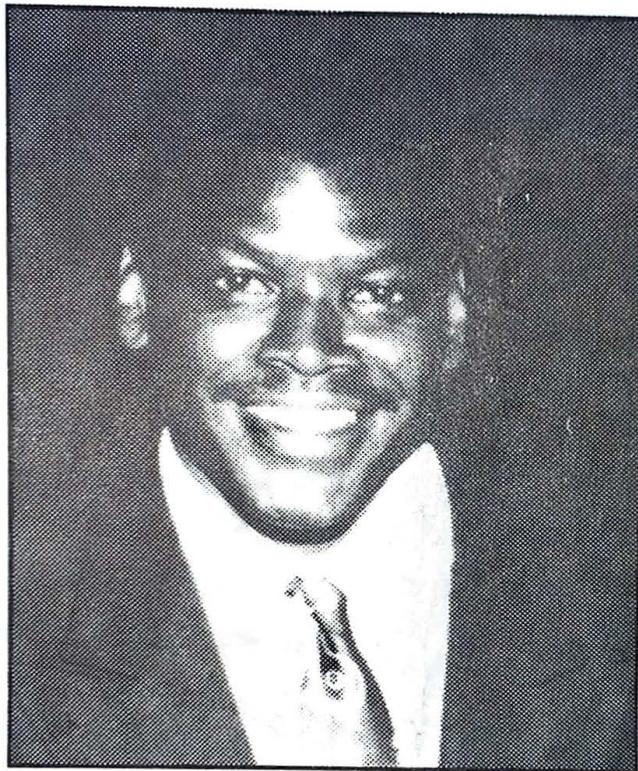


Homegoing Service  
of  
***Robert Lee Gary, Jr.***  
February 10, 1956 — February 13, 1996



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1996**  
**10:00 A.M.**

***Bethel A.M.E. Church***  
1525 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York



***Rev. Dr. Simon P. Bouie, Pastor***

## Obituary



Robert Lee Gary, Jr. was born on February 10, 1956 at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama to Florence L. Callahan Gary and Robert L. Gary, Sr.

Robert settled in Buffalo, New York in 1965 and was a graduate of Public School 53 and Riverside High School. He attended Buffalo State College briefly before joining the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1976 and was honorably discharged in 1979. For the past 17½ years, he has been employed by the Buffalo Streets and Sanitation Department.

Robert joined Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorship of the late James K. Baldwin and was a faithful member of the Christian Endeavors under the leadership of the late Janie Bell Stewart. He was a founding member of the Celestial Choir serving as vice-president at one time, a member of the Gospel Chorus and the Male Chorus. He was well known throughout the community for his gifted voice and long association with the Friendly Five and Spiritual Harmonizer Singers.

In 1981, he united in Holy Matrimony with Sandra Y. Fogan and to this union two children were born.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memory one daughter: Shandra Jin-ee; one son: Isaiah Lee; his loving parents: Florence L. and Robert Sr.; a brother: Clarence R. (Myra) Callahan of Ft. Washington, MD; a grandmother; one great aunt: Lucinda Freeman of Greenwood, SC; seven aunts, six uncles, and a host of relatives and friends.

## Order of Service



Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Invocation

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection ..... "Order My Steps", Male Chorus

Reflections ..... Rev. Carlton Gibson  
Larry Bolden

Resolutions

Bethel A.M.E. Church ..... Mrs. Vanetta Williams

Bethel Male Chorus ..... Mr. Herman Alexander

Bethel Gospel Chorus ..... Ms. Kathy Carswell

Spiritual Harmonizers ..... Mr. Joseph Demps

Obituary ..... (to be read silently)

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Cynthia Flood

Selection ..... Male Chorus

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Simon P. Bouie

Recessional

### Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

### Arrangements

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary, Inc.

968 Jefferson Avenue

Buffalo, New York 14204

## ***Pallbearers***

Jolly Barnes  
Gerald McClinton  
Greg Nelson

Sean McClinton  
Jason C. Moten  
Larry Smith

### ***Hold Us Up, Lord!***

*Lord, we know You're always busy,  
For You've many things to do,  
But when sorrow overcomes us,  
Well, we need to talk to You.  
For we've lost someone precious,  
And they're with You there above,  
And it's someone that we needed,  
And it's someone that we love.  
We are feeling lost and all alone,  
And though we do believe,  
We need You, Lord, to hold us up,  
To help us while we grieve.  
Please give us strength  
and Courage, Lord  
To bear what we must bear,  
And nudge us when our faith is weak  
To remind us You are there.  
Give us hope for our tomorrows,  
Tell us life will still go on,  
Show us, Lord, that all this darkness  
Will be followed by the dawn.  
You have led us through so many things,  
You've pulled us through before,  
Hold us up, Lord,  
till we're through this  
And we are strong once more.*

— The Family

### ***Acknowledgement***

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love, sympathy and acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God bless you and keep you in His care.