



Celebration of Life



Arnelt

Julian Gray, Sr.

September 20, 1931 ~ November 22, 2022



Catherine

Knight Gray

January 23, 1944 ~ November 20, 2022

Thursday, December 1, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Greater Harvest Baptist Church

4700 Little John Dr.

Norfolk, VA 23513

Reverend Dr. John Amos, Eulogist





Obituary

Arnett Julian Gray, Sr.



Arnett was born on September 21, 1931, in Norfolk, VA, to the late Delmont and Claudia Gray.

After graduating from Norfolk Public schools in 1950, Arnett joined the United States Army. He proudly defended our country during the Korean war earning the Bronze Star Medal for his heroism in combat. After being honorably discharged from the Army in 1953, Arnett pursued his passion for professional boxing. He was trained by the late Ernest Leon Stepney, Sr. landing several prized Boxing events held at the Norfolk Arena.

In addition to serving a good punch in the ring, he served a great drink while bartending for the Railroad Co. and Kempsville Golf & Country Club where he met the love of his life, Catherine (Cat). Arnett and Cat fell in love and were married on March 17, 1969. After the loss of Arnett's only daughter, he and Catherine raised their grandson, A. Jermel Gray, III from the age of 9. Prior to retirement, Arnett had a long career as a sales professional. He was a people person who never met a stranger, a trait that allowed him to excel in his sales career. Arnett was a talented artist, athlete and loved sports and music. He was a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan and loved Frank Sinatra.

He is proceeded in death by his oldest son Major Arnett J Gray, Jr., His only daughter Alison C. Gray and grandson C. Lamont Gray, siblings, Delmont R. Gray, Jr., Horace M. "Bunny" Gray, Muriel Gray Taylor, Jean C. Gray Wicks, Rita Spady, Robert "Bob" Gray, Ernestine Young and Valarie "Lil Willie Roberts.

He leaves to mourn his son Ronald J. Gray, grandson Arnett Jermel Gray (Shannon), his best friend and brother William "Billy" Gray, grandchildren Ashley Campbell, Alison Campbell, Stacey Gray, Sabrina Collins, A.J. Gray, III and Dana Evans, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





Obituary

Catherine Knight Gray

Catherine was born on January 23, 1944, in Princess Anne County located in Virginia Beach to the late Norman and Evelyn Knight.


In 1963, she graduated from Princess Anne County Training School. Catherine continued her education in early childhood development at Norfolk State University where she received an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. She was employed with the STOP Organization where she was awarded several star items in the early education organization.

On March 17, 1969 Catherine met and married the love of her life Arnett Gray, Sr. while employed at The Kempsville Golf Club. Catherine was a loving, caring, devoted wife and grandmother. She and her husband raised their grandson Arnett Jermel (who was like a son) after his mother passed. Catherine was a member at Greater Harvest Baptist Church where she served in leadership as a Deaconess.

Catherine loved gardening, caring for her house plants and watching them grow. She enjoyed playing spades and pinnacle, listening to music especially the O'Jays, watching classic movies, reality shows and Life Time movies. She enjoyed cooking for the family and reading books to children brought her much joy.

Catherine was predeceased by her brothers Willis Knight, Frank Knight, Robert Knight, James Knight, Ernest Knight and John Knight; two sisters, Eva Knight Allen and Lenora Knight.

She leaves to mourn her step-son Ronald J. Gray, grandson Arnett Jermel Gray, III (Shannon), Ashley Campbell, Alison Campbell, Stacey Gray, Sabrina Collins, A. J. Gray and Dana Evans, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





Order of Celebration



Musical Prelude. “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Processional. Ministers and Family

Invocational Prayer Dr. John Amos

Musical Selection Bishop W. Macon

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Deacon M. Cooper

New Testament ~ John 14:1-6. Brandon F. Gray

Prayer of Comfort Minister Carson Borders

Musical Selection Bishop W. Macon

Acknowledgements Deacon C. Borders

Reflections of Love. James “JT” Taylor

Expressions (limit 2 mins.)

Musical Selection Bishop W. Macon

Eulogy. Reverend Dr. John Amos, Pastor
Greater Harvest Baptist Church

Mortician Moments. Beach Funeral and Cremation Services

Recessional. Ministers, Family and Friends

Interment

Woodlawn Funeral and Memorial Gardens
Norfolk, VA

Repast

Greater Harvest Baptist Church Dining Hall







A Love Story..
Until Death We Do
Part

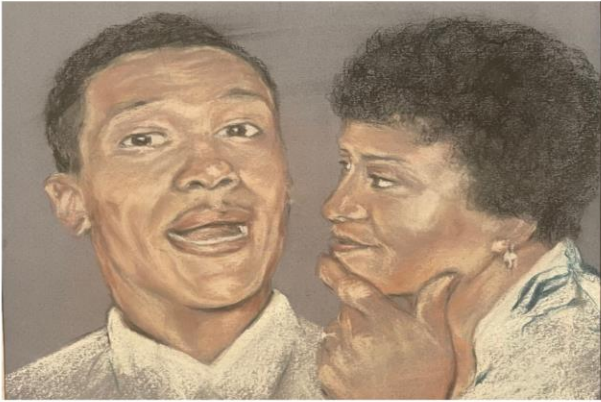




Poem to my Grandparents
 Please don't think of them as gone away
 Their journey's just begun,
 Life holds so many facets this earth is only one.
 After 53 years of marriage, just think of them as resting together
 Without sorrows and tears
 In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.
 Think how they must be wishing that we could know today
 How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.
 And think of them as living in the hearts of those they touched...
 For nothing loved is ever lost and they were loved so much.~ ~ Ellen Brenneman
Forever in our Hearts,
 Jermel, Shannon & Family



Precious Memories



Family & Friends





Pallbearers

Dashelle Moore
Terrance Langley
Robert Knight
Dominic Gray
Henderson Knight
Juel Campbell

Michael Knight
Clyde Hubbard
Tracey Whitfield
Kristian Gray
A. Jermel Gray, III
Brandon Gray

Honorary Pallbearers

William "Billy" Gray

Expression of Gratitude

The Family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the prayers, visits, flowers and other acts of kindness shown during this difficult time of bereavement.

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Norfolk, VA



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