

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but
unto all them also that love his appearing.

Affiliations



Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail;
but God is the strength
of my heart and my portion forever.

WHEN OUR TIME ON THIS
EARTH IS DONE, MONEY
OR MATERIAL THINGS
WILL NOT MATTER, BUT
THE LOVE, TIME AND
KINDNESS WE'VE GIVEN
OTHERS WILL SHINE
AND LIVE ON FOREVER.



Pallbearers

The Men of The Phillip Gray Combined Choirs

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Otis Troy Spriggs | Steward T. Nichols |
| Sean T. Nichols | Charles H. Livisay |
| James R. Thomas | Chris Goins |
| 1991 Cincinnati Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi | |

Honorary Flower Bearers

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| Shirley A. Livisay | Stacy A. Livisay |
| Christine F. Brown | Tori T. Brown |
| Kieya R. Johnson | Tamia N. Johnson |

Acknowledgement

The Family of Phillip Gray Acknowledges:
Your words have comforted us,
and your love has sustained us.
We, the family of Phillip Gray, extend our deepest gratitude to all
who have shown kindness during our time of profound sorrow.
Your support means more to us than words can express,
and it will always be remembered.



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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Phillip Lamont Gray

Heaven Sent: September 23, 1964 - Heaven Bound: November 26, 2024

December 21, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 12:00pm

Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist
Church

9991 Wayne Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Pastor Julien Cook, Officiating

Obituary

Phillip LaMont Gray was born on September 23, 1964 in Lexington, KY. and transitioned from this earthly life on November 26, 2024 in Cincinnati, OH.

Phillip expressed his love for and accepted Christ at an early age being baptized into the fold at Main Street Baptist Church, Lexington, KY. While a member there he was active in Sunday school, children, youth, and young adult choirs, Royal Ambassadors, and The Boy Scouts of America.

Having moved from out of state upon graduation he was also a member of the King Baptist Church, Denver, CO. and his most recent membership was with the Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the adult and men's choir and lent his talents to Vacation Bible School.

Phillip was educated in the Lexington Fayette County school system where he graduated from Lafayette Sr. High School class of 1983. He matriculated to Morehead State University where he sang with the Black Gospel Ensemble and a member of the Black Student Union. He graduated with BA in Fashion Merchandising, Management, and Marketing, Class of 1987. Upon graduation he moved to Blacksburg, VA. and then on to Cincinnati, OH. serving as store manager in both cities at Hills Department Store. Phillip's latest work assignment before retirement in 2018 was as a Patient Financial Navigator at Oncology Hematology Care, Inc.

Phillip Gray was a man of many passions and talents who brought joy and laughter to many people. He became a member of the Cincinnati, OH. Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1991 along with five of his LB's. He was exceptionally proud when his favorite nephew, Sean joined the ranks to become his brother in 2007.

Although Phillip never fathered any children of his own he was a very attentive and loving foster father as well as a mentor to several young men within the Hamilton County foster system and the Cincinnati area. He thoroughly enjoyed shopping, styling, and profiling and requested that his "ashes be spread around Macy's Department Store at Kenwood Mall". He also had a healthy love and appreciation for singing, dancing, cartoons (especially Snoopy and Charlie Brown), hosting parties, plays, musicals, concerts (instilled by his mother, Marie), accompanying Christine Brown to Playhouse in the Park, performing at weddings, and participating in many talent competitions.

One of his great loves and something that brought him immense joy was being a member of and traveling with the world renowned and Grammy award winning gospel group the Charles Fold singers. Phillip was personally asked by Dr. Charles Fold to join the group. Within the group he was coordinator of the wardrobe committee, self appointed public relations/ digital creator, and played an integral part in planning the 50th. Anniversary celebration. He continued to perform as one of the lead singers as much as his health allowed. Because he loved singing for the Lord he also was a member of the Cincinnati chapter of The Gospel Music Workshop of America founded by the Late Rev. James Cleveland. He served as a member of the backstage committee directing the chapter choirs and national recording artists on and off stage as only Phillip could do! Phillip performed as a member with the gospel group, Remnant with his good friend, Archie Byers where he served on the financial committee.

Phillip loved his family very much and often posted that he was going to spend time with the people who loved him the most. Throughout the years he would be with his family and friends sharing the joys and challenges of their lives. While growing up in KY. Sundays would be spent going to Church, eating dinner, sitting on his Great-Grandmother's front porch singing songs and being the self appointed Master of Ceremonies for impromptu fashion shows.

Phillip's effervescent and dynamic personality will be lovingly remembered by all, especially his siblings: Freda L. Gray-Nichols (Steward) of Union City, GA; Ricky Gray and Nizida Gray-Williams (Felix), both of Lexington, KY; Dale Gray (Stephanie) of Barstow, CA; and Paul Gray-Munday (Mary) of Muskegon, MI. He also leaves behind his beloved nephew, Sean T. Nichols, of Lawrenceville, GA; his aunt, Shirley A. Livisay; cousins Charles H. Livisay, Stacy A. Livisay, and James R. Thomas, all of Lexington, KY; and his bonus sisters and brothers: Alicia Green, Sue Smith, Christine Brown, Belinda Lipscomb, Chris Goins, Keith Jackson, Troy Otis Spriggs, Ron Logan, Kenny Stewart, Eugene Stewart, and Reginald Boggs. He will also be fondly remembered by his caretaker, Antonio White, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his CFS and LHMBBC families.

Phillip was preceded in death by his loving mother, Marie A. Thomas; father, Henry P. Gray; and his recently departed sister, Debbie L. Gray.

We, his family and close friends thank God for Phillip having enriched our lives through his gift of song and daring to share it with the world. For him also representing the Kingdom of God and blessing us all so well through the anointing of his voice. We salute you, Brother and how you continued to operate under the overflow of being in God's presence every time you shared your talent with the world, even when times were hard physically.



Unending

His voice, a melody so pure and bright,
Now echoes through the stillness of the night.
Though gone from sight,
His song still fills the air—
A lasting harmony, a love beyond compare.

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Total Praise
- Scripture
Old Testament - Min. Yvette Jackson
New Testament - Rev. Felix Williams
- Prayer Natalie Brooks
- Selection Combined Choirs
- Solo Ms. Belinda Lipscomb
- Acknowledgements
- Selection Combined Choirs
- Reflections
- (Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection The Charles Fold Singers
- Eulogy Pastor Julien Cook
- Benediction
- Recessional Move On Up A Little Higher
Sandra "Cissy" Williams

