



Aubrey Howard Gaines, Jr.

July 13, 1940 - March 15, 2013

On Friday, March 15, 2013, the Lord sealed the book of time on our loved one, Deacon Aubrey Howard Gaines, Jr. He was born on July 13, 1940 to the late Aubrey H. and Virginia Belle Gaines in Richmond, Virginia. He was educated in the Richmond Public School system. He furthered his education in Christian ministry by attending and graduating from the Evans Smith Leadership Institute of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church during the pastorate of the late Reverend Warren A. Evans. He was ordained as a deacon and served as chairperson for a few years; he served faithfully as a member of the Church Interest Group, Resource Committee, and Culinary Ministry; regularly attended Church School, where he served as a teacher; chairperson of the Homecoming Commission, which coordinated the Homecoming and Revival activities; member of the Music Ministry serving in the Male Chorus, Senior and Sanctuary Choirs; served as Youth Advisor to the Young Adult Ministry and was affectionately referred to as "Papa Gaines"; and regularly attended Bible Study. He was an active member of the Hanover Branch of the NAACP who campaigned to keep memberships active and to keep the congregation abreast of the organization's activities. He was also a member of the Celebration Male Chorus of Richmond, Virginia.

On October 8, 1966 Aubrey Jr., married Dorothea Puller and enjoyed 46 years of wonderful marriage.

Aubrey Jr. will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor. He had the unique ability to say things that would leave you in stitches and then sit back and appear as if he had said nothing at all. He was a loyal husband, grandfather, great grandfather, a wonderful brother-in-law, uncle, cousin, and sincere friend who touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed.

He leaves to celebrate his homegoing his loving wife, Dorothea P. Gaines, two sons, Mario D. Gaines and Andre Smith (Shelia); three daughters, Shelly DiPitros, Stacey Crew, and Elaine Ward; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Delores James, godmother, Reverend Joan Armstead, goddaughter, Aria Bell; nieces, nephews, among them devoted nephew, L. Na`eem Akbar (Lloyd and Liz), a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
8175 Pleasant Grove Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Tribute Wall



“ *Aubrey Howard Gaines, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the Family and Friends of Aubrey Howard Gaines Jr.,*

I express my deepest condolences to you all at this time. I can surely sympathize with the pain you are going through because like everyone else here on this Earth I have lossed a loved one in death. God's Word describes death a sting becaus it causes us so much pain and grief. Wouldn't it be great if we could just eliminate this enemy today. Well although we can not, it willl be gone in the future. At Revelation 21:4 we read, " And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Jehovah sets out this hope before us and it is no doubt very encouraging. What a wonderful thing it will be for death to be a thing of the past. My heart goes out to you at this time and your family is definitely in my prayers.

B.J - March 31, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - March 21, 2013 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Andre And Shelia Smith lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Howard Gaines, Jr.*



Andre and Shelia Smith - March 19, 2013 at 08:41 PM

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Daddy tears roll as we think about never hearing that jolly laugh again. It hurts, but we understand that there is a better place called heaven and the choir just got a lead vocalist. A piece of you will always be here with us. We love and miss you so much. Andre Smith

Andre and Shelia Smith - March 19, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - March 18, 2013 at 05:21 PM

RM

Cousin Aubrey I was shocked when my husband called me to tell me God had called you home. You will be missed very much. We use to have a wonderful time at rehearsal with the Celebration Male Chorus. I could never tell your voice from my husbands because you both were singing like angels here on earth. Ty is feeling down we won't be able to make your home going celebration. To the family..... We are so sorry for your loss

Mr. & Mrs. Ty McBride

Roberta McBride - March 23, 2013 at 09:08 AM