

In Loving Memory of



Louise Gaines

Sunrise
July 17, 1933

Sunset
September 7, 2019

Wake: Friday, September 13, 2019 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Service

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Viewing 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Funeral Service - 10:00 AM

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey

Officiating Minister of Service:

Dr. Richard J. Pollard, PhD

Victory Baptist Church

816 Valley Street • Vauxhall, New Jersey 07088

Obituary

*“Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.”—Maya Angelou*

Louise Gaines was born on July, 17, 1933 to Mathis and Ethel Murray. She was the eighth of thirteen children and named after her grandmother Louise. Like her grandmother, she was a hard worker and a protector of her younger siblings.

In 1949, she left her birthplace in Calhoun County, Georgia to migrate to Newark, New Jersey in search of a better life. Although she was only sixteen when she made the journey north, this phenomenal woman had a determination and faith that would open doors she never dreamed possible.

Two years after moving to New Jersey, at the age of 18, she met and subsequently married Fletcher A. Gaines, a native of Vauxhall. The couple moved to Vauxhall where they ran a successful landscaping business for over 50 years. She also worked as a Nursing Assistant at Overlook Hospital in Summit for over 40 years.

Louise took great pride in her work and her home, but she believed her greatest gift and accomplishment was her seven children. She was a devoted mother, friend and advocate for her children.

The couple had a vision that all seven of their children would receive college degrees, a dream that had been out of reach for both of them. The vision was brought into fruition over a span of 20 years. All seven of their children are college graduates, and five of the seven earned post graduate degrees. They have all enjoyed success in a variety of fields, due to the strong foundation they were given and to their never ending faith in God. She was a devoted member of Victory Baptist Church in Vauxhall, N.J.

Louise leaves behind a loving husband of 68 years, Fletcher A. Gaines, a sister Clara Hall (William), a brother Clarence Murray (Mary), and seven children: Gwendolyn Gaines-McKnight, Deborah Gaines-Ghent (Carl), Fletcher A. Gaines Jr., William E. Gaines (Christine), Dwayne E. Gaines (Kathy), Stephanie Gaines-Bryant (Richard), Yvonne Gaines-Todd (Franklin). She was also blessed with twelve grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Louise Gaines departed this Earth on September 7, 2019 at the age of 86. Her loving spirit, undying and unconditional love and devotion, touched the lives of many. She will be greatly missed.....

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Psalms 23

Prayer

Selection Christian Bryant

Reflections of Life Clarence Murray

Acknowledgments

Remarks Reverend Richard Pollard

Selection Jazmin Ghent

Eulogy Stephanie Gaines-Bryant

Recessional

Interment

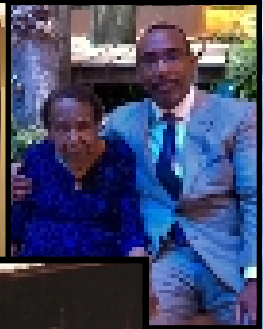
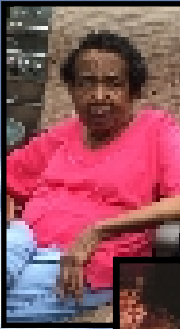
Hollywood Memorial Park and Cemetary
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083

Pallbearers

Richard Bryant Christian Bryant
Gabriel Bryant Fletcher Gaines III
Eddie Z. Moore

REPASS:

Costa del Sol
2443 Vauxhall Road
Union, New Jersey 07083



Acknowledgement

The family of **Louise Gaines** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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