

*In Loving Celebration of  
The Life of*



*Henry J. Gaines*

**December 6, 1943 - June 28, 2020**

**Service**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church**

**610 Clinton Avenue • Newark, New Jersey**

# *Obituary*

“I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. “

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

Henry J. Gaines was born to Harris and Mary Lillie Gaines of Mount Olive, North Carolina on December 6, 1943. Henry was peacefully called to his heavenly mansion on Sunday, June 28, 2020. He was the second eldest child of seven children. Henry received his education in the Wayne County Public School System. He graduated from Carver High School in 1962. Shortly after graduation, Henry was sworn into the United States Air Force where he served in the Viet Nam War and achieved the rank of Sergeant in the Military Police until 1968. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious service 1966 – 1968. Henry became a resident of Newark, New Jersey after serving in the military. He was also a supervisor at Delta Corrugated Paper where he retired in 2010.

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

God gifted Henry with a resounding voice of song. As a member of the legendary ‘Sons of Calvary’ they toured the country spreading the word of God through their gospel music. They produced a CD which Henry lead ‘Precious Lord’. Henry sang for numerous spiritual and social events and was known for his special birthday song to the ladies ‘Three Times A Lady’ and his memorable rendition of ‘For the Good Times’.

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

Henry carried a spiritual foundation and faith in God throughout his life. He was introduced to Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in 1985 and never turned back. As a member of the Holy Name Society, the Gospel Choir, the Men’s Choir, the Ushers and the Food Pantry – Henry so enjoyed assisting with the children’s Easter and Christmas celebrations. He received the Parish Man-of-the-Year award from the Holy Name Society in 2008. Henry also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Food For The Poor, Inc., and recognition of valuable time and contribution to the Holy Name Society and the Ushers Ministry.

Henry was involved one way or another with multiple church events, i.e., volunteering, participating, singing. Oh, how he loved modeling and singing for the Rosary Altar Society’s Annual Fashion Show every year. Strutting up and down the stage tipping his hat to the ladies and gents was simply his delight. He was well recognized and loved by his Pastor Albert Nzeh (including other Monsignors and priests within the church), and especially his church family.

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

Henry also enjoyed a fun-filled social life with friends and family. Hanging out with his life-time buddy William Struthers and the rest of the gang, and traveling to see many Super Bowl Games was a favorite pleasure. He also enjoyed ministry and charity fundraiser bus rides to Atlantic City and could serenade, talk and laugh all the way to A.C. A grand time was had by all.

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

Henry was not shy and you would know that when he hit you with “I am what every woman wants and every man wants to be.” Through all of that he was a very generously giving, supportive and lovely person that would help anyone in need---and he did!

## FOR THE GOOD TIMES...

Henry is preceded in death by his faithful parents, Harris and Mary L. Gaines, and his compassionate brothers Edward Earl Gaines, and Allen F. Gaines. Henry leaves to cherish his unforgettable memory, his beautiful daughter, Jackie Gaines of Miami, Florida; his caring brothers Willie (Sandra) Gaines of Goldsboro, NC; Billy L. Gaines of Mount Olive, NC; Bobby (Irma) Gaines of Mount Olive, NC; and his lovely and affectionate sister Betty (George) Ingram of LaGrange, NC. He is also survived by his beloved life partner and best friend Mary F. Brown of Newark, New Jersey and numerous family, church family and friends that will remember the laughter and joy Henry brought to their lives.

Yes...FOR THE GOOD TIMES... Amen.

# Order Service

Welcome and Blessing of the Body

Placing of Pall

Processional.....My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Opening Prayer of Consolation

1st Reading... Wisdom 3:1-9.....Betty Gaines Ingram

Responsorial PsalmPs. 122, I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord...Donovan Green...(Holy Name, Pres. )

2nd Reading...2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1.....Mary F. Brown

Gospel Acclamation.....Alleluia, Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors,  
for their good deeds go with them. Alleluia.

