

*In Loving Memory
of*

Gary Matthews

Sunrise

May 26, 1948

Sunset

July 2, 2011

Monday, July 11, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

DELIVERANCE JESUS IS COMING

815 Springfield Avenue • Irvington, New Jersey 07111

Bishop James H. Everett, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

This is a short story about a much loved man named, **Gary Matthews**. Gary Matthews was born on May 26th of 1948 in Jersey City, New Jersey to James and Henrietta Matthews. Gary lived and was raised in Jersey City for many years and even resided there for a part of his adulthood.

Gary was educated at A. Harry Moore School, and Dickinson High School, each located in Jersey City. Gary ran track in high school and was often vocal on how his speed helped win his school medals. From school Gary joined the Marine Corps, where he stated many times he “learned the ways of the world”. For a time while in the Marines, Gary was stationed on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Yorktown in 1969. Being on the Yorktown was one of Gary’s most memorable and influential times in his life. As a Marine stationed on an aircraft carrier, Gary was a part of security and had many tales about his tenure there. Gary often showed his pride being a part of the crew that helped retrieve the Apollo 8 on December 1968. On July of 1970, Gary was sent to Vietnam. That was another place that shaped Gary’s life and personality.

On August 12, 1972 Gary was then wed to Debra Ann Carter in holy matrimony. Gary’s mother, Henrietta Matthews introduced the two and a union was formed. From that union, Gary J. Matthews and Brenda Victoria Matthews was born. This was a union which lasted nearly thirty-nine years until the end.

A few years after Gary left the service, he eventually found himself at the United States Postal Service, a place Gary had worked for over thirty-six years. Over the years with the post office, Gary made many friends and associates. Gary had many stories about his friends and co-workers, not too many about management, but those who worked with him know why that’s the case. Over the years and decades, Gary was a very dedicated and hard working man, Gary was a man who loved his family, no matter what. Gary really showed his happiness when describing his grandchildren. Gary enjoyed and loved the company of his grandchildren, and often made plans to see and or be with them, and the children loved their “POP-POP”, and they never had to inquire whether he loved them.

Sadly and most unfortunately, Gary Matthews left us on July 2nd 2011 in his home. Gary Matthews was a man who was very beloved and was very much admired but most importantly, a man who will be sorely missed. He holds a very large part in our hearts and that is something that will never change.

Gary Matthews leaves to mourn: wife, Debra A. Carter-Matthews; daughter, Brenda V. Matthews-Herbert; son, Gary J. Matthews; sisters, Valerie Matthews and Patricia Matthews of Jersey City, NJ; brother, Ronald Matthews of Los Angeles, CA; one nephew, Earl Johnson of Jersey City, NJ; son-in-law, Tajal Herbert, Sr; grandchildren, Christian J., Tajal, Jr., Teayani and Taneah; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Matthews and his mother, Henrietta Thomas Matthews.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (2 minutes please)

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Eulogy

Bishop James H. Everett, Jr.

Recessional

Interment

Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

Repast at church.

Serenity Prayer

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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