

*A  
Celebration  
of  
Life*



*Cynthia Gray*

Sunrise: December 25, 1958

Sunset: August 19, 2023

*Services:*

Friday, September 1, 2023

Wake: 10:00 am – Service: 10:30 am

In the Sanctuary of  
The First Emmanuel Church, Apostolic  
503 Evergreen Street  
Baltimore, MD 21223

# Obituary

Cynthia Gray, "Mother, Cindy, Bootnie" take your pick, you know what you called her. She was born to Annie Mae Gray and Lewis Veney in Baltimore, Maryland on December 25, 1958 (Christmas Baby)! So, you know she was a gift to so many. In her later days she endured some tough things but, as slow as she was walking with that cane, "Speedy" got home quick, fast, and in a hurry. Thank you, Jesus! On August 19, 2023, she said, "I'm going to take a trip, on that good old gospel ship, and I'm going sailing through the air."

Cynthia graduated from Baltimore City Community College. She was married to husband Hubert Carmichael Jr, for many years. Overall, she was a joy to be around. She was a shoulder to cry on, would open her house when many needed a place to stay. She was committed to helping those in need, whether raising her family, working with patients at the nursing home, and being an usher and mother in the house of God. She just loved people and she loved to be a help. She became committed to Jesus until death and guess what, she wanted you to come to her church. Look, Mother Cynthia, they came to see you.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her grandparents (Josephine Bowden and Preston Burrell), parents (Annie Mae Gray (Burrell) and Lewis Veney, and brothers (John Gray, Stanley Gray, and Sherman Carey).

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Hubert Carmichael Jr., a loving son Dominic, 2 loving daughters Tenille and Camielle, a daughter in law Shanika, 2 sisters, Joann (Al), Marsha, and brother Marcus, friends, Yvonne, Shockie & Darlene; a host of grandchildren, step children, in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends, co-workers, those who hearts she touched during her sickness, and her church family (First Emmanuel Church). I send you, her love.

*God saw the road getting rough,  
Hills hard to climb.*

*So He gently closed your loving eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*



## Order of Service

### Officiating

Pastor Sean Jackson,

The First Emmanuel Church Apostolic

### Hymn of Praise

### Prayer

Overseer Deanna Figg

### Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Psalm 121:1-2

New Testament – John 3:16-18

### Selection

Mother Margaret Williams

### Words of Comfort (two minutes please)

### Acknowledgements and Cards

### Obituary Reading

Missionary Ashley Franklin

### Selection

Mother Vanessa Makell

### Eulogy

Bishop Dwight C. Iler

The First Emmanuel Church, Apostolic

### Benediction

### Recessional

## THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

You did not go alone.

For part of us went with you,

The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,

Your love is still our guide.

And although we cannot see you,

You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,

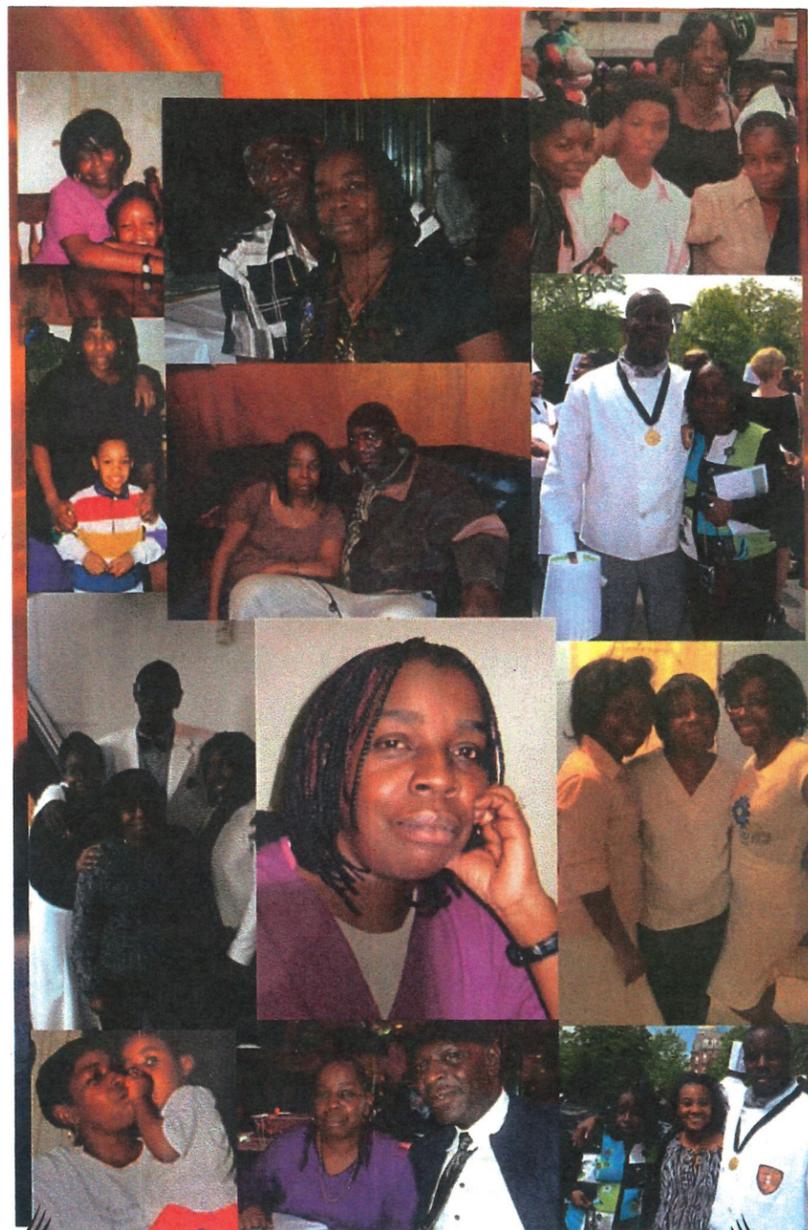
And nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again.

- Ron Tranmer

# Precious Memories



## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*  
**Matthew 5:14**



## Interment

KING MEMORIAL PARK  
8710 Dogwood Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(Immediately following the service)

## Pallbearers

Gregory Carmichael	Larry Carmichael Sr.
Tyrone Figg	Troy Franklin
Dominic Gray	Keyontae Gray

## Acknowledgments

The family of Cynthia Gray would like to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Pittman and the staff at Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home, and to everyone who sent a prayer, cards, flowers, gifts of food or service, words of condolences, or made a phone call during this time of bereavement. Thank you!!

## Professional Services Entrusted to



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