

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

PALLBEARERS

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Reginald Gray
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the family of Willie Frank Gray, Jr., gratefully thank each of you for your prayers, visits, calls, text, cards, flowers, food, monetary donations, your presence here today and any expressions of love shown to us during this time of sorrow. Special thanks to Pastor & First Lady Tucker, Sis Patton & Kitchen Committee, QL Douglas Funeral Home, Kevin Lundy (Frank's Producer) and Pastor T. Washington ("Lean on Me," CD)

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

Evergreen Cemetery
4535 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Sunrise: May 16, 1950
Sunset: November 29, 2023

GOLDEN STAIRS

*When I have heard the Heavenly Choir
and left this temporal shore.
I'll thrill with rapture here
unknown as Jesus I adore.
Old friends I've known long years
ago will bid me welcome home.
Delighted in this bliss I will rest,
this earth no more to roam.
What joy will be my portion free from
this world of sin and pain!
With death forever past for me,
don't wish me back again.
When you see this old shell of mine,
don't think that I am there.
I've traveled on to live with God,
I've climbed the golden stairs.*

Author Unknown

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Willie Frank
GRAY, JR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 - 11:00 AM
GREATER ZION GROVE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
6317 118th Street | Jacksonville, Florida 32244
Pastor Willie O'Neal Tucker, Sr., Officiating

THE LIFE STORY OF

Willie Frank GRAY, JR.

Mr. Willie Frank Gray, Jr. was born in Fort Valley, GA on May 16, 1950 to the late Willie Frank Gray, Sr. and Mary L. Nealy Gray. He attended the local schools of Fort Valley, Georgia. Willie worked various jobs for the City of Jacksonville before retiring.

He was united in holy matrimony to Deborah A. Gray for eighteen years.

Willie was a current member of Greater Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He served as a Choir Member for over fifteen years. He was a former member of Gensis Missionary Baptist Church.

Willie was fond of music. He participated as a lead and backup singer for various singing groups. Some being Jerusalem Singers of Fort Valley Georgia, Genesis Male Ensemble, God's Spiritual Gifts, Spiritualistics and many others in the city.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Mary L. Nealy Dunlap; father: Willie Frank Gray, Sr.; stepfather: J.B. Dunlap; brothers: Harold and Lonnie Gray; sisters: Frankie Mae, Willie Maude, and Vivian Gray; and his son: Christopher Gray.

Willie leaves to cherish his memories, a very loving and devoted wife of eighteen years: Deborah A. Gray; his children: Freddie (Emma) Gray; Alphonso Jackson; Julius Williams, Jr.; Deborah (Todd, Sr.) Goodman and Natarsha Ridsely; grandchildren: Tia Edwards, Amari Harold, Brianna Williams, Roynesha and Roy Turner; great grandchildren: Taiveon Haynes, Eddie Ryans, Alexis and Aaliyah Gray, Amia Washington, Christina and Tyanna Williams; goddaughter: Keshia (Michael) McQueen; godson: Khiran Stokes; siblings: Rev. Michael (Reginia) Gray-Fort Valley, GA, Larry (Ann) Gray; Anthony (Padrika) Gray; Barbara Ann (Arthur) Russell-Fort Valley, GA.; Verlone Ballard, Gracie (Wilbert) Troutman; like a brother: Jesse (Charlotte) Williams, Jr.-Savannah, GA; aunt: Ann Turpin; brothers-in-law: Leroy, Curtis, Elroy, Robert, Louis (Deloris), Jersey, Jimmy, Timothy, Carl, Bernard, Kenneth, Lester Snider; sisters-in-law: Patricia Gray, Barbara Greene, Jestine, Suzette Snider, Francella (Allen) Melton and Carrie White; many loving nephews, nieces, cousins and a host of other loving relatives, many friends and three special ladies: Mot. Hicks, Sis. Holloway, and Monica Kohn.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding: Reverend Bell/ Minister M. Campbell, Sr.

Processional/Viewing

Selection.....GZG Church Choir, "You Know My Name"

Scripture(s):

Old Testament.....Deuteronomy 9: 1-2..... Lenford Killings

New Testament.....Philippians 1: 20-21.....Lenford Killings

Invocation (Prayer).....Rev. Michael Gray

Solo.....Yvette Rogers, "I am Free"

Reflections

(As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

As a family member.....Evette Martin (Niece)

As a friend.....Leonard Washington &

Who Was Frank by Wife Deborah Gray

(Letters read by Davante` Snider) (Nephew)

Honorable Recognition.....Singing groups who performed with Frank
(Please Stand)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions..... Annette Von Byrd

Reading of Obituary (silently to soft music)

Selection.....Mother Ethel Tucker & GZG Choir

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Willie O. Tucker, Sr.

Recessional... "Fix it Jesus" (Favorite Song)-GZG Choir & Local Groups