



## Sheldon C. Gary

February 5, 1962 - September 27, 2022

### Obituary

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:1-3

Sheldon Clifford Gary, age 60, was called home on September 27, 2022, when he passed away at VCU Hospital in Richmond, VA. He is the son of Elaine G. Gary and the late Clifford Gary. Sheldon was born in Chester, PA on February 5, 1962, the younger of two children.

Sheldon was a former member of Murphy AME Church in Chester, PA. As a child, he was active in the Youth Choir and a delegate to the summer Christian Education Program.

Sheldon grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, and graduated from Howard High School in June 1980. In his senior year, he was elected Class Treasurer, one of four class officers. Sheldon had perfect attendance in his junior and senior years, an achievement that he was enormously proud of.

Following graduation, Sheldon Gary enlisted in the United States Navy on September 5, 1980, and served his country proudly as a communications specialist until September 4, 1984. He was in the Navy Reserve from January

24, 1985, to November 22, 1989, and received an honorable discharge from the Navy Reserve as well.

Sheldon Gary was united in holy matrimony with Leslie Sherree' Hawthorne, the love of his life, on May 5, 2001, in Richmond, VA. Their family was blessed with four children: Spencer Gary, Stephen Gary, Taenika Penny, and Tyrese Xavier Gary.

A conscientious and dedicated worker, Sheldon became a supervisor in 2020 at the communications center of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Hospital in Richmond after working there for five years. He was exceedingly loved and respected by his fellow workers. Sheldon was also a people person, and several of the workers he supervised spoke glowingly of the warm atmosphere he created and his cheerful character. He was a mentor to several workers who turned to him for both professional and personal advice. He was particularly proud to be a mentor to several struggling young men. Outside of work, loved ones and friends often commented that his energy, smile, laughter, and personality could light up a room and quickly change a bad day into a great one. He always made time to support his children and family in everything they did by providing an encouraging word and/or presence. He valued hard work, honesty, and was always a man of his word. Sheldon was a great humanitarian who decided to become an organ donor after witnessing great need at his job at VCU. The family is proud to have honored his wishes at the end of his life.

In his spare time, Sheldon enjoyed reading, watching sports (his favorite football team was the Eagles), cooking, and spending time with loved ones. He was a true blessing to others and family, friends, along with co-workers would describe him as loving, protective, knowledgeable, motivated, suave, giving, generous, helpful, a go-getter, friendly, fun, respectful, and a provider to those around him.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Sherree' and his children, who were the light of his life: Spencer, Stephen, Taenika, and Corporal Tyrese, and godson Josiah "Jo-Jo" Thompson. Sheldon is also survived by his mother,

Elaine Gary; his brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Nancy Roberts; adopted sisters, Rose Dixon, Leslie Farrar, Satara Woodson, Kytia Matthews, Diane Penny, Nicole Harrison, and Miranda Ghee; godmother, Gloria Newman; nieces, Elise Nicole Harmon, Sophia Renee Roberts, and Natalia Michelle Roberts; great niece and nephew, Layla Harmon and DeV Vaughn Swain; great-great niece, Mila Swain; mother-in-law, Betty McQueen; and a host of cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 6. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

### Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - October 07, 2022 at 08:14 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Sheldon C. Gary, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Sheldon C. Gary*



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*Sheldon was a great man, when I first came to Maximus I was afraid I couldn't do the job but he reassured me and 6 yrs later I'm still there. He had nick names for all of us and Je gave me Queen my husband always had nothing but good things to say about him. I know that he will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest peacefully my friend ❤️*

Leslie Rosario - October 02, 2022 at 01:40 PM

PW

*I was so sorry to hear about my cousins sudden death. Since he lived in Virginia I didn't see him often. But we all loved him very much. May the Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to his wife, children, Aunt Elaine, Larry and the rest of our family. Love Pat*

Patricia White - October 05, 2022 at 10:11 AM

IB

*Cousin Elaine and family so Sorry for your loss, sending our love and condolences may God Bless you all and give you strength, love you all your cousin . Iris and William Brown*

Iris Brown - October 07, 2022 at 01:55 PM

SM

*Family I wish I was able to attend. I love my little cousin Sheldon I will miss him and Our conversations. Sheldon you were chosen to be with the lord and others who had transition. Some day we're all be together rest my beautiful cousin Sheldon I love you. Sherreese Mitchell from Arizona*

sherreese mitchell - October 08, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ Sheldon C. Gary

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

NE

“ Sheldon we only worked together for a short time, but I quickly learned why you where so valuable here. I appreciate your patience and everything you taught me. From my interview to our last day working together, you where warm and welcoming. Take your rest homie. I will make sure to take my breaks on time.

Nef - October 07, 2022 at 08:16 PM

BF

“ I was the last person who was mentored by Sheldon at VCU medical center , my heart breaks to know that he has parted ways with earth. Within the short period of time I got to know Sheldon we grew close our bond was like father and daughter. I pray for peace amongst his family and allow them to heal in all the time that they need. Sheldon shared stories with me almost everyday and they way he told stories I felt like I was there in the moment. A real stand up guy, I am honored to have such a great mentor in my life, will never forget the blessing he was on my life.



