



The Chain Will Link Again

Little did we know that morning,
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

-Author Unknown

Message from the Family

The family truly wishes to thank you for your prayers, expressions of love, phone calls, texts and all of the acts of kindness you have shown.

A scholarship fund for children who attend Glen's home church in Jamaica will be established at a later date.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to thank Rev. Dr. James Barnum of Bellmore Presbyterian Church, Dr. Kimberly Crawford of Victory Tabernacle Church and Taneé Johnson Bowman for their participation and support during this very difficult time.

Arrangements entrusted to:

Lee's Funeral Home, LLC

160 Fisher Avenue

White Plains, NY

Cremation/Ferncliff Crematory/Hartsdale, NY

Interment/Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY



Glen J. Gairey, Sr.

Sunrise June 5, 1933

Sunset, November 20, 2020



Order of Service

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. James Barnum

Hymn Amazing Grace

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Kimberly Crawford

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalms 23

New Testament John 14:1-4

~ Family Tributes ~

Obituary Jordan Gairey

Meditation Rev. Dr. James Barnum

Eulogy Dr. Kimberly Crawford

Selection Taneé Johnson Bowman

“If I can Help Somebody”

Final Remarks

Committal Rev. Dr. James Barnum

Benediction



OBITUARY for GLEN JOSEPH GAIREY, SR.

Glen J. Gairey, Sr. was born on June 5, 1933, in Jamaica, West Indies, to the late Zachariah and Lillian Gairey. He departed this life on Friday, November 20, 2020 following a long illness.

Glen was educated in the Jamaica West Indies Schools system through High School. He decided to leave his occupation as a Police Officer behind in his native Jamaica and to marry his pen pal sweetheart on New Year’s Day.

Glen married Mildred E. Gairey (née Spann) on the beautiful island of Jamaica in 1961. They chose the close-knit, family friendly community of Elmsford, NY to raise their three children: Glen J. Gairey, Jr., Charlene L. Gairey, and Darren E. Gairey.

Mr. Gairey was no stranger to hard work. Once they settled in Elmsford, he worked several entrepreneurial odd jobs while at the same time worked for Frank Novelty Company for 25 years until the business was about to close. He then purchased the company along with a few co-workers in 1986 and renamed it Glenstrong & Company Novelty, Inc. a manufacturer of religious gift items, where he served as President. When he retired from that business, he worked in security at Union Hospital in Portchester and then Blythedale Children’s Hospital until his final retirement.

Upon his retirement in 2011, it was clear that Glen was respected and admired by his co-workers. And while retired, Glen continued sharing his love of fishing, playing Dominos, gardening and cooking throughout the harvest seasons with his children and friends and delivering vegetables from his garden to neighbors. Glen also never forgot about his family and home church in Jamaica, where he was affectionately known as “G”, and always sent barrels of goods and funds on a regular basis. Often when Glen, Charlene or Darren could not find an item they had not seen or used in a while; they knew that it was most likely on its way to Jamaica. He also provided financial assistance to kids in his hometown who could not afford the cost of college on their own.

The blessing is that Glen and Millie are together now. As in life and now in the after-life, they continue to shower their children with love, help guide the steps of their grandchildren, great grandchild and encourage their extended family and faithful friends to continue being a blessing to all.

Glen is predeceased by his parents, Zachariah and Lillian Gairey, wife Mildred Spann Gairey, Brother Ansel Gairey and Sister Eva Gairey. He is survived by his children Glen J. Gairey, Jr (Lisa), Valley Stream, NY; Charlene L. Gairey, White Plains, NY; Darren E. Gairey, Elmsford, NY; Niece, Dana (Mark) Newell, Greenville, NC; Grandchildren, Bria D. Williams, Ellicott City, MD; Jordan T. Gairey, Valley Stream, NY; Jada E. Gairey, Valley Stream, NY; Makayla D. Gairey, Elmsford, NY; Great Grandchild Bella Williams, Ellicott City, MD; “Brother” Winston “Roy” Christie (Cora), New Rochelle, NY; Sister-in-laws Hattie Mae Lowe, Charleston, SC; Patricia Cunningham Jenkins Moorman, Mt. Vernon, NY; Margaret Grant, Charleston, SC; Brother-in-law Leon Benton, Savannah, GA; and a many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



