

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Gary "Ted" Gooding*



*Sunrise*  
*March 20, 1953*

*Sunset*  
*November 19, 2020*

# Obituary

On November 19, 2020, Gary “Ted” Gooding entered into a peaceful and eternal rest.

Gary “Ted” Gooding was born on March 20, 1953 in Lake City, SC to Freda Barr and Willie James Gooden. He spent much of his early childhood years there and eventually moved to Paterson, New Jersey as a teenager.

He was a graduate of Paterson John F. Kennedy High School, where he was a star football player. After graduating in 1972, he found employment at Bergen Pines County Hospital, Paramus, N.J. where he was employed for 37 years. He was also employed at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ, until he retired there after 20 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Freda Barr; his father, Willie James Gooden; and five sisters, Allean Singletary Gamble, Joanne Gooden Flynn, Mattie Lou Singletary Cameron, Alvina Dean Singletary and Patricia (Pat) Gooden; and three brothers, Dovell Singletary, Sank (Buster) Singletary (Eva Gamble) and Waiters (Pap) Gooden (Grace Gooden). He was also preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Eddie C. Mathis (Terrill Yancy and Kim Robinson Randall) and four nieces Debbie Gooden, Darlene “Red” Gooden, LaTresha “Ms. T” Flynn and Janice “Niecey” Gooden.

Gary is survived and leaves to cherish fond memories: a loving and devoted beautiful wife, Elizabeth Mathis Gooding of the home; two daughters, Natasha Davis (Gregory Davis) of Passaic, NJ.; Trinette Carruthers, Ed.D. (Kenya Carruthers) of New Milford, NJ; five granddaughters Amaya, Laila, Skyla and Dakota Carruthers of New Milford, NJ and Chloe Ragland Davis of Bronx, New York. One Goddaughter, Alyssa Armstrong of Paterson, NJ. One sister, Roy Lee Gooden of Paterson. One brother-in-law, Almond “Louis” Mathis (Maurice Strong) of Fayetteville, N.C.

He will be missed by all who loved him; eight nieces, Margret Brown, Barbara Frison, Miranda Singletary, Cheryl Cameron, Vivan (Brownie) Perry-Robinson, Thelma Oliver, Geneva Singletary, and Lukeisha Flynn; eight nephews, Jerome Gamble, Ervin Gamble, Jimmy “Budd” Gamble, Anthony Singletary, James “Russell” Cameron, Eric Cameron, Danny Singletary, and Buster “B.J.” Singletary; some very devoted friends, Deborah “Debbie” Armstrong, Archie James, Herman Linton, Roger McClam, Joe Frison, Luke Blackwell, and a host of other special family and friends.

The family of Gary Gooding would like to say “Thank You” to his great team of Health Care Medical Professionals, Dr. Robert Harris MD, Dr. Ranka Samsa MD and Dr. Harold Kim MD.

**Saturday, November 28, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

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Music Prelude

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Prayer

Scriptures

Old Testament

Vivian "Brownie" Perry-Robinson  
Ecclesiastes Chapter 3: 1 - 13

New Testament

Alyssa Armstrong  
John Chapter 14: 1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Bishop T. Raynard Randall  
Bethel Total Man Ministries  
Hackensack, New Jersey

Selection

Acknowledgements, Reflections & Obituary  
Klarissa Perry

Eulogy

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Canaan Baptist Church  
Paterson, New Jersey

Recessional

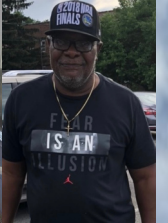
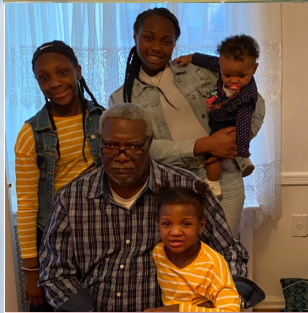
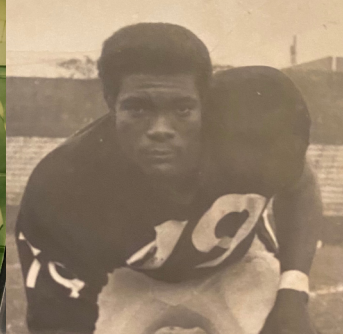
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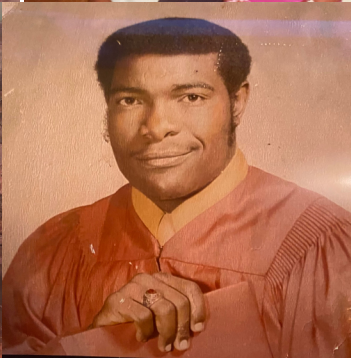
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234 Paramus Road

Paramus, NJ 07652







# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

# *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.  
-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late Gary "Ted" Gooding wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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