



I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



PALLBEARERS

Marcus Brown, Robert Edmondson Jr., Kameron Jenkins,
Manton Maple, Micah Morgan, Milton Walker

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to God for the gift of friends and family like you, who have been so kind and thoughtful during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, and other acts of kindness have given us strength and inspiration for facing this hour. May God forever bless each of you.

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VADAREL BRUCE GAFFNEY

ALPHA: OCTOBER 30, 1989
OMEGA: OCTOBER 20, 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022 - 11AM
ST JOHNS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
740 Bridier Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206
Officiate: Bishop Kyle Lowe, Interim Pastor

THE LIFE STORY
OF

VADAREL BRUCE GAFFNEY

Vadarel Bruce Gaffney transitioned from this life on October 20, 2022, at the young age of 32.

Vadarel was born in Jacksonville, FL on October 30, 1989, to his parents Keith Mills and Vanetta Pickett. He was an active and inquisitive child, oftentimes being scolded by his great-grandmother “Mother Dear”. The family often joked about how she would always say, “Get way from there Fadarel (her pronunciation of his name)”.

Vadarel was baptized at an early age at St. Johns Missionary Baptist Church. He later rededicated his life on June 5, 2016, and was re-baptized at The Grateful Church, under the leadership of Vaughn Brown Jr.

Vadarel was a loving son, proud father, a devoted family member and friend. There was not a person that he would meet that he did not touch. He was known for his bright smile and cool demeanor. Vadarel’s favorite times were being with family and friends and making people laugh. He would always depart with the words, “I Love You”.

Vadarel’s most recent employment was at Freedom Mortgage as a part of the loss mitigation team. He had many talents. He attended Merchant Seaman School, was a barber, and owned a pressure washing business. Of all of his many talents, the one he was most passionate about was writing music and entertaining as a DJ. Vadarel was known all over the state and city as the DJ who got the party started.

He is preceded in death by grandparents: Van Bruce Gaffney, Shirley Pickett, and Henry & Gwendolyn Blanks; and great-grandparents George A. Sr. & Rena Gaffney.

Vadarel leaves his precious memories, his daughter: Lanae Victoria Gaffney; mother: Vanetta Renita Pickett (Annetta); father: Keith Mills (Lemeisha); sister: Altoria McKinney; grandmother: Patricia Hughes; special great-aunt: Minnie Gaffney McDaniel; aunts: Takesha Stephens (Ernest) and Jacqueline Hughes, like an aunt: Fredrika Hill; uncle: Van Bruce Gaffney, Jr (Liverpool, England), bonus siblings: Jamarial and Job Johnson; godfather: Niko Goodman, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins other relatives and friends including bonus moms: Vickie Brinson, Jeanene Johnson, Diane Smith, and Vondolyn Morgan.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding: Bishop Kyle Lowe, Interim Pastor
St Johns Missionary Baptist Church

Processional: “Every Praise”

Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament

Deweyne Robinson
Called Out Believers in Christ Fellowship Church

New Testament

Vaughn Brown, Sr.
Philippian Community Church

Invocation Prayer

Bishop Kyle Lowe, Interim Pastor
St Johns Missionary Baptist Church

Praise Dance

Tomiko Parker
Holos Impact Ministries

Solo

Angela Joyner Meyers
Called Out Believers in Christ Fellowship Church

Resolutions

Cynthia Brown

Acknowledgements

Vondolyn Morgan

Reading of Obituary (silently to soft music)

Solo

Deweyne Robinson
Called Out Believers in Christ Fellowship Church

Words of Comfort

Pastor Vaughn Brown, Jr.
Trinity Baptist Church

Recessional

