

Life Is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,
a pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
different paths along the way.

We all are meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,
far greater than we know.

A place where love and peace bestow,
and endless wonders grow.

Acknowledgements

The family of Harry Lee Gist III extends our heartfelt gratitude to all
who have offered their support and condolences during this difficult time.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers have been a source of strength
that we will forever cherish in our hearts.

Flowerbearers

Family & Friends

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

SLONE & CO.
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Celebrating

The Life Of



Harry Lee "Tray" Gist, III

Decemember 1, 1970 - December 9, 2024

Sunday, December 29, 2024 | Wake 1:00 p.m. | Service 1:30 p.m.

Slone & Co. Life Celebration Center
3556 W. 130th St. Cleveland, OH 44111

Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Processional
Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading
Rev. Cynthia Smith

Prayer
Quincy Foreman

Selection
Porcha Green

Reflections
(2 Minutes, Please)

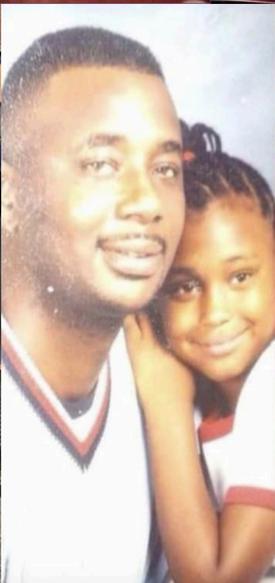
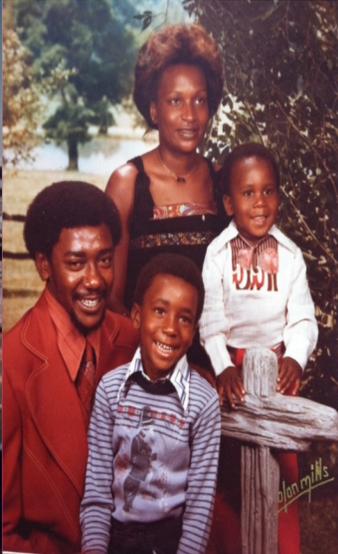
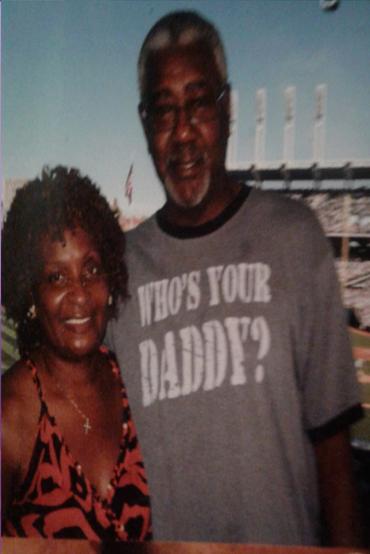
Obituary Reading
Corey Moore-Benson

Selection
Porcha Green

Eulogy
Rev. Cynthia Smith

Recessional
Family







In Loving Memory

Harry Lee "Tray" Gist, III

December 1, 1970 - December 9, 2024

Harry Lee Gist III, known affectionately as "Tray," was born on December 1, 1970, in Cleveland, Ohio, the first child of Harry Lee Gist Jr. (deceased) and Virginia Ann "Gin" Gist. As a young teenager, Tray accepted Christ, was baptized, and became a member of Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

Tray received his education in the Cleveland Public School system. After completing high school, he obtained his Welding Certification. He spent many years working as a Security Guard and in construction.

Tray had a wide range of talents and interests. As a child, he loved bowling and fishing with his parents. Music was another passion of his, with favorites including Prince, Bobby Brown, and Sade. He was also a big basketball fan, particularly of the late great Kobe Bryant. Tray enjoyed hosting card and fight parties for his family and many friends. He deeply cherished his loved ones and was known for his unwavering loyalty—"to a fault," as some might say. Many of his childhood friends remained close to him throughout his life, as Tray proudly claimed, "He never switched up on them."

Tray transitioned on December 9, 2024, and is now at peace. He will be deeply missed. Tray leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Gin Gist; his daughter, Monique Knight; his son, Tre'Gin Gist; and his grandson, Levi Cruz. He is also survived by his brother, Isaac Gist; his niece, Isis Gist; and his nephew, Isaac "Ikey" Gist Jr. Tray's memory will also be cherished by his five aunts: Elaine Ayers, Martha Green (Eli), Cynthia Slade, Dale Jones (Robert Reese), and Mary P. Jones; and his four uncles: Thomas Shabazz, Bryan Gist, the late Guy "Butch" Jones, and Clarence Jones Jr. Additionally, he leaves behind a host of cousins, relatives, and friends, his former spouse of 14 years, Erica Mitchell; his trusted and loyal friend, Dee Dee Banks; and his current companion, Lateesah Waller.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author Unknown