

Celebrating the Life of



Charles Gray

Sunrise
May 5, 1959

Sunset
August 4, 2020

Friday, August 14, 2020 - 4PM

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Obituary

What's up family and friends. It's me **Charles Clarence Gray** born on May 5, 1959 in New York City to the late Laura Simmons Gray and Carlos Prisini. Along aside me was my jokester big brother Ernest Gray. We shared special memories. Hey bro, remember the time of me being in karate class and they gave me the nickname "APatchie", well you know I didn't like it, so I changed it to Patchie, that was better. I lived in Wagner with my first cousin Theresa Scriven, I can hear you now saying, "what's up big head". We made sure we stuck together, hey look Terry I'm wit momma and auntie now, we are watching you.

I successfully graduated from Julia Richman High School in Manhattan, New York. I went forth and joined the United States National Guards where I served for my country. In this life I completed many different programs and achieved many certificates. I also had a chance to volunteer at several different places. It felt good to give back to my community. I had one of the best jobs working as a Shipment Clerk at Bowne for many years. I met several people along the way in which I kept contact with. Bowne was a great organization that I was grateful to be a part of.

You all know I'm a very private person but yet so loveable. I didn't get a chance to marry, but I met Vilma Welcome and we welcomed into the world my first daughter Shavon Welcome who in return gave me my first grandchild Starr Skye Welcome. We shared so much special memories. Hey Shavon, think of that silly dance I used to do and put a smile on your face. Life is so much better when you live it to the fullest.

I then met my best friend before lover and caretaker Denise Combs who shared her big family with me. Soon after we had my pride and joy, my second daughter Laura Combs who reminded me so much of myself. With the guidance of Denise Combs, I accepted Jesus as my lord and savior and was baptized at Mount Olivet Baptist Church. I will forever be thankful to her for that.

Christine Karasoulas, my longtime girlfriend. I had a chance to share part of my life with you and Brianna. We went through fun times and tough times but always remained friends. You will always have a special place in my heart.

To all my family and friends please know that I am good. Use all the great memories and thoughts of me to comfort you through my transition.

I Charles Clarence Gray leave to cherish my memories to my Brother Ernest Gray, his 6 Children and great 13 Nieces & Nephews, 2 Daughters-Shavon Welcome and Laura Combs, 3 Stepdaughters- Brianna Torres, Tiquorya (Tiny) Combs and Dora Combs, 2 Step Sons- Oliver Combs and Lovell Christian. 1 Grandchild- Starr Skye Welcome, 1 Step Grandchild- Lovell Combs Christian, Cousins- Thresa Scriven, Marilyn Scriven, Nakia Scriven, Nyeisha Scriven, Clarence Scriven, Christopher Lee Simmons and Mardy James. My Buddy (dog) Chauncey Gray and a host of many other relatives and friends.

Let's celebrate my life with good memories and long-lasting love as our Lord and savior open up the gates of heaven and accept me as his own.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Never Would Have Made” by Marvin Sapp
“Just The Beginning” by Kurt Carr

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-8

Bryon Walker

New Testament - John 14: 1-7

Bryon Walker

Prayer

Selection

By Marcellus Walker

Acknowledgements

Ernesto Ortiz

Obituary

Ronny Zimmerman

Remarks

Denise Combs

Selection

“Every Praise is to Our God” by The Sanctuary Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Lee Arrington

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition:

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless treading passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely Home in Heaven at last.

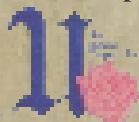
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remains—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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