

In Loving Memory of
Keith B. Gaston

Sunrise
February 8, 1954

Sunset
March 5, 2018

Service

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Jones Funeral Home

247 Elm Avenue

Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Elder Sandra Jones, Officiating

Obituary

“When I have gone the last mile of the way...I will rest at the close of the day”...

Keith B. Gaston completed the last mile of his journey on Monday March 5, 2018. Keith entered this earthly life on February 8, 1954 born to the late James B. Gaston and the late Margaret L. Crawford-Gaston in Staten Island, NY.

He was educated in the Rahway Public School System and graduated from Rahway High School in 1972. Keith continued his education by attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) as a Business Major.

Growing up in Rahway, Keith enjoyed playing at Brennan field with his friends and also was a paperboy delivering the Elizabeth Journal. Keith loved to play double deck pinochle. Mrs. Mary McLeod taught Keith and her daughter Helene the game when they were about 8 or 9 years old. A few times his father called the McLeod home looking for Keith who would often be found playing cards when he should have been delivering the newspaper. For many years Keith was an official member of "BEC" Boston Express Club where he would play Bid Whist with Helene McLeod, Geraldine Hill Hamer, Dorothy Treadwell, Deborah Aikins Balough, Michael Boyd, and the late Loretta Denise Hunt Vanderhorst and William McLeod. Keith's longtime friendship with Helene since kindergarten garnered him the right to be called her son Enel Webley's Godfather. Keith was good to Enel.

Keith loved to dance and always went to clubs with his friends; he was certainly not a "wall flower". He was an avid biker, had outstanding skills in art and loved working in the yard.

Keith's quest for a deeper spiritual relationship with the Lord, led him to Agape Family Worship Center in Rahway, NJ where Lawrence Powell is the Senior Pastor. Keith was a true worshipper and praised God with his whole heart. At "Agape" Keith was always participating in all aspects of the ministry building longtime friendships with numerous people. He taught Sunday school in the Children's Ministry, he was a part of the Men's Dance Ministry and he was a Greeter and Co-Founder of The Outreach Clothing Ministry.

He was employed by White Rose for 15 years and moved up the ranks to management in the Shipping Department. After retiring from White Rose, he joined the ranks at Amazon for a brief period.

Keith was predeceased by his brother Mark A. Gaston in 2006 and his sister Kim Gaston-Turner in 2015. He is survived by his sister Adrienne Danette Gaston of Rahway, an Aunt Alice Gaston and cousins Kelly and Elaine Gaston of New York, and Uncle Ronnie Wilkerson of North Carolina. Extended Family: Lori & Mrs. Sexton of Rahway, Prince & Delveta Bannister of Helmetta NJ, Helene McLeod-Shearer and his God Son Enel Webley also of Rahway, NJ.

Several other friends and neighbors that will forever remember him and how he touched their lives.

*“God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb...
He gently closed his loving eyes and whispered “peace be thine”*

Order of Service

Musical Selection Nicole Williams
Final Viewing Clergy and Family
Hymn of Praise “No, Not One”

*There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one, No, not one!
None else could heal our soul's diseases, No, not one, No, not one!*

*No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one, No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one, No, not one!*

*There's not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one, No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one, No, not one!*

[Refrain]

*Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one, No, not one!*

Prayer of Comfort Elder Sandra Jones
Musical Selection Nicole Williams
Reading of Holy Scriptures

The Old Testament **[Lamentations 3: 22-32]** - Delveta Bannister

The New Testament **[1 Cor. 15:50-58]** - Minister Carrie Damon

Remarks (2 Minutes Please)

Tributes

Tribute Lori Sexton

As A Friend Prince E. Bannister

Acknowledgments Lori Sexton

Eulogy Elder Sandra Jones

Benediction and Recessional

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.*

Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend gratitude to all expressions of sympathy at this time.

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