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Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain.

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low.

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets.

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Jeffery E. Bellamy
Michael Games

Pallbearers
Charles Epps
H. Melvin Powell

Derek Gaines
Melvin Wilson

Honorary Pallbearers
Brothers of Paramount Lodge #73

Flowbearers
Sisters of Paramount #57

The Care of our loved one entrusted to:
Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York 14211

Thank You

The family wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation you prayers, comforting words, and all acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May god bless each one of you from His abundant storehouse.

The Gaines Family

Celebration Of Life



John Arthur Gaines

January 27, 1937 - May 20, 2019

OBITUARY

John Arthur Gaines was born to the late Sybil Gaines on January 27, 1937. He was the eldest of two children. He was called to rest on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the age of 82.

John attended Emerson Vocational High School in Buffalo, New York. He served in the New York State National Guard and the United States Army, including a tour of duty in the Signal Corps in Germany. While in service, John earned a Good Conduct Medal and Marksmanship Badge (Rifle M14) and was Honorably Discharged in 1964.

John worked for many years at the former Dresser Industries transportation equipment division plant in Depew, New York. After Dresser closed its Depew plant, he later went to work for the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority in Buffalo, where he retired in 1998.

On August 17, 1962, John was united in holy matrimony with Ms. Arfredah (Hakeem) Gaines. Together they were blessed with two sons and shared 52 years of marriage until her passing in 2015. He was a member for many years of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and later joined Hopewell Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr.

John was a very active and very beloved Past Master of Paramount Lodge #73, Free and Accepted Masons (F&AM), Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA), Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York (MWPHGNY) since 1966. John had a long and glorious Masonic career in which he served in many houses and earned many honors, including

- Worshipful Master of Paramount Lodge #73 (1973 - 1974)
- Charter member of Companion Chapter #35, Holy Royal Arch Masons, PHA
- Sublime Prince (32nd Degree) of Bison Consistory #29, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (A&ASR), PHA
- Grand Inspector General and Brother of the Rite (33rd Degree) of the United Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd and Last Degree, A&ASR, PHA, Northern Jurisdiction.

John's loving memory lives on in the hearts of his two sons: Derek Gaines of Buffalo, New York and Michael (Eden) Gaines of Oxon Hill, Maryland; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister: Erma Johnson of Bufflao, New York; one sister-in-law: Jamela Bell of Buffalo, New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Service of Triumph 11:00 AM
Hopewell Baptist Church
1301 Fillmore Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14211
Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr.

The Prelude

The Processional.....Pastor and Clergy

The Scripture Lessons

Old Testament.....Psalms 90:1-12

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Comfort

The Musical Selection.....Hopewell Baptist Church Choir

The Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Joyce Arrington

The Reading of the Obituary.....Joyce Arrington

The Solo.....Victor Johnson, Jr.

The Eulogy.....Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr.

The Recessional

Committal and Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209

Repast
Hopewell Baptist Church