



In Loving Memory of

Gerald Jerome St. Clair

Sunrise

May 9, 1952

Sunset

November 30, 2014

Service

Friday, December 5, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Gerald Jerome St. Clair was born on May 9, 1952, in the Bronx, New York to the late Michael and Margaret St. Clair. He was the second of six children from this loving union.

Gerald attended the New York City Public School System and graduated from William Howard Taft High School. He went on to get his Associate's degree from Bronx Community College in January 1980, then received his Bachelor of Arts from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City in June 1981. In between these events he was blessed with a beautiful daughter in December 1973, Victoria Winifred, who he loved dearly.

In June 1974, he joined the New York City Police Department as a patrolman, then he was assigned as an investigator to the Detective's Bureau of the Bronx Homicide Task Force in April 1992. Shortly thereafter Gerald was promoted to the Rank of Detective 2nd Grade.

After 23 years of dedicated service, he retired in July 1997. Throughout those 23 years, he formed several friendships, many of which he remained in contact with. He always made every effort to attend as many functions as possible, always looking forward to reminiscing about "back in the day" at Bronx Homicide. He was a member of "Noble" National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, The Guardian Association and the NY/NJ Detective Crime Clinic.

After being retired for one year he accepted a position as Corporate Loss Prevention Associate with Polo Ralph Lauren's in New York City. He remained there for eight years, where he formed many friendships.

One of his favorite pastimes was watching a good Western or any number of old movies on the Turner Classic channel. And of course he loved a good meal.

He attended the St. Luke Baptist Church in the Village of Harlem where the Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann is pastor.

Jerry leaves to mourn him: his loving daughter, Victoria; granddaughter, Lauren Grace; his loving partner of twenty years, Yvette; siblings, Michael, Jean, Marcella, Winston and Stephen; aunt, Gloria Griffith-Bourne; nieces, nephews, cousins, grandnieces, and nephews and a host of friends and family. He will be greatly missed.

Order of Service

The Processional

Opening Song

“Because of Who You Are” - Vicki Yohe

Scripture Reading

Aisha Goodman

Seneca Oliver

Music Selection

“Stand” - Donnie McClurkin

Acknowledgements

Rene Headley

Obituary

Dr. Marcia Lucas

Music Selection

“The Battle Is Not Yours” - Yolanda Adams

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr.

St. Luke Baptist Church

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

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*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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