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"It's Hard To See Tomorrow"

It's hard to see tomorrow
When some one you love is gone.
And it's harder still to realize
That your life will still go on.
But the Lord won't give you burdens
Which He knows you cannot bear.
And he will not leave you comfortless
You'll always find Him there.
We're all our Father's children,
Here on earth and up above.
Our loved one now walks close to God
Surrounded by His love.

The Family

Auspices
H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.
968 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Acknowledgement
The family of the late John A. Gary wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during this very
difficult time.

Sunrise November 23, 1905
Sunset February 27, 2006

Monday, March 6, 2006
11:00 a.m. Wake
12:00 p.m. Funeral

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor
Obituary

John Arthur Gary was born November 23, 1905, in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina to the late William and Floree Gary. He departed this life Monday, February 27, 2006 after a brief illness.

John was the fourth of six children. He married the love of his life, Mary and to this union one daughter, Thelma was born. His wife Mary and their daughter Thelma preceded him in death.

In 1925, the family left South Carolina and relocated to Buffalo, New York. That same year they joined Bethel AME Church (then located on Vine Street) under the leadership of the late Reverend M. E. Jackson.

John loved to cook; a talent which came from his excellent training as a waiter in the dining car of the New York Central Railroad for which he received a Certificate of Achievement for his many years of service on his 100th birthday, November 23, 2005, along with the special honor of a personal birthday greeting from the President of the United States. He gave elaborate dinners for the family, where he served capon while dressed in his dinner jacket.

John was a past member of the Steward Board, a member of the Layman's Organization, the Adult Sunday School Class and a vivid greeter on Sunday mornings. He enjoyed worship service so much that he would stay for the second service. He loved Bethel and never missed a service unless he was ill. Those that took him home knew they had to take him to Kentucky Fried Chicken.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his grandchildren, Melinda and Clarence of Buffalo, New York; great grandson, Montel Miles of Louisville, Kentucky; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn

"Precious Lord"

Prayer of Comfort

Steward Board

Scripture

Psalm 23

Old Testament

I Corinthians 15:51-58

New Testament

Resolution

Remarks

Steward Emeritus Bettye Wyatt

Acknowledgements

Sister Dorothy Williams

Obituary

Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse

Solo

Eulogy

"Going Up Yonder"

Recessional

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York