

A Celebration of Life  
**William Morris Gurley, Jr.**

October 3, 1948 - March 17, 2015



Saturday, March 21, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating*

*Jhonna Bush, Organist*

# Reflections of Life

**William Morris Gurley, Jr.** was born October 3, 1948 in Marion, South Carolina to the late William Morris and Gladys Mae (Spivey) Gurley.

William attended Marion County Public Schools and is a Veteran of the United States of America Department of the Navy where he served in the Vietnam War era. While serving in the U.S. Navy, William was stationed & traveled to various countries such as Spain, Rome, Italy & Hawaii. William retired from the U.S. Navy in 1991. He spent the rest of his life in Paterson, New Jersey.

He was a loving husband, stepfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He was very outgoing and loved to have a good time with family and friends.

William was preceded in death by his loving wife, Patricia (Morgan) Gurley, parents William Morris Gurley, Sr. and Gladys Mae Gurley, one sister Doris Ann (Gurley) Hughes, two brothers James Gurley and Willie Nathan Gurley, Sr., and two brother-in-laws Christopher Hughes and John W. Bethea, Sr.

William will truly be missed by all. He leaves to cherish his memories: three siblings, Doretha (Lenuare) Foxworth, Christine Bethea, and Robert D. (Kathy) Gurley; three stepchildren, Latasha (Anthony) Morgan, Sophia Morgan, and Dyron Morgan; five grandchildren; one sister-in-law Nadine Gurley, one aunt IsaDora Sams, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and relatives.

# Order of Service

Prelude  
Johnetta Bush

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Barry Graham  
*Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ*

Recessional

## **Interment**

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey



# The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late **William Morris Gurley, Jr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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