



Flower Bearers
 New Bethel High School Class of 1967

Casket Bearers
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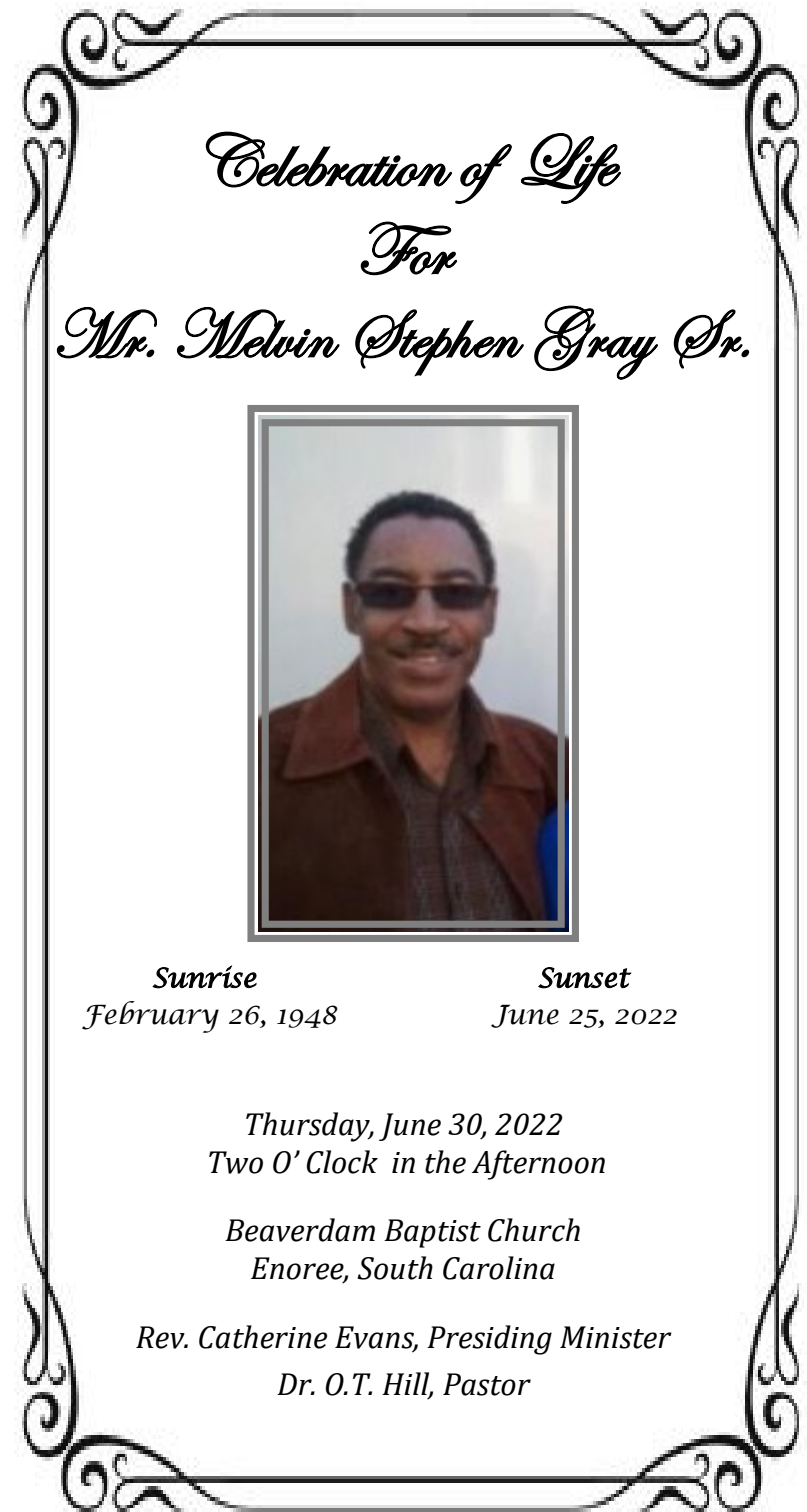
With Gratitude
Our Family wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. We pray God's blessings upon you all.

~The Family~



Arrangements Entrusted to:
The W. J. Gist Mortuary
 519 Workman Avenue – Woodruff, South Carolina
 Telephone 476-3411
Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service
 1223 Old Anderson Mill Road – Spartanburg, South Carolina
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Celebration of Life
For
Mr. Melvin Stephen Gray Sr.



Sunrise
February 26, 1948

Sunset
June 25, 2022

Thursday, June 30, 2022
Two O' Clock in the Afternoon

Beaverdam Baptist Church
Enoree, South Carolina

Rev. Catherine Evans, Presiding Minister
Dr. O.T. Hill, Pastor

Life Profile

Mr. Melvin Stephen Gray, 74 , son of the late Chevis Ferguson and Margaret Gray Pitts passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Melvin was a 1967 graduate of New Bethel High School of Woodruff, SC and a graduate of Aerial Trade College, Denmark, SC. He was employed at BJ Memorial Hospital in Woodruff, SC and St. Francis Hospital in Greenville, SC and he retired from Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco, California. Melvin united with the Beaverdam Baptist Church in Enoree, SC where he served on the Usher Ministry and Choir.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents whom he was reared by Rev. Stacy and Lillie Stephens Gray, two brothers Robbie Ferguson Wady, and Kevin Ferguson, one sister Cynthia Ferguson.

Survivors include his son's Melvin Jr. and Stacy Gray, both of Enoree, SC; a devoted father George Pitts of Enoree, SC; sisters Roslyn Gray Boyd of Enoree, SC, Florencine Loftin, Paula and Veronica Ferguson, both of San Francisco, CA; brothers J. Chancey, Chevis Jr., Joseph and Johnny Ferguson, all of San Francisco, CA; nineteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a paternal aunt Daisy Floyd of Las Vegas, NV; a special godson Demonie Phillips; two special friends John Daniel, of the home and Debra Hair. We will miss his wonderful sense of humor and love for his family. Rest now, we shall see you in the morning.

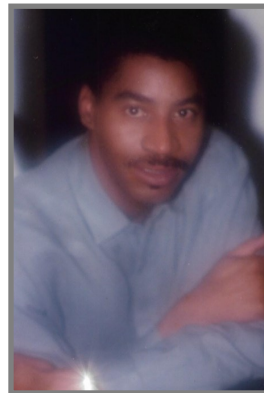
Order of Service

Rev. Catherine Evans, Presiding

Prelude.....Clergy and Family
Final Viewing.....Family and Friends
Scripture.....Rev. Hazel Norman
Prayer.....Rev. Catherine Evans
Selection.....The Gray Family
Remarks.....1967 Class of New Bethel High School,
Woodruff, SC
Family Tribute.....Keith Gray
Acknowledgments.....Wilamena Jones
Selection.....The Gray Family
The Preached Word.....Dr. O.T. Hill
Closing prayer.....Rev. Hazel Norman
Recessional.....Mr. Robinson,
Minister of Music

Committal, Benediction & Reception

*Beaverdam Baptist Church
Enoree, South Carolina*



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 time 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 behind when
life is done.*

