

Some day the silver cord will break, And I no more as now shall sing; But, O the joy when I shall wake Within the presence of the King!

And I shall see Him face to face, And tell the story, saved by grace: And I shall see Him face to face, And tell the story, saved by grace.

Some day my earthly house will fall, I cannot tell how soon 'twill be, But this I know-my All in all Has now a place with Him for me.

Or some day when my Lord will come, And called to meet Him I'll be blest, He then will say to me, "Well done," And I shall enter into rest.

Some day, till then I'll watch and wait, My lamp all trimmed and burning bright, That when my Savior I will greet, My faith will then be changed to sight.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during their hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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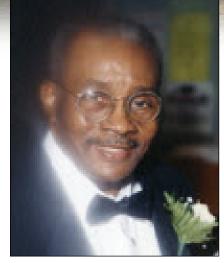
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# Rev. Rupert L. Gayle



November 14th, 1926–March 23rd, 2011

SERVICE Thursday, March 31, 2011 - 9:00 A.M. Calvary Evangelistic Assembly 391 Pennsylvania Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11207 <u>Officiating Clergy:</u> Bishop Walter G. Francis, M.TH Rev. Dr. O.P. Souvenir, G.TH, D.D.

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# Order of Service

(Bishop W.G. Francis, M.TH, Officiating)

Organ Prelude	Organist, Exhthr. Wedderburn
Processional (Family & Officiating Cle Prayer	
Hymn of Comfort	"Peace in the Valley"
Scripture Reading:	
Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3, Job 19:25-26	Caleb Gayle
New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:1-10	Michelle Gayle
Selection	Exhorter L. Bowers
Acknowledgements, Condolences & Tributes Resolutions	
Obituary Reading	Norman Gayle
Selection	ТВА
Eulogy	Rev. O.P. Souvenir, G.TH, D.D.
Benediction	Rev. Robinson
Final Viewing	Grace Chapels
Recessional	Organist
New Testament	Exhorter L. Bowers Open — (Limited) Diane Gayle Glen Brown Norman Gayle TBA Rev. O.P. Souvenir, G.TH, D.D. Rev. Robinson Grace Chapels

Interment—Immediately following service @ Pinelawn Memorial Park & Gardens 2030 Wellwood Ave Farmingdale, NY 11735

# Hymn of Comfort

1. Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder Why it should be thus all the day long; While there are others living about us, Never molested, though in the wrong.

## Refrain:

Farther along we'll know more about it, Farther along we'll understand why; Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine, We'll understand it all by and by.

2. Sometimes I wonder why I must suffer, Go in the rain, the cold, and the snow, When there are many living in comfort, Giving no heed to all I can do.

3. Tempted and tried, how often we question Why we must suffer year after year, Being accused by those of our loved ones, E'en though we've walked in God's holy fear.

4. Often when death has taken our loved ones, Leaving our home so lone and so drear, Then do we wonder why others prosper, Living so wicked year after year.

5. "Faithful till death," saith our loving Master; Short is our time to labor and wait; Then will our toiling seem to be nothing, When we shall pass the heavenly gate.

6. Soon we will see our dear, loving Savior, Hear the last trumpet sound through the sky; Then we will meet those gone on before us, Then we shall know and understand why.

### **Obituary - Rev. Rupert Leopold Gayle**

**Rupert Leopold Gayle** was the firstborn of twelve children born to Adrian Luther Gayle and Vinnicent Eliza Gayle; he was born on the 14th day of September 1926 in Discovery Bay, St. Ann's parish. He was later registered as being born on November 14th, 1926. This was a sure sign that young Rupert would be running ahead of the record. Young Rupert excelled in school and as he grasped more and more knowledge it became apparent that he had a god-given gift for teaching, which was quickly put to good use in the assisting and tutoring of his many siblings. He excelled in the written language and enjoyed writing which was second only to his impeccable penmanship.

He attended the Liberty Hill Primary School and completed high school with good marks. Not only was young Mr. Gayle an apt student, but he was also a skilled cyclist and cricketer. He often told with a sense of pride, of his many adventures taking the hills and gullies at rapid speeds on his many excursions through the island of Jamaica.

At the age of 15 young Rupert left home to pursue a vocation as a skilled mason. He would later tell his children how he learned the trade from some of the finest, skilled craftsman on the island of Jamaica. Young Rupert quickly learned the art of laying bricks, blocks, custom tile work, cement work, etc...; he was truly an artist and this skill took him throughout the island of Jamaica where he participated in various building endeavors both large and small. He loved the hard work and the satisfaction of seeing a job well done. As he excelled in this skill, the next 17 years would bring great opportunities in the field where he took on supervisory and foreman responsibilities, as well as overseeing his own construction jobs.

Although reaping the many rewards that came with being a skilled craftsman, young Rupert found himself lacking fulfillment. There was a deep yearning in his heart, and for this he could not find satisfaction. This hunger for something more drove him to question whether life was worth living and whether his life had meaning. This driving hunger came to a climax on a stormy night as he rode his bicycle home from an unfulfilling entertainment event. The heavy rain along with the low lying and dangerous lightening strikes drove young Rupert to seek shelter under a nearby tree.

