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Louis Veasey
Trevor McNeal

"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.

Homegoing Celebration

for

John Arthur Gary



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 recieved 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 Orgainzation, 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		Clergy
Opening Sentences		Clergy
Hymn	<i>"Precious Lord"</i>	#393
Prayer of Comfort		Clergy
Scripture		Clergy
Old Testament	Psalm 23	
New Testament	I Corinthians 15:51-58	
Resolution		Steward Board
Remarks		
Acknowledgements		
Obituary		Steward Emeritus Bettye Wyatt
Solo		Sister Dorothy Williams
Eulogy		Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse
Recessional	<i>"Going Up Yonder"</i>	

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
Buffalo, New York