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In Loving Memory Of

Sunrise: July 28, 1949  Sunset: October 15, 2007

Gary Myers

Order of Service

Obituary

Poem - A Tree, A Man, and A Bird
Funeral Services of
Gary Myers
Saturday, October 20, 2007
Wake: 11 AM - Funeral Service: 12 PM

Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church
641 Masten Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14208

Reverend Alicia Blake, Pastor
Reverend James Pollard, Interim Pastor
Officiating Guest Pastors, Jason Whitaker and Elana White

Order of Service

Prelude ................................................................. Dale Tolliver
Invocation ............................................................. Pastor Elana White
Scripture Reading / Old Testament, New Testament ..................................... Minister
The Lord's Prayer ..................................................... Minister
Solo: ..................................................................... Ms. Mildred Spain
Obituary / Poem .................................................. Ntare Ali Gault
Solo: ..................................................................... Ms. Mildred Spain
Eulogy ............................................................... Pastors Jason Whitaker & Elana White
Recessional .......................................................... Dale Tolliver

Order of Service

Obituary

Poem - A Tree, A Man, and A Bird
Gary Myers was born July 28, 1949 to Simon Myers, Sr. and Naomi Myers in Laurel, Mississippi. Gary was the second of six children with one, Russell, preceding him in death. He later moved to Sandusky, Ohio with his family as a young child where he attended school. He was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Sandusky, Ohio. He graduated from Sandusky High School in 1967. Later that year he moved to Buffalo, NY. In 1969 Gary was drafted into the U.S. Army serving two years before being honorably discharged. He then attended Erie Community College where he earned an Associates Degree in Ophthalmic Dispensing.

On November 6, 1976 Gary was united in holy matrimony to the former Cynthia Goode and with this union came three children Chanelle, Garynique and Gary Jamal.

Gary was previously employed at Republic Steel, Harold's Auto Top before working for and retiring from the Buffalo Fire Department. Hunting and fishing were among his hobbies that also included reading and listening to "oldies but goodies" music.

Gary will be remembered for his collection of hats, his hardy laugh, his engaging conversations, his ability to debate any subject and his strong opinions. His family will also remember the unending debates between him and his brother-in-law, the late Larry White Sr., on who made the best barbecue ribs.

On October 15, 2007 Gary Myers was called home and he leaves his wife, Cynthia, of 30 years; two daughters Chanelle (Ntare) Gault and Garynique (Dwayne) Ferguson and one son Gary. He also leaves precious memories to his mother Ms. Naomi Bouldin. Also mourning his passing are his five grandchildren Kevin, Khamar, Dwauna, Denai and Deja; two brothers Simon, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia and Jason (Carlier) Myers of Euclid, Ohio; two sisters Tina Patricia (Alfred) Ray of Columbus, Ohio and Alicia (Keith) Morris of Orion, Michigan; his stepmother Ernestine Myers of Sandusky, Ohio; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.
A Tree, A Man and a Bird

By Niare Ali Gault

An oak stands in the woods,
Tall, dark, strong and stately.
Winter, then spring, then summer
And autumn
Commence their seasonal hits
But the oak still stand.

A father will do battle against
The world for his family.
Firm, powerful, unmoving and trusting
And always taking care of home.

An oak’s branches stretches across the sky,
With its tender leaves holding on for dear life.
But even the leaf must go its separate way-
Falling, spiraling away from the
Strong and mighty oak.
The wind blow and the oak spread more
Seeds across the forest
For a new generation of oak to grow.

The father, a true man,
Tosses baseballs to his son,
Walk his daughters down the aisle,
Plays with the neighbors children,
Dances with his wife,
And praises the Lord!

Birds also depend on the oak.
Making their nest,
Raising their young,
Teaching the little ones to fly,
And then have many reunions
On the branches of the oak,
Building fond memories.
But the day will come
When the bird will fly back to the tree
And it won’t be there.
The bird will be sad as it
Search for a new home.
Fathers will also pass away
And his children will mourn,
   His wife will cry,
The grandchildren will miss him,
   And the singers will sing...
The songs from the piano will
   Be reminiscent of the wind
Howling trying to fill the void of another oak, Knowing that it will
soon turn to dust.
The father will also soon turn to dust
   Becoming part of the ground
   We were all created from.

But the feeling shouldn't be sad
And no one should mourn.
   The father was strong,
   He lived his life,
   He raised his family
And he must be laid into the mighty oak
   And wait for the Heavenly Father's Command.

Until that day,
The birds will circle above the once missing
   Oak
The children will walk out of the cemetery
   The trees in the forest
   The birds in the sky
And the Christians all over the Earth
   Will praise the Lord
   And we shall all be saved
   Like the mighty oak
   And the loving father.

Poem - A Tree, A Man, and A Bird
Pall Bearers

Dwayne Ferguson
Shannon Stamper
David Whitaker

Ntare Ali Gault
Gregory Genuso
James Whitaker

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Avenue – Buffalo, New York 14209

Auspices:

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.
995 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York 14211

Acknowledgement

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who showed us kindness during our time of tribulation. Your words of comfort and prayers will help to weather the storm of this difficult time.

The Myers Family