

A Little While

*Fill not your hearts with pain
and sorrow, but remember me in every tomorrow.
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only
Gone to rest a little while.*

*Although my leaving causes pain and grief, my going has eased
my hurt and given me relief.*

*So dry your eyes and remember me, not as I am now,
but as I used to be.*

*Because I will remember you all and look on you with a smile.
Understand, in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.*

With Gratitude

*The family of Gary Hammond wishes to express their
deepest gratitude for your love, prayers, and support
during this time of loss. Your presence, kindness, and
comforting words mean more than we can say.*

Pall Bearers

*Rick Anderson
Gerald Green
Jeese Handy*

*Brandon Coleman
Peter Handy Jr.
Gary Lee*



Celebration of Life

Gary C. Hammond

July 8, 1955 ~ September 6, 2025



Saturday, September 27, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 AM | Funeral Service: 11:00 AM

GREATER LOVE TABERNACLE

101 NIGHTINGALE STREET, DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Bishop William E. Dickerson II, Officiating

Life Reflections

James 1:17 (GNT) "Every good present and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father who made the sun, moon, and stars. "

Born to the late Leroy Hammond, Sr. and Mildred (Rowe) Hammond on July 8, 1955. Gary Clarence Hammond attended Boston Public Schools and graduated from English High in 1975, where he was a notable Basketball star. Gary was a two-time Boston English High School State Champion, a proud member of IAABO Board #27 Basketball Officials for over 25 years, and a devoted coach and mentor for more than 30 years with one of Boston's largest youth basketball programs, No Books, No Ball.

He was a special gift to his parents and family. Always bringing laughter and camaraderie wherever he travelled. His personality was as bright as the sun by day and the moon and stars by night.

Gary had an undeniable love for life. When the music started, he was the first on the dance floor and the last to leave. He could light up any room with his energy, dancing until the floor was worn thin, and inspiring everyone around him to join in the joy.

His greatest passion was sports. Gary played football and basketball, but it was basketball where he shined the most. Not only was he an excellent sportsman, he embodied the highest level of sportsmanship. He was known best for his passing game on the court and passing on advice and sharing his gift with others off the court. Always pushing those he played with to be the best they could be.

When Gary retired himself from playing the game he loved, he stayed close to it by becoming a referee, sharing his passion from a new place on the court. It was in this role that he became a mentor and icon amongst his peers and the youth aspiring to become basketball legends. Gary was a legend in his own right and is counted among the greatest in Boston's basketball community.

Gary has completed his final game and driven his last hoop of victory, resting in the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though his earthly season has ended, his legacy of perseverance, teamwork, and faith will continue to encourage all who had the privilege of sharing life's court with him.

He is preceded in death by his parents and five brothers. He leaves to remember his notable life his sisters Dorothy Pryor and Carol Sweeting, his children Gary Hammond Jr., Tanika Jordan, Mildred (Puddin) Hammond and Sheila Bray. Grandchildren: Laila Hammond and Anthony (Hambone) Hammond. Long time partner Cathy and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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ORGAN PRELUDE

John Gibson

INVOCATION

Bishop William E. Dickerson, II

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Peter Handy Sr.

Shalise Hammond

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Elder Stacey Handy

MUSICAL SELECTION

Peter John Handy Jr.

REMARKS

*Yolanda Sweeting, Michael Handy,
Rick Anderson, Tony Richards*

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sean King

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Adrienne (Cookie) Pulley

OBITUARY READING

June Handy

MUSICAL SELECTION

Sean King

EULOGY

Bishop William E. Dickerson II

Senior Pastor,

Greater Love Tabernacle Church

BENEDICTION

You are cordially invited to join the family at

CARVER LODGE

82 Talbot Avenue for a time of Fellowship and Repast.