



Lamont Gray

July 6, 1959 - January 21, 2024

Lamont Clyde Gray passed January 21, 2024 surrounded by his family who loved him dearly. Monty, as he was called by close friends and family was born to the late James H. Gray and Inez H. Gray on July 6, 1959 in New Haven, CT.

Lamont had an entrepreneurial spirit. He formed many businesses over the years from catering to hot dog stands to clothing, setting an example of black empowerment in his community. Lamont loved to spend his time in Atlanta when he could, which is home to his eldest daughter, as well as a host of cousins, aunts and uncles. Monty loved his family. He was a family man, always emphasizing the importance of togetherness, forgiveness and fellowship. He was an encouraging, devoted father, a committed husband and a fierce friend. The sun has set for Monty but his light will forever shine in the city of New Haven and beyond through every heart he touched.

To cherish his memories and Legacy, Monty leaves wife ShumelYah Yasharel (formerly known as Pamela Suggs) of whom he loved very dearly. More than anything Monty loved his children, he leaves behind 4 daughters, LaShawn C. Gray, Bryanna L. Anderson, Ebony M. Miller, Tamara S. Gray and one son Lamont Gray Jr. He also leaves behind four grandchildren Trevon Petaway, Imani Fulton, Jeremiah Tillard, and Skyla Bolden, all of whom affectionately called him Big Daddy. He is also survived by loved ones Cheryl Miller and her

son Kawon Miller who he helped raise from a young child.

Monty was predeceased by his sister Manette C. Gray and leaves behind siblings Bruce Tyson, Gisele G Gray and Eric Gray.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WD

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Wanda Dawson - February 02, 2024 at 03:26 PM

CC

“ *I am going to miss you my brother. You were one of a kind! You could light up the room with your laugh alone! Rest in peace Monty! You are gone but NOT forgotten. My condolences to your family! Love Cyndi Craig*

Cynthia Craig - February 01, 2024 at 07:54 PM

LF

“ *Love Uncle Bubba and The Norman Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lamont Gray.*



Love Uncle Bubba and The Norman Family - January 31, 2024 at 09:32 PM

LF

“ *Love Uncle Bubba and The Norman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lamont Gray.*

Love Uncle Bubba and The Norman Family - January 31, 2024 at 09:32 PM

FF

“ *Forest Whitaker III & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lamont Gray.*



Forest Whitaker III & family - January 31, 2024 at 08:42 PM

SH

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With deepest sympathy.*



Sharon Howard

Sharon L Howard - January 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

NT

Lamont Gray was a great guy to be around he lived with me at the 180 sober house and he was a great guy to be around he will be missed God rest his soul would like to know how he died

Nicholas Terleckyj - April 26, 2024 at 01:12 PM

TF

“ *The Whitney Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lamont Gray.*



The Whitney Family - January 31, 2024 at 05:19 PM

GI

“ Gizz&family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Lamont Gray.



Gizz&family - January 31, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lamont Gray.



January 30, 2024 at 02:41 PM

PS

“ Pamela spruill lit a candle in memory of Lamont Gray



Pamela spruill - January 27, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lamont Gray.



January 25, 2024 at 07:26 PM

DD

“ Dione and Dennis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lamont Gray.



Dione and Dennis - January 25, 2024 at 01:53 PM

RF

“ SENDING MY SINCERE CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY!!



Reverend Wendy Fearing - January 25, 2024 at 12:35 PM

LG

“ I will always remember how much my father loved me. He never let me forget or question that. I love you daddy

LaShawn Gray - January 25, 2024 at 08:59 AM

BC

“ Lamont', it was a Great Joy going to school with you, & Manette all them years, as well as Sweet Gisele" Great Friends,,,I Love Y'all,💋❤️ Love Belania Moore



Belania Cannon - January 24, 2024 at 07:25 PM

CJ

“ Lamont always had a happy and cheerful demeanor. He always reached out to me when he would visit Atlanta and I'm so happy we got time to spend together on his last trip to Atlanta last year. RIP my dear friend 🙏

Chris Jones - January 24, 2024 at 06:34 PM

YW

“ My cousin, Monty demanded attention when he entered a room! He had a smile that was as bright as the sun and a laugh so infectious, even if you didn't want to, you just had to crack a smile! As a young child I visited New Haven often and have many fond memories of the time we spent together. In a nutshell, I loved him to the moon and back! Goodbye for now! Rest in peace my dear cousin! ❤️🙏

Yvette Whitaker - January 24, 2024 at 06:29 PM

AH

RIH Monty 🙏

Antonio Hammie - January 26, 2024 at 11:27 AM

ST

Monty! My brother in love. We will miss your kind, gentle & jovial spirit. The thought of you and that smile brings peace! Even when I would pop you on the hand that smile got bigger and defeated the purpose! 🙏👤👩🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻 The Lord knew “that” Monday was going to be the last time you & your brother Bruce were going to spend together on this “side” and he is forever grateful of that lasting memory and is missing you sooo much. Rest in Paradise dear brother. We love you 🙏🙏🙏

Sharon & Bruce Tyson - January 29, 2024 at 12:53 PM

LN

My Dear Sweet Cousin Monty.... I've struggled for days to find the right words. Your smile and big personality will be sorely missed. You were always so sweet to me... maybe because I was the baby cousin 😊. Although it hurts, I accept God's will. I choose to remember how you lived, not how you died. Rest in Peace Dear cousin. 🙏🕊️

Lorih Norman - January 31, 2024 at 09:15 PM

JU

“ *May Monty rest in eternal ,humorous peace.*

Julia Nelson-Ficklin (cousin)

Julia - January 24, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JA

Lamont was a very respectful Man. He always talked about his kids, and how much he loved his family. Lamont was a great "Dresser" and everything had to match, I always got tickled when he laughed, his laugh was very different. Rock the Heavens OG.

Jeanette Arnold - January 26, 2024 at 06:37 PM