Drenched from the rain he looked towards heaven and in the midst of the storm he cried out to the Lord to enter his life and provide him the fulfillment that only Jesus can give. On that night young Rupert started a new journey that would in a few days lead him to the Life Tabernacle Church, Kingston Jamaica. Upon hearing the invitation to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, he surrendered his life to the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ. The void in his life was now filled and in jubilation he rushed to the home of his brother with exuberance to share this life changing encounter, to which his brother responded....Ok, we will give you six months.....

This however did not change his resolve, in short order he became an active member of Life Tabernacle, under the leadership of Bishop Bryson. Bro. Gayle became active in every possible auxiliary of the church; from Sunday school, to several youth department positions, men's fellowship, missions program, etc... In his enthusiasm to growth in his new found faith and relationship, Bro. Gayle changed his residence to the campus of the Life Tabernacle and immersed himself in many evangelistic endeavors throughout the island. He also immersed himself in the study of the word. This was facilitated through many correspondence courses. His many years at Life Tabernacle joined Bro. Gayle to lifelong friendships and fellowships that continued for many, many years. He also (as a skilled mason) worked on the beautiful edifice that would become the main sanctuary of Life Tabernacle.

It was while working one evening upon the roof of the new building that the Lord brought to his sight a beautiful young sister; Marlene Gayle. Through divine providence guiding the skillful and Christ-Like courting of young Brother Gayle, these two young people fell in love with each other and for the next 51 years, theirs would be truly a love of a lifetime. They were joined together in holy matrimony on May 14th, 1961.

As the union of Brother and Sister Gayle flourished so did the size of the household, and under the direction of the Lord the young family embarked upon the next chapter of their lives. Brother Gayle was led of the Lord to migrate to the United States of America. He arrived in the United States in 1963 fueled by a desire to provide better opportunities for his young family and a desire for the Lord to place him in a fellowship

of the Lord's choosing. Bro. Gayle was led to a small storefront church that was indeed the place of the Lord's choosing. Under the Lord's direction Bro. Gayle became a foundational member of a small church on New Lot's Avenue, Calvary Evangelistic Assembly. It was under this ministry and the leadership of Bishop G. Fitzwarren Barnes, that Bro. Gayle experienced the greatest spiritual growth of his life, inclusive of a call to ministry.

The Lord also blessed the work of his hands and as a private contractor he was able to use his masonry skills to both develop a loyal clientele as well as provide for his family. His entrepreneurial desire drove him and three fellow brothers from Life Tabernacle to form the P.G. & A Construction Company. The company flourished for several years.

Amidst all of this Bro. Gayle continued his strong devotion to the work of the Lord and his participation in the growth of Calvary Evangelistic Assembly. His desire to gain more knowledge in the word of the Lord, led him to enroll as one of the initial students of the Calvary Bible Institute. He completed the rigorous curriculum and graduated with the distinction of MCBI ("Member of Calvary Bible Institute). As a willing worker Bro. Gayle held several positions in the ministry; and in 1975 he was ordained to the office of Exhorter. This was followed by the ordination to the office of pastor on October 30th, 1977. Post his ordination he was sent out to pioneer an extension of Calvary Evangelistic Assembly in New Rochelle, New York. For the next several years in undying commitment Rev. Gayle labored in the field to grow the local church in New Rochelle. The ministry flourished and many were saved and through the gifted teaching of Rev. Gayle grew in the word of the Lord. After several years in New Rochelle the Lord moved the work to the Bronx, New York. In the Bronx, the Lord continued to add to the work. As the addition took place the Lord allowed the local body under Rev. Gayle's leading to purchase and renovate a building as the new home for church. After Many years of faithful, unwavering service to the Lord and the members of Christian Missionary Assembly, Rev. Gayle due to illness had to step down from the work in the Bronx. His life and ministry were a testimony and example of a true minister of the Lord, serving not for the accolades of men, but for the glory of the Lord.

Amongst his many gifts and callings Rev. Gayle was a consummate husband and father. He and His bride of 51 years were an example to their children and many on the "God-Kind of marriage". As a father he believed in leading by example, shaping his son's to be leaders, godly men, faithful husbands and dedicated fathers; and providing for his daughters a sense of security, and a model of how a godly man models love. We do not weep as those that have no hope, because we shall see him again our beloved pastor, brother, father, husband and friend. On March 23rd, 2011, Rev, Rupert Leopold Gayle arrived into the arms of sweet deliverance, he has laid his burdens down!

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 51 years, Marlene Gayle, son Lenworth (John) and his wife Monica of New York, son Dean of Massachusetts, son Carl of Florida, son Tony of London, son Oral and his wife Sharon of New Jersey, son Norman and his wife Diane of Oklahoma, daughter Ann and her husband Glen of Texas, son David and his wife Michelle of New York, daughter Ruth of New York and daughter Loveia and her husband William of New Jersey. He also leaves behind several brothers; Mr. Douglas Gayle, Dr. Jeffrey Gayle, Mr. Clifford Gayle, all of Jamaica W.I, and Mr. Phillip I. Gayle of St. Lucia. He also leaves behind several sisters; Mrs. Ruby Reid, Mrs. Louise English, Mrs. Madge Garnett all of Jamaica, W.I., Mrs. Stephanie Allen of Canada and Ms. Jasmin M. Gayle of the New York. Rev. Gayle also leaves behind 26 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister Matilda Gayle and a brother Cecil Gayle.

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Godspeed Rev. Gayle we will meet you on that glorious morning and Oh! What a sunrise it is going to be!