

In Loving Memory of



Ezekiel Augustus Gayle

Sunrise

February 26, 1924

Sunset

March 26, 2021

Service

Friday, April 9, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.

First Church Of God, Inc,

1425 Beach Channel Drive • Far Rockaway, New York 11691

Rev. John W. Grable, Officiating Pastor

Order of Service

Prelude Ruby Ricketts

Procession The Family

Hymn - “It Is Well With My Soul” Congregation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 23 Mica Gayle

New Testament Scripture: Revelation 21:1-7 Rasheda Scaff

Prayer of Comfort Pastor John W. Grable

Acknowledgment of Condolences Rev. Laverne Mitchell

Hymn - “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Congregation

Live Tributes Family and Friends

Obituary Wade W. Gayle

The Eulogy Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Davenport

Pastor Emeritus

Benediction Pastor, John W. Grable

Interment

Old Springfield Cemetery
Springfield Gardens, New York

Obituary

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

“How lucky are we to have someone that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

“The best portion of a good man’s life is his little nameless unremembered act of kindness and of love.”

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”



Ezekiel Augustus Gayle was the only child born to Thomas Gayle and Sophialo McKenzie. He was born in Lucky Hills, St Mary, Jamaica, West Indies on February 26, 1924. He was married to his beautiful wife Dulcie Merle Gayle who went home to be with the Lord on December 23, 2020 for sixty-seven (67) years.

Ezekiel transitioned on Friday March 26, 2021 to be with the Lord and to be re-united with his beloved Dulcie and their son Basil. Ezekiel was ninety-seven (97) years old. What a celebration that must be.

Ezekiel spent thirty-one (31) years as a soldier in the Jamaica Defense Force before he retired and migrated to the USA. He took service to country very seriously. Ezekiel’s life was all about God, Family, friends, sharing and caring for his fellow man. He was a great storyteller. He shared stories about growing up in Jamaica, military life, and great life lessons. If you were ever alone with him for a short period of time” watch out” you will be blessed with one of his many stories. Even if you try to run away, he will draw you back in. Man, I miss those stories.

Ezekiel was a big sports fan. He loved boxing, his beloved New York

METS, and those New York Knicks. There were countless nights we sat up and watched those helpless Knicks play, and guess what, they lost as usual, but he never gave up on them. “That was a close one, right maybe next time. When do they play again?” And when the next time came, we sat down and tortured ourselves once more. That was one of the ways he bonded with the family. He was also an avid domino player, a master at the game, he took great pleasure giving us 6-Love whenever he played us.

He was a God- fearing, kind and loving man who believed in the power of prayers. Thursday nights when he hosted the prayer meeting, and at the end of the fellowship members would relax and look forward to the delicious food he served, “and yes he always makes it into a feast”. He was a member of the First Church of God for many years where he served in various capacities; the Men’s Choir, Usher Ministries, Men’s group and was the “KING” of the Jamaican Contingency of State and Country. He loved his wife, Dulcie, and adored his children. He would do just about anything to make his family safe and secure. He was also willing to help others in any way he could.

Ezekiel lived a long and fulfilling life a life full of compassion, patience, happiness, and humility. He touched so many people who he encountered, and their lives were made for the better. He would always say “Treat people the way you want to be treated.”

Ezekiel was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dulcie Gayle; his son Basil Gayle; his parents Thomas Gayle and Spohialo McKenzie. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his children; Trevor Gayle, Wade Gayle, Dona Wilson, and Michael Gayle; his 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends all over the world whom he loved dearly.

Ezekiel, Daddy, Daddy Gayle, Pops, Sogie, Carro, Uncle Ezek, Gayle, Grandpa, Old man, Ragga, you will be missed. We all love you, Sleep in Peace.

It Is Well With My Soul

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say.
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, or my soul.*

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

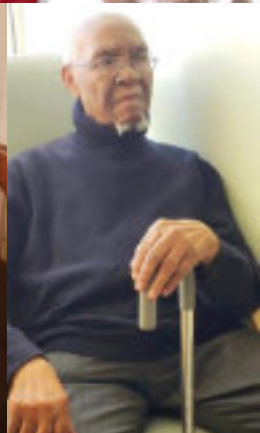
Chorus

*“Great is Thy faithfulness!”
“Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold.
Witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*





Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Marcus Gayle • Mica Gayle • Mario Wilson*

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*Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

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