Gospel.....John 14:1-6

Homily.....Rev. Father Albert Nzeh, Pastor

Prayer of Faithful

Offertory.....You Raised Me Up...Solo.....Ashton Singleton (Godson)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord's Prayer...Recited

Sign of Christ's Peace.....Music to be played with virtual sign of peace.

Communion Hymn.....Near The Cross

Meditation...Precious Lord.....Henry Gaines

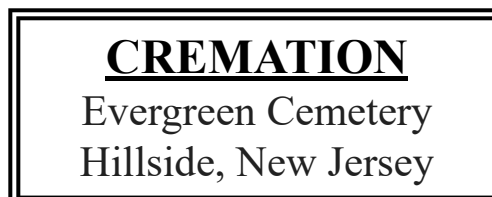
Obituary.....Read Silently

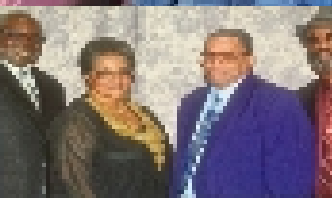
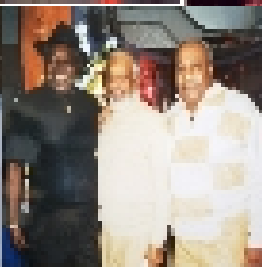
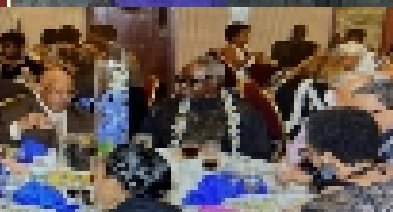
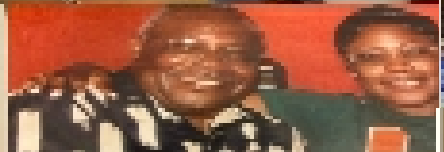
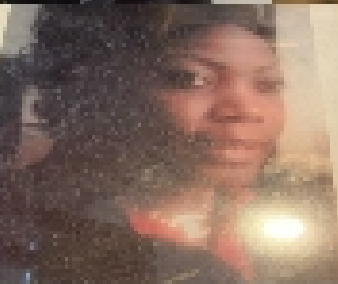
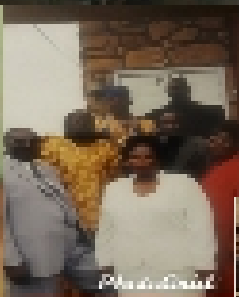
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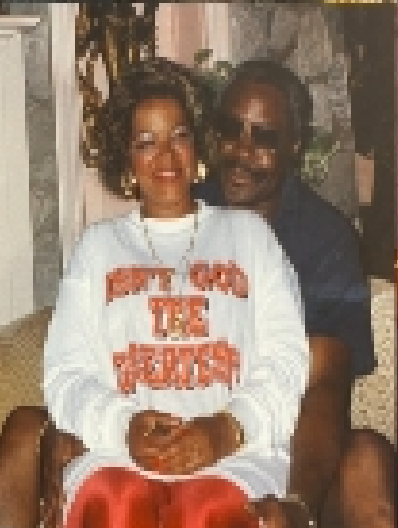
Recessional Hymn.....Every Praise