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**Breyani Fletcher** - October 07, 2022 at 03:48 PM

NR

“ Sending all my love to Mom Elaine, Sherree, Taenika, Xavier, Spencer and Steven, and the wonderful family which surrounds us. Sheldon had a heart of gold. He will be sorely missed. He brought joy, humor, laughter and spirit with him whenever we saw him. One hopes in some way to continue to pass that on, and spread the love. Hugs and kisses to all. Nancy

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**Nancy Roberts** - October 07, 2022 at 01:58 PM

TA

“ I had the absolute honor to work with Sheldon at VCU. He was a man with good soul. Always warm and upbeat. I will miss that and him. All my best wishes to his family. I will hold my memories of him in my heart always. -Ross Aitken

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**Thomas Aitken** - October 07, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sheldon C. Gary.*



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October 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Those special memories of you will always bring a smile if only I could have you back for just a little while Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do you always meant so very much and always will do too The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain but you're forever in my heart until we meet again. I will Love You as a SON, Betty Mcquee*

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**Betty Mcqueen** - October 06, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Ann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sheldon C. Gary.*



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**Ann** - October 06, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sheldon C. Gary.*



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October 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM

TW

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Gary family in your time of sorrow. May God continue to lift you and keep you. Much love. T

Tina Walker - October 06, 2022 at 11:34 AM

RR

“ Sheldon was a great friend and coworker and will be immensely missed. My deepest condolences to his wife and children, we shared many laughs and great moments at work and I will cherish those laughs forever 🥺💔 love always “R” as he called me.

Ruth Reynoso - October 06, 2022 at 12:13 AM

RN

“ Sheldon was one of those gentlemen who would always take time to help, listen, lend a hand. His smile and laugh would brighten The Office and all who crossed his path, He was a friend and touched our lives. Ray Nunez, RN



Ray Nunez - October 05, 2022 at 10:39 PM

MK

“ My heart is heavy right now. Sheldon, you will be missed greatly. My sincere condolences to the Gary family. May God heal every empty space in your hearts.  
Rest easy Sheldon.

Melarie King.

Melarie King - October 05, 2022 at 07:45 PM

BT

“ To the Gary family. Our deepest condolences and sympathy and prayers are with all. Peace be with you all! Sheree, Nika, Xavier we love you all❤️ Brenda Thorpe and Family. Herman Thorpe Jr and family. 🙏🙏🙏

Brenda Thorpe - October 05, 2022 at 10:22 AM

YL

“ Your cousins. Diane, Pat, Larue, Chantel, Levere purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sheldon C. Gary.



Your cousins. Diane, Pat, Larue, Chantel, Levere - October 05, 2022 at 09:53 AM

KB

“ Uncle Sheldon will be missed! He gave me the best advice and I could always count on him during my time at VCU. He will always be in my heart. My condolences goes out to my Auntie, Nika, Zay, and the entire Gary family.

- Love, Kiki

Kiara Bond - October 04, 2022 at 10:30 PM

MC

“ Our condolences to you and your family. Sheldon will be truly missed. Love Marsha and Arthur Christian



Marsha Christian - October 04, 2022 at 07:34 PM

RJ

“ Sis Elaine the Mt.Olive A.M.E. Church family and your Hometown of Butlertown want you to know you are thought of and we pray that God will comfort and strengthen you and your family.



Rev Denise Jones - October 04, 2022 at 02:55 PM

SW

“ Sheldon's work family at the Communications Center wraps his family in light and love. We will forever miss him, his gentle and kind spirit, and his service to his family and country. We love you...

Stacy White - October 03, 2022 at 02:50 PM

NS

“ Sheldon will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to the family during this difficult time.

Nikita Spencer - October 03, 2022 at 11:08 AM

HM

“ Our Deepest Condolences To You And Your Family. We Pray That God Continue To Comfort You All Through This Unexpected Lost. Sheldon Was A Great Friend And Will Truly Be Missed. Rest In Paradise 🙏

Heather Monteria - October 03, 2022 at 06:48 AM

SP

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the Gary Family. Sheldon was a great friend and supervisor at Maxximus. He will be truly missed. RIP

Sherri E Page-Thomas - October 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sheldon C. Gary.



October 01, 2022 at 09:59 PM



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October 01, 2022 at 08:14 AM



“ Leslie, Nika and Xavier,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that memories will comfort you when you need them the most. Sheldon was so special to many of us. Your village is here to support you as we honor Shel. I love you all and I'm here for you.*

*Love,*

*Satara*

Satara Woodson - October 01, 2022 at 06:57 AM



*I love you and thanks for everything* 💕🦋

Sherree Gary - October 02, 2022 at 02:15 AM



“ *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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