

In Loving Memory of



Gerald Gaylord

February 3, 1949 – July 21, 2021

Thursday, August 5, 2021 - 10AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Bishop Russell Davenport, Officiating

Obituary

Gerald Gaylord, Sr. was born on February 3, 1949 in Manhattan, New York to his late parents, Clarence and Irene Gaylord. Gerald Gaylord graduated from New York City Public School, and attended Seminary and received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He resided in Queens, New York for over 40 years.

Gerald spent his childhood in Manhattan, New York where he learned gymnastics, karate and swimming in spite of having polio. Spanish Harlem is where he began his love of martial arts and dedicated his life to the Ketsugen Karate Federation Black Belt Union where he was promoted up the ranks to becoming a 10th Degree Chief Grand Master Teacher under the late Erskine R. Matthews. He was drafted by the United States Army in 1969 during the Vietnam War, and served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Benning, GA where he received an Honorable Discharge in 1971. He returned home where he joined the New York City Department of Corrections, at Rikers Island and retired in 1995. He was a member of The Masonic Prince Hall Joppa Lodge #55. He was a respected member of the community.

He is survived by: his three sisters, Ida Gaylord-Thompson, Doris Gaylord-Wilson (Norman Wilson), and Anna Gaylord-McCain (Wade McCain); his twelve children, Gerald Gaylord, Jr., Robert L. Samuel (Tabrielle), Jada M. Gaylord-Scott, Tonya D. Croker, LaShawn N. Gaylord (Marcia), Gerald C. Gaylord, Kevin J. Gaylord (Victoria), Keith J. Gaylord, Amanda S. Gaylord, Jade D. Gaylord, Jayla M. Gaylord, (Marvin W. Pease deceased), James L. Pease; 27 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional..... Donnell Hubbard

Music Selection..... Donnell Hubbard

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8..... Jada G. Scott
New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6-7.....Gerald Gaylord, Jr.

Prayer of Comfort.....Archbishop Russell Davenport

Acknowledgements..... LaShawn N. Gaylord

Remarks..... John Hogans
Ken Fowler

Music Selection.....Donnell Hubbard

Obituary..... Kay Minus

Solo: “It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye”..... Nectar Castro

The Eulogy..... Archbishop Russell Davenport

Final Viewing

Benediction



INTERMENT:
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



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.

A Note of Thanks

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to our dad during his illness, and since the passing of our father Gerald Gaylord. Words can never express the deep sentiments of gratitude.

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