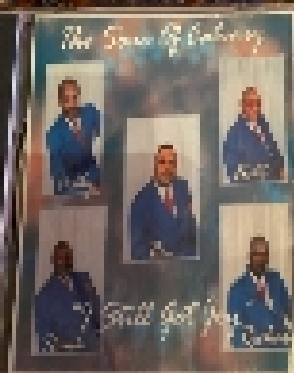
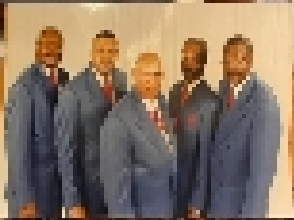
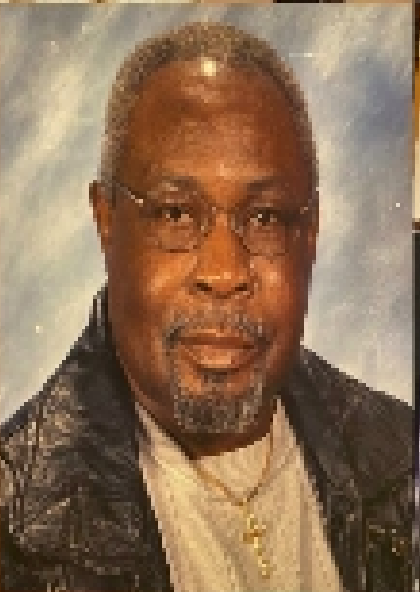
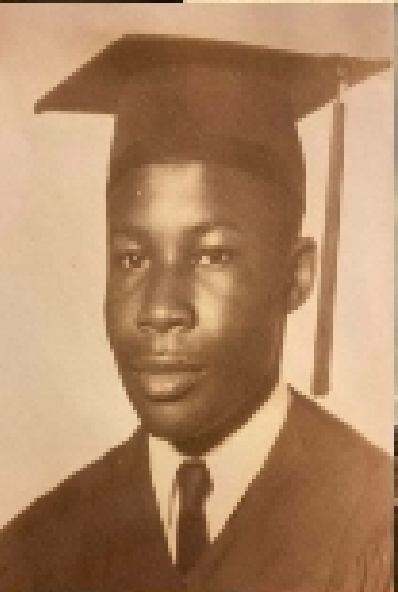
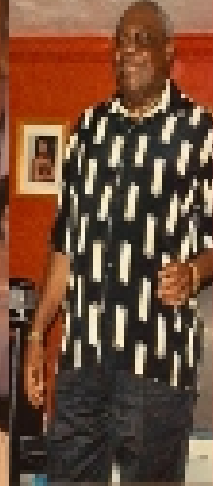
John Garner (BSSCB Gospel Choir, Director)

Robert Williams (BSSCB Men's Choir, Director)

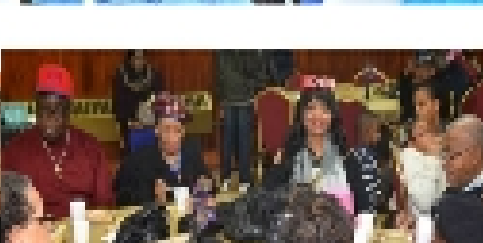
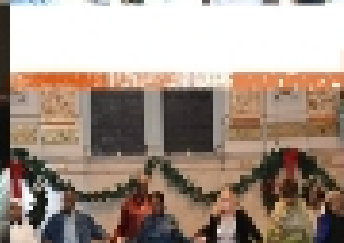
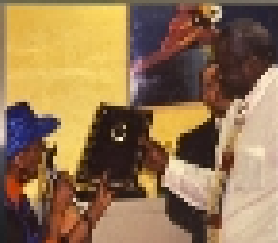
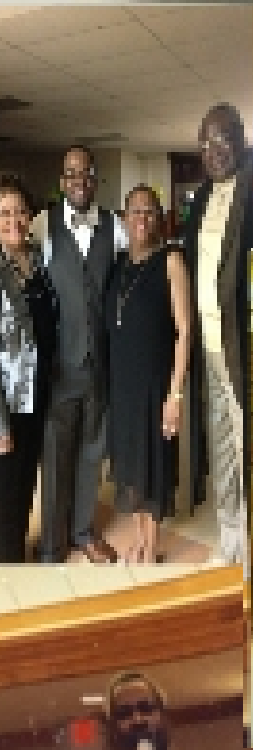
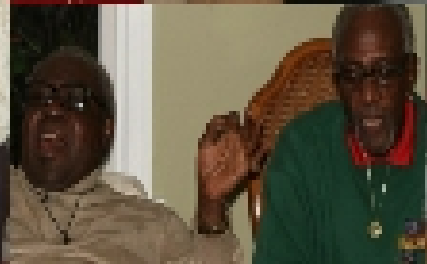


