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Gerard Carter was born on February 7, 1967 in Harlem, NY to Johnnie (Black) Carter and the late John Carter. Gerard was the third child of four born to Johnnie and John. Gerard preferred to be called Gee, but he had several nick names; Geeda Bear, Harlem's Big Man, 31st Gee, Big Rardy Rard, Wide Body and Chubbyluv. He later adopted Islam and became known to many as "GX" or "X."

Gee was a happy kid who was very close to his siblings. Gee was exceptionally close to his father while being very protective of his mother. Gee attended PS 133, IS 195 and Julia Richmond High school, all in NYC. He got a job working with his brother at Esto Graphics. It did not take long for Gee to figure out that working for someone was not for him. Throughout his life he ended up making his way in a manner he chose.

Gee wore many hats; he was an MC, a DJ, a natural born poet who wrote poetry for all, an influencer of fashion for men of size which he displayed while working for Harlem's own, Dapper Dan, the neighborhood veterinarian who administered shots to both dogs and cats, a producer of his own video show "Getoe Videos/GetoeTV" and the president of B About It Cares, a nonprofit that feeds the homeless.

Gee was like the neighborhood guardian angel. He was THAT guy. He was a mother to the motherless and a father the fatherless. He was all about the block. He "repped" 131st street from birth to death. He would always try to help anyone who needed it. He would donate regularly to an effort organized by the building Super (Peter) that sent supplies all the way to Jamaica. In the last years of his life he organized an annual book bag drive for kids in the neighborhood. Gee made sure every child who needed one had a book bag filled with supplies. Gee did more for the world from his room than most people did out and about every day.

Gee was a lyricist so it was natural for him to write poetry. He wrote poetry as a way of expressing himself. Recipients considered themselves lucky to be blessed with a poem written specifically for them by Gee. Poetry and MC'ing went hand in hand. Gee would MC and DJ locally in the community. Not only did he move the crowd but he made sure events were securely captured. Gee was known for videoing and photographing the neighborhood block parties. If there was a photo or video to be obtained, Gee usually had it.

In 1997 he established his video show Getto Video/Getoe TV. Gee would air the footage from local events on his show. He would eulogize fallen soldiers, announce birthdays and celebrate positive events in the community. Gee's show afforded him interviews with artists. He rubbed elbows with many popular Hip Hop and R&B artists and gave people from the hood a chance to interview them. Prior to having the show Gee made connections with artist back in the 80's while working for Dapper Dan's boutique. The boutique was known for producing custom clothing for artists. While working at Dapper Dans he met people like LL Cool J, the Fat Boys and Mike Tyson, to name a few. Gee would often be found sporting such fashionable clothing himself. Gee was a man of size who prided himself on always looking neat and smelling good. It was his way of dressing that influenced Fat Joe. They met on the block and became lifetime friends. Other than the rearing of his parents, Gee would always say the streets raised him. He referred to his street soldiers, Chuck, Gino, Fritz, Fonz and Reggie. These were people he looked up to, admired and shared a special bond with. Gee was a story teller and he could not tell a story without mentioning these people and possibly a dog. Gee was known throughout the community for his love of dogs. He would help you out with a sick cat but dogs were his true love. German shepherds, Pit Bulls, Bull Terriers, Shar-Peis, Bull dogs, Massifs, and Rottweilers were among the breeds he owned. As a child he helped rear the family dog Lindsey. Then King, Coke which spawned Goldie.Sampson which spawned Moet, Ruby, Jazmin and Bruno.

*On the morning of Thursday, December 10, 2019 Gee suffered a stroke that weakened the left side of his body. Like the King he was he took it all in stride. He wanted everyone to know that "having a stroke ain't no joke and until you have had one, you ain't had Sh*t." He fought a long fight but on the evening of May 21, 2020 at 11:51 pm the King took his final breath.*

Gee leaves to mourn his loving Mother, Johnnie Carter (Harlem, NY), his siblings Deborah (Sherman) Burns (Honea Path, SC), Jonathan Carter (Bronx, NY), Bernadette Carter (Woodbridge, NJ) and his half-sister Yvette Tucker (Baltimore, MD), his nieces Jamila Sinkler (Woodbridge, NJ), Jennifer Quattlebaum (Bronx, NY), Lashawn Tucker, Keshia Adams, Latoya and Tamika Jenkins all of (Baltimore, MD), his nephews, Todd and Travis Jackson (Honea Path, SC), Harvey Jenkins and Antawn McDonald (Baltimore, MD), his grandnephews Corey and Xavier Dunbar and Candeen and Camari Quattlebaum, his God children Taneya Nixon (Harlem, NY) and Dejanae Ware (Virginia Beach, VA), his closest and fondest friends Lisdarys, Aaron, Jason, Corey, Jamal, Keenan, Lloyd, Fat Joe, Gene, Kevin, Anthony (Mustafa), Bernestine, Schmel, Shayvonna, Diedre, Tia, Kendra, Danielle (UK), Debbie, Lola, Sabrina, Vernetta and some others (I am sure I am missing), as well as a host of other family, friends and associates.