

In Loving Memory of



Edward Gaines

Sunrise: September 9, 1949 - Sunset: October 19, 2021

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - 2PM

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Obituary

Edward Gaines affectionately known as “Eddie” was born to Mr. Ed Gaines and Mrs. Jassie Mae Gaines on September 9, 1949 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Raised in the south he often spoke of his childhood. He remembered the farm, picking cotton for cash; how far he walked to the school house; most of all he remembered his mother and her cooking. He later migrated to New York where he was known in the streets of Harlem for his style and swagger. He took pride in his appearance. Hundreds of suits, hats and shoes made up a wardrobe that graced his back daily. Eddie was a father to three boys and two girls whom he gave anything he had. Most importantly, he gave them the trait of being a go-getter. A tool that would shape all their lives. All of the children inherited those special traits.

As a brother to his siblings who called him “June”, he was the go to of the family. A voice of comfort. Coming from a large family he didn’t need to look outward he was always with a family member. He could always be seen with his late brother, Douglas and cousin, Kurt; those two were his partners in mostly everything. In his later years you still would find him with his older brother Clarence playing numbers and passing time enjoying each other’s company.

Edward was a driver and he took pride in it. Any car, jeep, bus, or truck—you name it and he could drive it any distance. A hustler, “Mr. G” had the ability to sell anything and that’s just what he did over the years. He sold fruits, clothes and to be honest anything he got his hands on to make a dollar.

Manners played a big role in Eddie’s character. ‘Yes ma’am’, ‘thank you kindly’ and ‘sweet heart’ fluently rolled off his tongue daily. His charismatic impact was so strong. You couldn’t go anywhere and he wasn’t known.

He loved to shoot and if you messed with him, he would show you how good of a shooter he was. He was once asked by his daughter Rashana, “Eddie can you fight?” His response was, “I’m a Gaines, of course I can fight but I rather shooting, Darling.”

Edward, a veteran of the United States Army, he lived a life of contentment and fulfilled his desires. Eddie transitioned on October 19, 2021. He is predeceased by his parents, his first born, Randy Gaines and four siblings, Douglas Gaines, Margaret Gaines Booker, Lizzie Middleton and Ever Richberg.

He is survived by: his wife, Roslyn Gaines; children, Tyice Tucker, Rasheen Gaines, Rashana Gaines and Raheem Gaines; siblings, Clarence Gaines, Virginia Gaskin, George Gaines, Janete Ajasin, Sheran Sutherland and Georgia Mae Gaines; live in girlfriend, Sandra Brown; 18 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones. He will truly be missed.



Order of Service

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Committal

Viewing

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INTERMENT:

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York

(Leaving from Funeral Home at 9:30AM)

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret
place of the most High shall
abide under the shadow of the
Almighty. I will say of the Lord,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from
the snare of the fowler, and from
the noisome pestilence. He shall
cover thee with his feathers, and
under his wings shalt thou trust:
his truth shall be thy shield and
buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid
for the terror by night; nor for the
arrow that flieth by day; Nor for

the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction
that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and
ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of
the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my
refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil
befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all
thy ways.



Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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