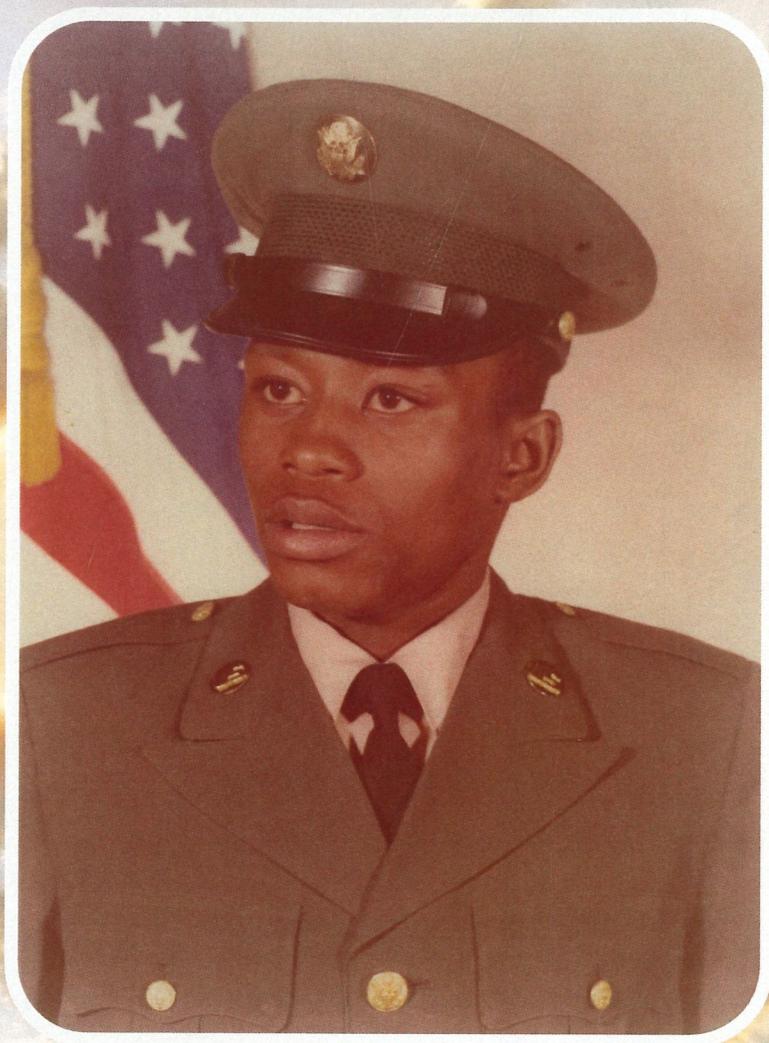


*Celebration of Life*

CHARLES WESLEY GROSS

October 26th, 1958 - May 4th, 2023



*Wednesday, May 24, 2023*

Wake: 9:30am - Service: 10am

Joseph H Brown Funeral Home  
2140 N Fulton Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217

## *Obituary*

Charles Wesley Gross, also known as 'Archie', son of the late Charles C. Gross & Phyllis C. Gross, was born on October 26th, 1958 in the Baltimore City community of Sandtown Winchester. He was the eldest of all his siblings. He was the joy of his family, friends, and all who entered his life. He departed this life on May 4, 2023.

Archie was a loving father, brother, and friend, having a strong bond and affectionate nature towards his siblings and friends. Archie was like his mom's best friend and shared a deep connection, being her first born. They loved to laugh and joke on their daily calls. In his youth he spent an abundance of time with his loving aunt, Francis Dandridge, in Prince George's County.

As a child, he was very active and loved the arts. Archie was known by the people around him for his interests in painting, being the neighborhood's handyman, and loving to help anyone who needed it. His other interests included photography. His dance moves always livened up any party. He loved children and they adored him.

Archie received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools. In 1977, Archie enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for 10 years. During his time in the military, he traveled to Germany and Korea. Archie gained valuable experiences from his time in the armed forces becoming a Still Photographic Specialist, photographing White House Officials and the President. Archie earned numerous medals and achievements of recognition, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Professional Development Ribbon of Honor. He was loved by his many veteran friends through the years. One veteran friend called him "the Best Man on Campus although he was not a football star".

