBITUARY READING | MONICA HAWKINS

FINAL WORDS | LEROY JONES

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“Ray”