



Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr.

October 7, 1948 - February 18, 2021

Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr. was the son of the late Fletcher and Gertrude Gayles. He was born in Newport News, VA and raised in King William, VA where he attended King William County schools before relocating to Richmond, VA. Bernard retired from Richfood, where he worked for over thirty years. Bernard was baptized at Oak Grove Baptist Church in King William County, early in his life and later became a member of Sharon Baptist Church in Richmond, VA. His favorite Bible verse was Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Bernard was a lover of sports and enjoyed cooking, dancing, and listening to to oldies. He was funny, outgoing, vivacious, and a father figure to many. Bernard enjoyed spending time with his family and friends with good music, good food, and a good game of spades or dominos. You would find him smiling and two-stepping in his Stacey Adams, among his loved ones. He was very giving and loyal to his family and friends. We will always remember his heart of gold and infectious smile. He departed this life on Thursday, February 18, 2021. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Annette Morris. His son, Bernard Gayles, Jr. departed this life suddenly on February 22, 2021.

His life will forever be cherished in the lives of his children; sons, Anthony Orange (Antoinette), Bryant Gayles, and Renard Gayles; daughters,

Teshone Gayles, Tarshema Foutain; along with Riguan and Desiree` Washington who he raised as his own; eighteen grand-children; fourteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Marian Shelton, and Evangelist Inez Clark (Joseph); two brothers, Charles Gayles (Janice) and Willie Gayles (Margaret); aunts, Shirley Spurlock and Ophelia Thornton; uncle, Douglas Thornton; and a host of nieces (two devoted nieces: Beverly Jeffrey and Lois Hill), nephews, cousins, and friends (one devoted friend: Veronica Brice). Bernard's presence in our lives will be sorely missed.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Memorial Service

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr., Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - February 26, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Gayles family. We share fond memories of Bernard from being our neighbors on 3rd Street. We will remember him for being crazy loud (in a loving way) the laughter big fun. You will be missed. May our Heavenly Father give you His peace in this season. The Bryant family will keep you all in our prayers. We love you!*

The Bryant/Smalls Family - February 26, 2021 at 05:31 PM

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“ We had many memories. The best of time was when we took the trip to Disney world and Myrthe Beach. Your back was killing you and we had to drive to one of the theme park without you. When we went to the parade there you was standing there and smiling at us. You always had a beautiful smile and always appear when I least expected it. Rest In Peace Bernard. You brought joy to many and we will cherish those memories forever.

Love,
Gail Simmons
And the Dandridge' family

Gail Simmons - February 26, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr..



February 24, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Leon Gayles, Sr..



February 23, 2021 at 07:06 PM

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“ Bernard I will always keep memories the laughs and eating at Beverly's home with Marion & you my condolences to the family 🙏
❤️..R.I.P



Shirley Powell - February 21, 2021 at 05:37 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 - February 19, 2021 at 06:16 PM