

*Celebrating the Life
Of
Calvin Eugene Gardner*



Friday, September 27, 2019 - 4:30 pm

Heavenly Temple COGIC

15 Martin Luther King Drive
Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

Bishop Kevin E. Knight, Sr., Pastor
Rev. Ryan Strothers, Officiating
Carlton Pope, Organist

Obsequies

On September 18, 2019 our loved one **Calvin Eugene Gardner** was called to take his divine position in the kingdom of God as a new angel.

Born and raised in Gifford, SC, Calvin was the son of Detra Ann Gardner and Willy Hayes Forrester both of Gifford, South Carolina. Calvin was raised by his maternal grandparents Helen and Elijah Gardner. He learned the value of a dollar by cleaning pecans from a pecan tree on his neighbors lawn with his Aunt Irene and Uncle Albert. Additionally, he shined shoes and would spoil his family with his earnings. He attended St. Peter's A.M.E primary school in Gifford, Sc then later moved to Jersey City, NJ in his early youth, where he attended Snyder High School. He became legendary for his fashionable style, his hustle, being the life of the party, His smooth dance moves, His Luther Vandross high notes when singing his favorite classics like "Always and forever" or Boys 2 Men "Till the End of the Road", his grind and positive out look on life through all of the ups, downs, and curve balls life is known for. He will forever be legendary for his impeccable pool playing skills that always sent him home a Champ! He was known as "Nine" amongst his pool playing colleagues, unbeatable and precise to the T.

Calvin was a spiritual man that loved visiting the house of the Lord and would often come home and continue to reflect on the Sunday message spreading the word with his loved ones. He loved his 3 daughters and adored his 10 grandchildren. He was a cool wise man that could turn up with you and give you compassionate advice all in the same breath. He was a read between the lines kind of guy that you couldn't help but to love. He loved his family and stood strong in anything they believed in whether right or wrong. He was a team player all the way and never swayed sides or did his people wrong! While he was a NY Giants fan to the core, he was an avid Boston fan when it came to basketball and baseball. Anyone that knew him is forever blessed with the energy of a "true soul" a "free spirit" "fun loving" guardian angel that will go to bat for any of his people! He fought long and hard until his last breath, hoping to make it to his 60th birthday, but God knew better and took him while he had him in the palm of his hands. He's now glorified and beaming over us in the spiritual realm.

We lost a father, grandfather, son, nephew, uncle, cousin, great friend, and a true Jersey city legend. Heaven and GOD gained one of their most glorious, fun loving, comical, coolest angels they will ever get! You can finally rest now and fly high! We are so proud of you and we love you until infinity!!! Job well done CHAMP!

He will be forever missed and is survived by his 3 Daughters: Lakia Lee (Adrian Williams) Cavina Williams (Dennis Williams) & Sheena Gardner (Mandez Jones)) One sister Sheila Gardner whom he truly loved and adored, his brother Clifford Gardner, 9 grand children: Ny'a, Aaron, Na'kya, Jream, Avery, Ja'Mez, Cameron, Avielle & Aiyana; 1 great grand daughter Chyna; 7 uncles: Roger Gardner, Randolph Gardner, Willie Gardner, George Bryant (Mary), Albert Gardner, James Gardner, Oscar Gardner (Willamena); 3 Aunts: Jenny Ford (William), Irene Gardner, Mary Reid. He was additionally survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that will forever remember this Family man and Urban Legend.

He is predeceased in death by his mother Detra Ann, his grandparents Helen & Elijah Gardner, his Aunt Maxine & his granddaughter Angel.

Calvin Gardner will forever be a CHAMP to the Gardner Family!

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Reflections(2 Mins. per person)

Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Recessional.....Funeral Director

Final Disposition

Private

Luke 20:36

*For they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels
and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.*

Galatians 4:14

*and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt
or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God,
as if I were Christ Jesus himself.*

1 Corinthians 5:1

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from
God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Acknowledgements

The Family of the Late **Calvin Eugene Gardner** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers shown during our time of bereavement.

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