



## Rudolph B.C. Gustus

February 4, 1933 - November 12, 2001

Rudolph B. C. Gustus was born to the late James Ira Gustus and Hilda Quinn on February 4, 1933 in Philadelphia. He departed this life on November 12, 2001 due to complications from an unexpected heart attack. Rudolph was raised by his grandparents, the late Lewis and Ivy Conaway in Lively, Virginia in Lancaster County until he was sixteen. He moved to Baltimore to live with his father and his stepmother, the late Ida Louise Gustus, in 1949. In 1963, Rudolph founded the G& M Oil Company with his father providing heating oil to Baltimore's under served inner city churches and other residents. Through reliable, efficient service and reasonable prices, G & M eventually grew to be the 7th largest minority owned and operated business in the United States. It changed the paradigm of what an African American could achieve in business and provided the impetus for others to follow in his footsteps. In 1971, he married Harvadene Williams and raised two beloved daughters, Camille and Angela. In passing, Rudolph leaves a city in mourning, having developed numerous friendships and acquaintances among civic and religious leaders, business associates, and the community at large. He was a dedicated man who served his community well having had many honors bestowed upon him, most notably, businessman on the year by the Small Business Administration. He leaves to mourn: his former wife, Harvadene Gustus; his daughters, Camille Gustus Quijano and Angela I. Gustus; his grandchildren, James, Fernando and Cristiano; a brother, Albert; his uncles, Gilbert Conaway, Clinton Conaway, and Lewis Conaway, Jr., his aunts, Eloise Matthews, Dorothy

Curtis, and Augusta Ferguson, his cousins, Winifred Jones and Maxine Jones and a host of other relatives and close friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ Rudolph B.C. Gustus

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“ may GOD BLESS YOU##imported-begin##LUTHER&THELMA BROWN##imported-end##

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“ The bible promies the hope of a ressurection. Where there will be no more crying and no more pain. The former things have passed away. We will continue to put our trust in that hope. SOON TO COME. REST IN PEACE MR. RUDY YOU WIL BE TRULY MISSED.##imported-begin##STEPHANIE HAMILTON##imported-end##

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“ Bye Mr. Rudy we love you, but God loved you more. Rest Now.##imported-begin##Lynn##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow. Only those who have lost a loved one can know the depths of your feelings. We hope our caring will make your sorrow easier to bear. Sincerely, The March Family and Staff##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##

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“ *R.I. P.##imported-begin##Evelyn Joyner##imported-end##*

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“ *God Bless##imported-begin##James Spencer##imported-end##*

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“ *Angela and family so sorry to here about the loss of your father. I recall the many stories you shared about your father at lunchtime. Just remember that those memories last a life time and you will become stronger as time goes by just have faith and trust and God.##imported-begin##Beatrice Fleming##imported-end##*

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