Archie worked in home improvement for many years, using skills he learned from his late father Charles and late uncle Georgie. He was hardworking and loved by those who worked with him.

He married Laurie Lynn in 1979. From this union, his two sons, Travis and Troy were born. In 1991, he and partner Cheryle welcomed his third child, a baby girl Dominique. Seventeen years ago, Archie met his current life partner, Anita Reese and they shared a life with his bonus children and grandchildren.

Archie leaves to cherish his memories, experiences, and legacy of love, his mother, Phyllis Gross; two sons, Travis and Troy, daughter Dominique, grandsons Marcus and Malcolm; Siblings Craig(Lawana), Keith, Nathan, Kirk, Anthony, Deric, Yolanda, Joyce, Stephanie, Charlotte, Tina, Angelique(Raymon), Tanya(Sean), Nyiesha(Nate), and his devoted partner, Anita Reese; bonus children, Leshia & Dawne, bonus grandchildren Taniyah, Rodney & Chayce; a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, family, and friends who loved him dearly.

## *Order of Service*

Opening Song . . . . . "Goodness of God"  
by Cece Winans

Opening Prayer . . . . . Paris Griffin  
"Peace of Mind"

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings . . . . . Paris Griffin

Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10

New Testament - John 14:1-4

Musical Selection . . . . . "You Know My Name"  
Tasha Cobbs Leonard

Remarks/ Tributes . . . . . Friends & Family

Musical Selection . . . . . "My Life is in Your Hands"  
Kirk Franklin

Obituary . . . . . Jayla Williams

Readings . . . . . Monica Griffin

Eulogy

Musical Selection . . . . . "Let Him In"  
Jokia

Benediction

### The Wings of Prayer

Just close your eyes and open your heart and feel your worries and cares  
depart,

Just yield yourself to the Father above and let Him hold you secure in His love.  
For life on earth grows more involved with endless problems that can't be  
solved

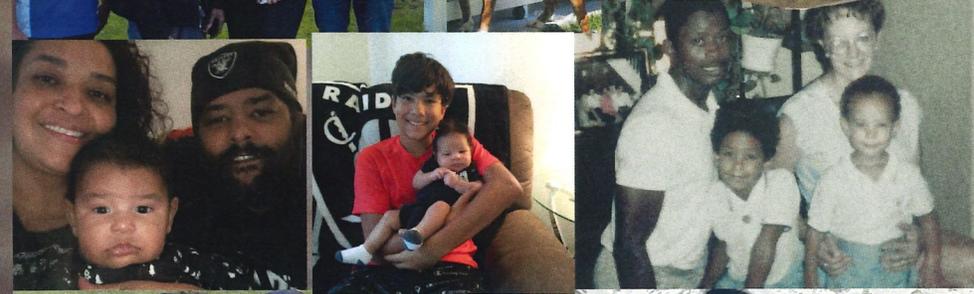
But God only asks us to do our best,  
then He will "take over" and finish the rest.

So, when you are tired, discouraged, and blue there's always one door that is  
open to you.

And that is the door to "The House of Prayer" and you'll find God waiting to  
meet you there,

And "The House of Prayer" is no farther away than the quiet spot where you  
kneel and pray.

For the heart is a temple when God is there as we place ourselves in His loving  
care, And He hears every prayer and answers each one when we pray in His  
Name, "Thy Will Be Done" And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear are  
lifted away on "The Wings of Prayer"



*John 14: 1-3*

"Let not your heart be troubled;  
You believe in God; believe also in Me.  
In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so,  
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and receive you to Myself;  
that where I am,  
there you may be also"

*Pallbearers*

Craig Gross  
Keith Gross  
Kirk Gross

Nathan Walker  
Anthony Gross  
Deric Gross

*Honor Bearers*

Friends and Family

*Family Acknowledgments*

The family expresses our heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of sorrow. Thank you for your love and support.

Your thoughts and prayers after Archie's passing were felt by us all. Your cards, visits, donations, and other outpourings of love pulled us through.

We shall never forget your kindness.

*Interment*

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery  
11501 Garrison Forest Rd  
Owings Mills MD, 21117

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