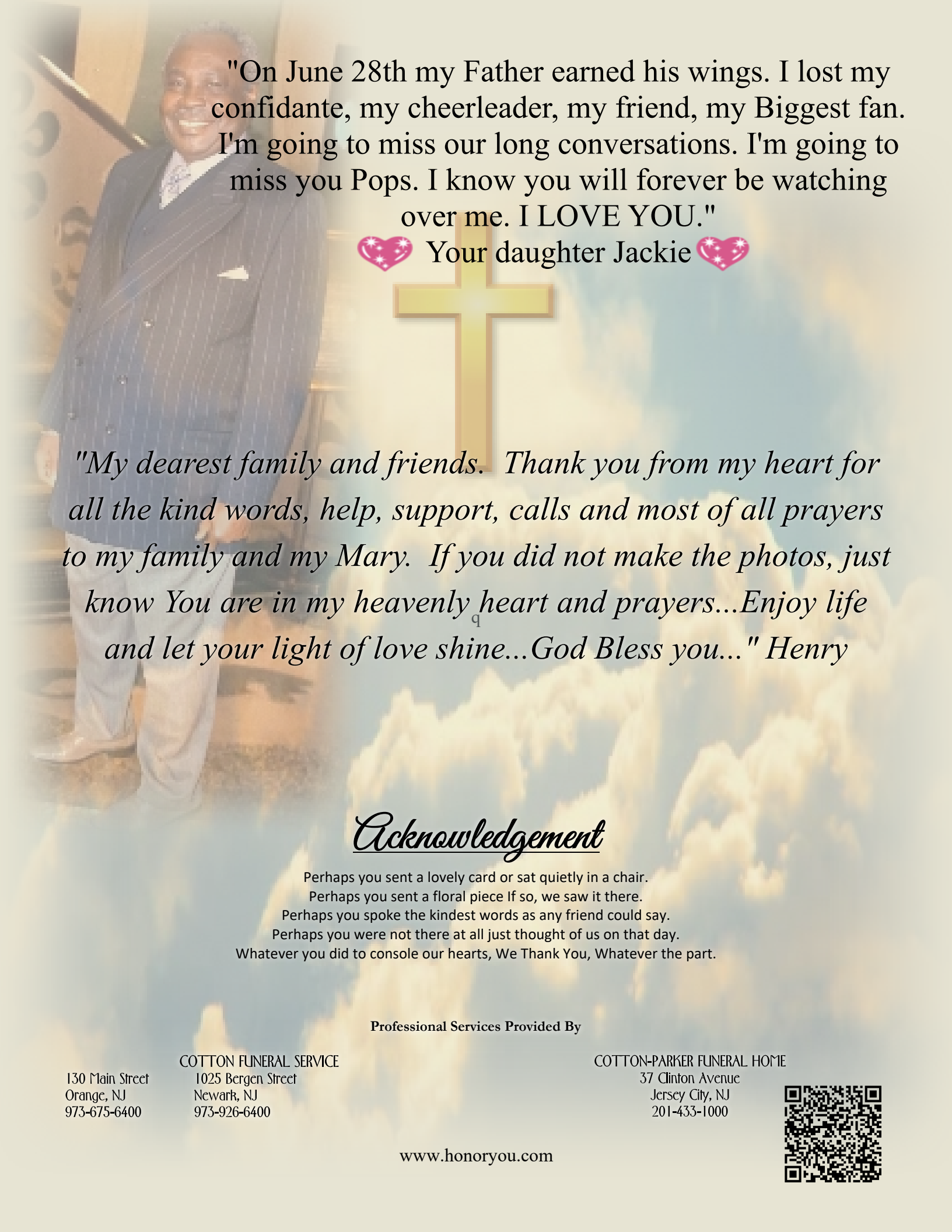












"On June 28th my Father earned his wings. I lost my confidante, my cheerleader, my friend, my Biggest fan. I'm going to miss our long conversations. I'm going to miss you Pops. I know you will forever be watching over me. I LOVE YOU."

💖 Your daughter Jackie 💖

*"My dearest family and friends. Thank you from my heart for all the kind words, help, support, calls and most of all prayers to my family and my Mary. If you did not make the photos, just know You are in my heavenly heart and prayers...Enjoy life and let your light of love shine...God Bless you..." Henry*

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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