

He is Gone

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that
he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all
he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you
can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you
shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is
gone, or you can cherish his memory
and let him live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what he'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Active Pallbearers

Derrick Gaskin
Terrance Gaskin
Carl Johnson Jr.
Brian Griffin
Kevin Long
Cedric Long

Honorary Pallbearers

Dexter Brockington
Thomas Watts
Kaz Brockington
Donald Murphy
Kevin Watts
Ronald Gaskin
Adrian Faulkner
Jermaine Mitchell
Ricardo Bradshaw

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Ben Gaskin wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral arrangements, prayers, calls and all other acts and expressions of kindness. Special thanks to Piedmont Fayette and staff.

-The Family

Interment

Crossroad Cemetery
Pearson, Georgia

Repast

Young's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Douglas, Georgia

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



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Homegoing Celebration for



Ben Gaskin

Sunrise:

January 6, 1950

Sunset:

January 3, 2020

Saturday, January 11, 2020

2:30 PM

Young's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

710 Shirley Avenue

Douglas, Georgia, 31533

Reverend Booker T. Rose, Pastor

Elder David Michael Northcutt, Officiating



Life Reflections

Ben "Benny" Gaskin was born in Douglas, Georgia, on January 6, 1950, to the late Clarence Sr and Trudell Johnson Gaskin. At an early age, he was a devoted member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kirkland, Georgia. He later joined New Macedonia Baptist Church in Riverdale, Georgia.

Ben graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1968. He also attended South Georgia College. He served in the United States Army.

Benny Gaskin was a member of Atlanta's film community for more than 25 years. He joined Local 479 in the electrical department working on a wide range of projects from features to documentaries. He received awards for Black Independent Film Maker and Clark University Film Festival. He enjoyed volunteering his time teaching students at the university. He loved fishing, gardening, painting, carpentry, and traveling.

Ben met and married the love of his life, the late Florene Brockington Gaskin. To this union, two children were born Roderick Gaskin and Ben (Lakisha) Gaskin, both of Douglas, Georgia.

Ben is preceded in death by four siblings Peggy Gaskin, Sharon Faye Gaskin, Woodrow Gaskin, and Barbara Jean Gaskin.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons Roderick Gaskin and Ben (Lakisha) Gaskin both of Douglas, Georgia; six grandchildren: Rashawn, Briunka, Raven, Nyshae, Keasia, and Roderick Jr; four great-grandchildren: Khloie, Kaison, Kaiden, and Rhiley; six brothers: Clarence (Anna) Gaskin, Jerry Gaskin, Jack (Loretta) Gaskin, Larry (Sally) Gaskin, Moses (Velda) Gaskin, and Kent (Laverne) Gaskin; one sister: Celia Kennedy; like a sister: Jennifer Ambroise; three brothers-in-law: Buford Brockington, Cleveland (Jennifer) Brockington and Lamar (Carol) Brockington; two sisters-in-law: Joann Brockington and Mary Moore and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Presiding, Reverend Leroy Lott

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Leroy Lott

Selection.....Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Pastor Clara Graham

New Testament.....Pastor T.H. Braswell

Solo.....Kentaiwon Durham

Family Prayer...Pastor Jennifer Ambroise

Reflections..... 2 Minutes Please

Anyone Desiring to Speak

Obituary.....Read Silently

Selection.....Choir

Eulogy.....Elder David Michael Northcutt

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Recessional

Psalm 23

*1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD forever.*