### Celebrating the Life of



# William Gresham, Sr.

Sunrise July 20, 1940 Sunrise April 28, 2021

Service: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Jackson Funeral Residence of Jersey City, LLC 445 Monmouth Street • Jersey City, New Jersey

# **Obituary**

William "Bill" Gresham was born to the late Ruben and Dora Mae Gresham. William was born on July 20, 1940 in Lincolnton, GA.

William moved to Jersey City, NJ in 1944, where he received his primary education in the Jersey City Public School System.

William served his country in the United States Army from 1958-1962 in which he later received an honorable discharge. In 1965, William joined the Jersey City Police Department and moved up in rank to Detective Bureau Associates until his retirement in 2012. William was a member of the American Legion of Newark, NJ and, also, a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW 9015.

In 2000, William joined New Redeemer R.E. Church where he served as a Vestry member and President of the Usher Board until his illness. In 2000, William met his wife, Ronell Marion where the two later wed in June 2005. Ronell and William's union was preceded by his first marriage to Gloria Gresham where they produced three children.

Every Saturday was like a job for William, which consisted of going to the chiropractor and later meeting up with his fellow brothers from New Redeemer. William was known as the "Cigar Man". He loved and enjoyed hanging out in his basement puffing on a nice smooth cigar.

William entered into eternal rest on April 28, 2021 at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ.

Bill leaves to cherish his fond memories: his wife Ronell Marion Gresham of Irvington, NJ, one brother Ruben Gresham (Barbara) New Jersey, five children Ruben Gresham (Lynn) Florida, Marcel Gresham South Carolina, Laura Fields Trenton, NJ, Lisa Fields of Pennsylvania Preceding in death William Gresham Jr. One Step Daughter Latoya Marion, three Sister-in-law Joyce Vaughn (Joel), Annette Wallace (Ethan), Marylee Broughton (William), two Brother-in-Laws Steven Marion (Helen) and Curtis Peace (Lisa). two Uncle-in-Laws Moses Marion and Bill Marion. One niece Laura Gresham of New Jersey, 12 Grandchildren and 5 Great-Grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Neighbor and friend William Clemon and special help to family Joliana Oluoha.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

#### <u>Interment</u>

Hollywood Memorial Park Union, New Jersey



### 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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah 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 savoured 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.

### Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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