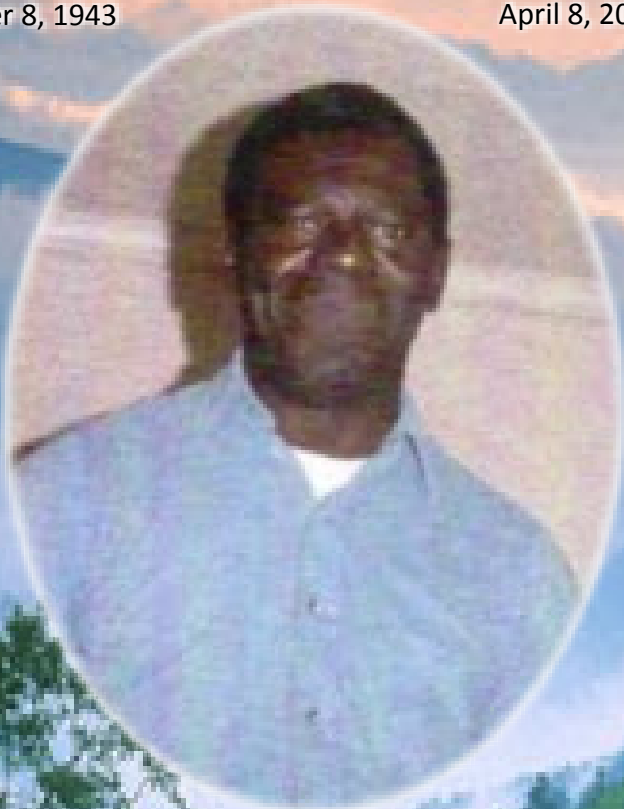


Home Going Celebration for
Andrew Levy Gardner

Alpha
October 8, 1943

Omega
April 8, 2011



Saturday, April 16, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue
New York, New York 10027

Elder Warren Adams, Officiating
Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Life Seasons

*"To everything there is a season, and a time
to every purpose under the heaven"*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

A Time To Be Born

Andrew Levy Gardner was born October 8, 1943 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was blessed to the late James and Gladys Gardner.

A Time to Experience Life

Andrew lived in Wilmington, North Carolina until he moved to New York City, after receiving his educational experience at Williston High School. He received his early life experiences during visits with his sisters as he traveled between Florida, North Carolina and New York City. As Andrew matured he began to experience medical problems that later led to his confinement at the assisted living facility in Ivanhoe, North Carolina where he spent his final years. His most cherished desire was to serve his country in the military but when his health prevented him from serving, army fatigues became his favorite attire. Andrew had a memory like an elephant and never forgot anything or anyone. He lived life with a smile, always clowning around and making everyone around him laugh.

A Time to Say Goodnight

He joined his siblings who preceded him in death; Shirley Ann Mattox, James Gardner, Jr. and Evelyn Louise Brown. On Friday, April 8, 2011 at 10:30 p.m. at the Juniper Springs Center, Ivanhoe, North Carolina, as the evening sent its late night moisture through the air, Andrew Gardner, departed his earthly home, bound for glory. God selected a beautiful flower for his heavenly garden. He gently closed his eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."

A Time To Mourn

Left to sustain their irreparable loss: his last remaining **sister**, Gladys Marie Allen, (NYC); **nieces**, Carolyn Donaldson (George Hazel), (Miami, FL), Leisa Allen Diaby (Ahmed), (NYC), Wyntress Allen, (Wilmington, NC), Cynthia Murray, (Miami, FL); **nephews**, Anthony Allen, (NYC), Moses Murray and Daryl Mattox both of (Miami, FL); and a host of great nieces and nephews. Izetta Ginger Lane (Nat Bowman), New York City; a special cousin who always called or stopped by to visit with him during her trips to Wilmington, North Carolina; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional “I Need Thee”

Solo “Precious Lord” - Bennie Rutledge

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament John 3:16

Prayer of Comfort Elder Warren Adams

Solo “I Got A New Home” - Mae Campbell

Reflections (Limit 2 minutes)

As a Cousin - Izetta “Ginger” Lane

As a Cousin - Vernell Bowden

As a Niece - Carolyn Donaldson

As I Knew Him - Family/Friends

Solo “Lead Me Guide Me” - Carolyn Donaldson

Acknowledgements &

Reading of Obituary Leisa Allen Diaby

Selection “I Won’t Complain”

Eulogy Elder Warren Adams

Bethel Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Final Viewing

Recessional “On My Way Home”

Interment

Maple Grove Park Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

(II Timothy 4:6,8)



Pallbearers

Anthony Allen Marc Donaldson
Raymond Bowden Ramel Allen
Nathaniel Bowman

Repast

St. John Paul II Community Center
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