

Pallbearers

Members of the Family ~ Brothers of the Church

Flower Attendants

Sisters of the Church



I Am Always With You

When I am gone release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,

you mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears.

But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess

How much you've given me in happiness.

I thank you for the love that you have shown,

But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust

That it is only for a while that we must part,

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear

All my love around you soft and clear

And then, when you come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".



Repast: Westside Church of Christ - Fellowship Hall.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say,

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you, whatever the part.

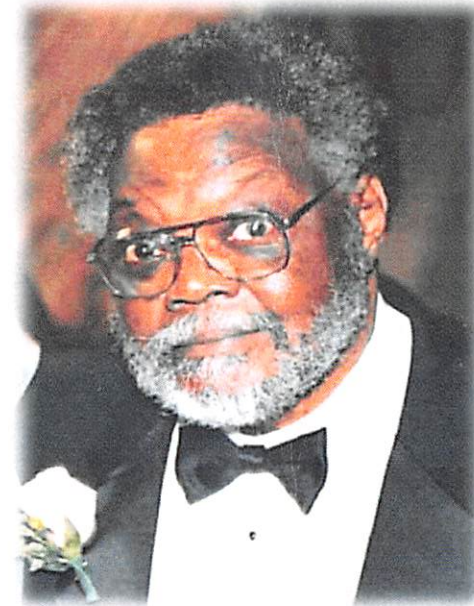
~ THE FAMILY ~

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Celebration of Life, Love and Legacy of Laurence Norman Gaines, Jr.

Sunrise
08/28/1946

Sunset
05/09/2015



Thursday ♦ May 14, 2015 ♦ 11:00A.M.

Westside Church of Christ

23 West 8th Street ♦ Jacksonville, FL 32206 ♦ (904) 353-5063

Elisha Taylor, Jr., Senior Minister/Evangelist, Officiating

Interment

Jacksonville National Cemetery

4083 Lannie Road ♦ Jacksonville, FL 32218

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

Funerals by T. S. Warden

4315 N. Main Street ♦ Jacksonville, FL 32206 ♦ (904) 765-1234

Order of Service

Presiding Bro. Jerome Sanders

Processional & Parting Glance

"Come and Go to That Land"

Hymn *"I'll Fly Away"*

Prayer of Comfort *Bro. George Carter, Deacon*

Scripture ... Psalm 46:1-11 ... *Bro. Jerome Hill, Deacon*

Hymn *"Mansion, Robe and Crown"*

Reading of Reflections of Life *Renée M. Witcher*

Memorial Reflections

As a Father

As a Member of Men of Valor ...

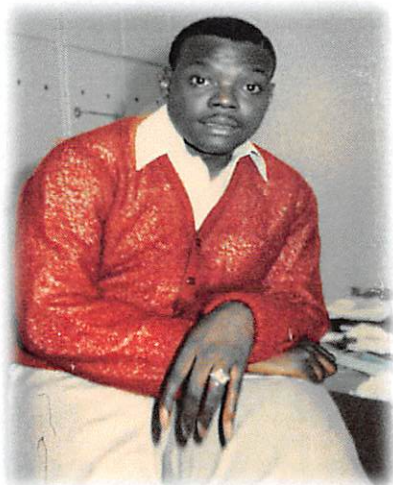
As a Member of Westside Singers ...

Acknowledgements of Condolences...

Hymn *"Thank You Lord"*

Words of Comfort *Bro. Elisha Taylor Jr.,
Senior Minister/Evangelist*

Recessional *"No Tears in Heaven"*



Lawrence Norman Gaines, Jr.
Reflections of Life

Into paradise may the angels lead Lawrence Norman Gaines, Jr. who transcended from this life on Saturday morning, May 9, 2015.

Lawrence was born on August 28, 1946, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Lawrence Norman Gaines, Sr., and Arlena D. Moore Gaines, both predeceased. Lawrence also had a sister, Doris Delores James-Butts, who is also predeceased.

After graduating from West Philadelphia High School in June 1965, Lawrence enlisted in the United States Air Force in February 1966. As he often jokingly reminded us, "I could have been a member of the 'Temptations,' but I chose to go off and serve my country instead." While serving his country, Lawrence visited many countries and was intrigued by the different cultures, finally retiring March 1, 1986, after 20 plus years of dedicated service. We salute him!

While stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC, Lawrence found the love of his life, Essie Pearl Gaines, and they married on October 27, 1977. Though they divorced, they found their way back to each other and remarried on June 16, 2012, uniting our family for a second time.

After Lawrence's relocation to Jacksonville, Florida, he became a member of Westside Church of Christ, and enjoyed studying the Word of God, engaging in thought-provoking conversations about God and serving with the Men of Valor.

Lawrence also liked spending time with family, and watching and cheering on his favorite team, the Philadelphia Eagles. He also enjoyed playing "Uno", watching television dramas, crime shows and legal courtroom shows.

Lawrence leaves behind his wife, Essie Pearl Gaines; one daughter, Danèe C. Gaines Adams (Jeff); two step-daughters, Chantay R. Witcher and Renée M. Witcher; one step-son, Terrence Reaves (Deborah); one step-grandson, Carlos A. Reaves; one step-granddaughter, Kayla R. Brown; a niece, Donna Butts; and a host of loving family and friends.



