



Homegoing Celebration
for

Gerald J. Graham, Sr.

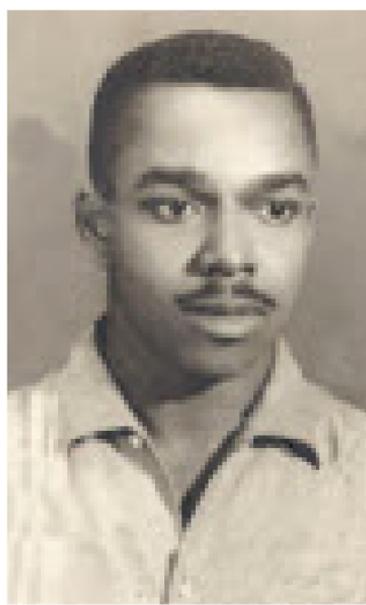
Sunrise
July 3, 1936

Sunset
January 29, 2011

Saturday, February 5, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

EVANGELICAL REFORM BAPTIST CHURCH
269 Camden Street
Newark, New Jersey

Officiating
Dr. Betty M. Doughty, Apostle
Minister's On The Move For God, Inc.



Obituary

Mr. Gerald J. Graham, Sr. son of the late Francina Graham and the late Charles Morton was born on July 3, 1936 in Newark, NJ. He was educated in the Newark Public School system. Gerald graduated from Southside High School as a dual letterman in track and field and swimming. He met and married Hermena Jeffery in 1956. Out of that union two children were born, Gerald Jerome Graham (Jerry), and Shawn Graham Ingalls.

Gerald enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was a gifted stenographer, which was an unusual skill for an African American male of that day. He worked for American Can Company in Hillside, NJ where he promoted from a janitorial position to become the first African American shop steward and Mechanical Engineering Supervisor. Gerald was later also employed by Pabst Blue Ribbon Company. He was a gifted individual in many areas including possessing a brilliant mathematical mind and a very talented pianist. Gerald had a love of life and in his youth, he was a member of the "Dominating Romeos" a skating team at

Twin City in Elizabeth, NJ. His booming baritone was loving to adults and sometimes frightening to children.

Having grown up in the church, Gerald received Christ as his Savior during his illness. Thanking God for salvation, his eternal resting place with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is secure.

Gerald was predeceased by one brother, Ralph "Mose" Graham and one sister, Katherine, "Cat" Oliver.

Gerald leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Hermena J. Graham; his son, Jerry Graham; his daughter, Shawn Graham Ingalls all from East Orange, NJ; mother, Novella Melton, Newark, NJ; uncle, Nick Morton, Plainfield, NJ; sister, Ruby Cobbs, Newark, NJ; grandchildren, Dewayne Wilson, East Orange, NJ, Rahim Williams, Columbia, MD, Jerome Graham, Chicago, Ill and Kandice Nichole Graham, Huntsville, AL; he has five great-grandchildren, Demia, Basir, Chyna, Michael Xavier, and Kamyra; a daughter-in-law, Wendy Graham; son-in-law, Frank Roderick Ingalls; special cousin, Leon Bowens, Irvington, NJ; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Pastor Glen Drummer

New Testament Deacon Frank R. Ingalls

Prayer of Comfort Apostle Anthony E. Cherry

Selection

Remarks (2 Minutes)

Acknowledgement

& Obituary Angela Gaffney, Nurse

Selection

Eulogy Dr. Shawn Graham Ingalls

Recessional

Private Interment
Monday, February 7, 2011

I'm Free

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 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 has been full. I have savored much,
Good friends, good times, and 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!

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank everyone who had expression in word or deed during our moment of sorrow. Our hearts are strengthened by your friendly and sympathetic gestures of kindness.

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