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Obituary – Gary Steven Jackson

Gary Steven Jackson peacefully departed from this world surrounded by his cherished family at home on October 16, 2023. Gary's journey began on February 2, 1951, in Newark, New Jersey. He held the special place of being the third child among eleven, born to the late Charles and Sadie Jackson.

After graduating from East Orange High School in 1969, Gary embarked on a career with the US Postal Service. Following his patriotic spirit, he answered the call to duty and served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, earning an honorable discharge in 1972.

Gary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at Dyke College in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduation, he joined the management team at Hyatt Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gary earned his CDL License and worked for Conway Freight for 25 years. In 2015, he embarked on a new chapter, embracing the warmth and sunshine of Tampa, Florida. In 2016, he retired from Conway and worked part-time as a school bus driver for the Hillsborough County School District.

In 2017, Gary became a member of New Bethel Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida.

Gary was predeceased in death by his parents Charles and Sadie Jackson; brothers Thomas and Charles, Jr. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Tina; 4 children: Yolanda (Virgil) Roberts, Maplewood, NJ; Tara, Maplewood, NJ; Trevor (Dakeisa) Parker, Raleigh, NC; Gary Jr, Seattle, WA; 4 brothers and 4 sisters: Guy (Kim) Jackson, Greensboro, NC; Mark (Zoe) Jackson, Vauxhall, NJ; Lance Jackson, Columbus, OH; Scott Jackson, Deptford, NJ; Pamela Ballard, Missouri City, TX; Linda Grier, Rocky Mount, NC; Stephanie Jackson, East Orange, NJ; Robin Jackson, East Orange, NJ; 4 sisters-in-law: Loretta Jackson, Sacramento, CA; Angela (Kenneth) Wright, Lawnside, NJ; Sandra (Alan) Gregory, Towson, MD; Tara Buie, Lawnside, NJ; parents-in-law: Wilbert and Annie Buie, Lawnside, NJ; 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In the radiant presence of Gary, strangers blossomed into friends and friends became cherished family. His boundless generosity allowed him to freely impart the wisdom and knowledge he had gained through the tapestry of his own life experiences. As we honor and remember Gary, we celebrate his unwavering commitment to uplifting others and his profound spiritual journey that brought him immense comfort and fulfillment. May his vibrant legacy kindle a flame within us, reminding us to find joy in life's simple moments, to uplift those around us, and to nurture our souls through the connections we forge along our own unique paths. As we bid farewell to Gary, let us carry his remarkable journey of resilience, compassion, and faith in our hearts.