



Francis A. Gray

April 25, 1962 - February 11, 2021

On February 11, 2021, God sent an angel to come and collect one of His own, FRANCIS ALTON GRAY, son of Julius Carlton and Rosalee (Meadows) Gray. He was born in Prince George's County, Maryland on April 25, 1962. Francis graduated from Southwestern High School.

Francis entered the United States Marine Corps (USMC) on September 25, 1980. After completing boot camp, he returned to Baltimore and married the love of his life Denise Pearson and was blessed with two daughters.

While in the USMC, Francis honorably served 9 years in the USMC. Francis served and protected his country as a Marine in Southwest Asia during Desert Shield/Storm for two tours. Francis was honorably discharged on May 15, 1992.

When Francis returned home to Baltimore, he worked as a printer at Oles Envelope Company after returning home from USMC. Francis decided to enlist in the Army National Guard on May 16, 2002 because he missed being around his comrades. Francis served 15 years in the Maryland Army National Guard and retired September 2016.

Francis was fun loving, considerate of others, passionate about the military and his family. He was a music lover, so much so that he named his youngest

daughter after his favorite jazz singer/band, Sade. Also, on any given nice summer day, everyone in the neighborhood could hear how much he loved music riding through! He also loved comedy, and like his favorite comedians, he enjoyed making people laugh whenever he could. Laughter was his medicine.

He was a die hard Redskins fan although he lived in the land of Raven. In his community, Francis was known as “Cap” or “Frank”. He was a proud father and he always made sure he was a part of his daughters’ lives no matter what. To his grandkids that adored him, he was known as Pop-Pop and he was very involved in his grandkids’ lives. Francis was a man who believed in keeping it real and speaking his mind no matter what.

Fond memories of Francis will be cherished by his wife, Denise Gray; two daughters, and sons-in-law, Nikki (Chavez) Cole and Sade Gray (Johnathan) Robinson; three grandchildren, Malaya, Jayce and Shakur; mother, Rosalee Gray; two brothers, Clarence (Dorothy) and Julian (Keisha) Gray; two sisters, Rosemary Gray and Frankie (Kendrick) Boyd; grandmother, Mary Adams; one uncle, George Meadows; three brothers-in-law, Charles and Terry (Carla) Young and John (Carolyn) Butler; one sister-in-law, Linda S. Gibson, and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Baltimore, MD

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 23. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Francis A. Gray*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis A. Gray.*



February 22, 2021 at 02:02 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.*

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