



*Celebrating
The Life
of*

James Clifton Gales, Sr.

May 3, 1937 - June 1, 2013

Thursday, June 6, 2013

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

**Cushnie-Houston Funeral Home
102 Sanford Street
East Orange, NJ 07108**

Friday, June 7, 2013

1:00 PM

**Brigadier General William C. Doyle Cemetery
14 Chesterfield Arneytown Road
Wrightstown, NJ 08562**

James Clifton "JC" Gales, Sr., 76 of East Orange, New Jersey succumbed to coronary failure Saturday, June 01, 2013.

JC was born May 3, 1937 to Joe Nathan and Alice Christian (Young) Gales in Henderson, North Carolina.

JC served in the United States Army in Germany from 1956 –1957; relocating to New Jersey thereafter.

JC had eight children Teresa, Joyce, Darlene, James, Jr., Jamie, Carol, Christian and Anthony.

JC retired from Synray Corporation/Chemray Coatings in 1999 due to illness after 28 dutiful years of employment.

JC was a passionate man and lived a spirited life. He was an avid sports fan and loved watching games with grandson Aázés. He enjoyed western movies and was an excellent culinarian of southern cuisine. **JC** was always there to graciously assist family, extended family and friends with their needs.

JC was preceded in death by his: Son, James Clifton Gales, Jr.; Daughter, Teresa Davis; Grandson, Sutton Davis; Parents, Joe Nathan and Alice Christian Gales; Brother(s), John, Luther Thomas, Joe Nathan, Jr., Macon Lee, Lewis Alexander and Julius Oliver Gales and Sister Alice Macon.

JC is survived by his children, Joyce Stamper, Savannah, GA; Darlene Davis, East Orange, NJ; Jamie and Carol Brewer; Christian Gales, Newark, NJ and Anthony Brewer. Son-in-Law, Kenneth Stamper, Savannah, GA; Sister, Catherine Carter, Long Beach, CA; ex-wife, Carlethia Gales, West Orange, NJ; friend, Patience Davis, Newark, NJ; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. **JC** was a loving father figure and friend to many.

JC's quick wit, anecdotes and cynicism will be greatly missed.

I will eternally cherish times with my Father – as he aged and became increasingly frail, I began to approach each moment potentially as the last we would spend together.

My Father was a distinguished soul. Becoming partially-sighted and ill-coordinated meant he did not fit a society which venerates physical prowess. It was both difficult and disheartening to watch the man who once had the stature and girth of Paul Robeson or Rosie Greer diminish before my eyes yet he remained proud.

He was my Daddy (Allowance giving; “Crissy listen to your Mother” saying; “Stay away from boys...threatening – don’t make me have to...!” warning, Daddy) during my childhood, a man with a reverberating voice and equally matching physique it wasn't until I became a Mother, to see him vicariously through my Son's eyes, I honestly came to know him – learning all of his intricacies. My Father embraced being Aázes' Pop-Pop – they were each other's ‘Buddy's’.

JC was aware of both his mortality and his disposability. His failing body frustrated him and although I was not always mindful to balance caring for him alongside his continued need for independence we managed/dancing a dance only a father and daughter could – there was an unspoken dynamic we understood.

So today is the day I publicly applaud you JC and dotingly convey my feelings by saying, “THANK YOU SO MUCH” for what you've done and for all that your life lessons will continue to do.

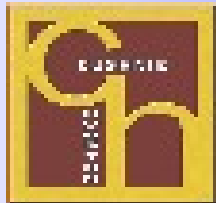
Do you know who I am? I am my Father's daughter...

~Christian Eloris Gales~

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The Family of James Clifton "JC" Gales wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the countless expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during our moment of bereavement.

Program prepared by Christian E. Gales









