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The family of the late Gary Lee Barnes wishes to thank Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr., the members of the Hopewell Baptist Church, neighbors and friends for the expressions of love, prayers and other acts of kindness shown during the passing of our love one. May God continue to bless each of you.
Reflect

Soul of Jesus sanctify me
Blood of Jesus wash me
Passion of Jesus comfort me
Wounds of Jesus hide me
Heart of Jesus receive me
Spirit of Jesus enliven me
Goodness of Jesus pardon me
Beauty of Jesus draw me
Humility of Jesus humble me
Peace of Jesus inflame me
Kingdom of Jesus come to me
Grace of Jesus pity me
Cross of Jesus support me
Nail of Jesus hold me
Mouth of Jesus bless me

In life, in death, in time and
Eternity—in the hour
of Death defend me,
call to come to thee,
receive me
With thy Saints
in glory everlasting

- Elizabeth Seton

My Last Request

Please don’t say I gave up,
Just say I gave in.
Don’t say I lost the battle.
For it was God’s battle to lose or win,
Please don’t say how good I was,
But that I did my best.
Just say that I tried to do what was right,
To give the most I could, not do less.
Please don’t give me wings or halos,
That’s for God to do.
I want no more than I deserve,
No extra, just my due.
Please don’t argue with one another
Or talk in harsh tones,
Don’t be concerned about me now,
I’m well with God, I’ve made it home.
Don’t talk about what could have been,
It’s over and it’s done.
Just see to all my family’s needs
The battle has been won.
Forgive me for the wrong I’ve done,
With the love that is left,
Thank God for my soul,
Praise God who loved me best.
Order of Service

Prelude

Selection

Scripture

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Baptist House of God

Remarks (2 minutes each please)

Acknowledgements/Obituary

Deaconess Annie Hooks

Solo..................Marty Moore

Eulogy..............Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Recessional

I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger,
And hurt and want and pride,
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

His Name Says A Lot

G  G-money
A  Amusing
R  Respectful
Y  Yard-work
Now its time to say good-bye
And that's so hard to do.
We enter this world from "The Great Unknown"
And God gives each Spirit a form of its own
And endows this form with a heart and soul
For beyond this world in beauty lies
the purpose of death which is but to gain
life everlasting in God's great domain.
And no need to make this journey alone
For God has promised to take care of His own.
For now its not good-bye,
But we will say farewell
Cause we will always love you
As long as time can tell.

Gary Lee Barnes, was one of six children, born July 20, 1962 to the late Joan T. and Andrew Lee Barnes, Sr. in Buffalo, New York.

Gary was educated in the Buffalo School System and graduated from Bennett High School.

Gary was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church and was baptized under the leadership of Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.

Gary was a friendly, outgoing individual, who would volunteer his knowledge and assistance unselfishly in various community beautification projects. He kept his neighbors lawns and went to the store for them. He had a special love in his heart for children, telling jokes, listening to music, cooking, playing basketball and bike riding. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was a diligent hardworking person earning a living in various fields of occupations. He worked in factories, restaurants and did home improvement.

On May 3, 2000, Gary was united in Holy Matrimony to Christine Szymanski. That was a happy day for Gary. He always wore a smile that would just warm your heart.

Gary had a good life. As with all of us, he had his hard times as well as happy times. He was putting these pieces together when God told him, "Don't Worry, I'll fix it for you." So on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the ECMC Hospital, the puzzle was complete. His eternal resting place had been filled.

When a face that was so dear is no longer here, and a voice that was loved is hushed, it seems that time went by too quickly and you and your things were too rushed. Such was the passing of our beloved Gary.

Cherishing his memories are his devoted wife: Christine.
His daughter: Joan Jessica Barnes
His granddaughter: Jaleah Amor Hill
His siblings: Maurice Williams, Paul S. Fields, Andrew Lee Barnes, Jr., Shelia C. Barnes-Forth and Bryant Fulton. Sheryl A. Fields (deceased).
A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, church family, neighbors and friends.