

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of David Gaines wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness shown during such a difficult time. Perhaps you sent flowers, a card, whispered a prayer or simply kept us in your thoughts, no act has been unnoticed.  
May God continue to keep and bless you all.*

### ***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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the 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.*

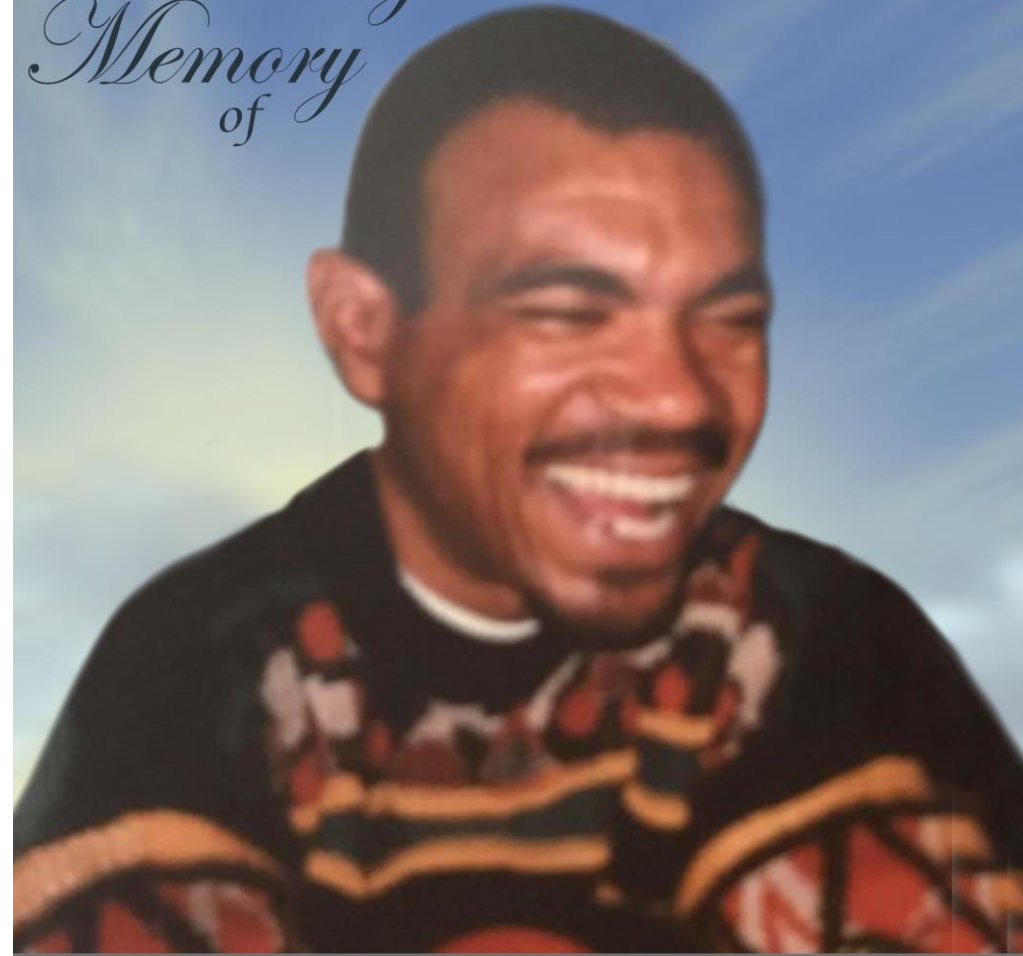
*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

To offer condolences to The Gaines Family,  
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## *In Loving Memory of*



**DAVID ANDREW GAINES**

**JULY 7, 1958 ~ JANUARY 6, 2021**

**~Service~**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021  
MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME**

***Chapel of Peace North***

**2500 Cleveland Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio**

## *The Obituary*

David Andrew Gaines was born on July 7, 1958, to Chauncey Wills and Brunetta Gaines in Columbus, Ohio.

David was a graduate of Mifflin High School. Upon graduation, David enjoyed a diverse career in quality control for Mercedes Benz, construction, and, most recently, a devoted caregiver to family and friends.

David had a zeal for life and never met a stranger. If he could help anyone in any way, David would. Family was important to him as he enjoyed spending time with his loved ones.

David was taken from this life on January 6, 2021. He is preceded in death by parents, Chauncey Wills and Brunetta Gaines; sons, Corey and Geoffrey Neil; granddaughter, Jailynn Gaines, and three brothers; John, Steven, and Kenneth Gaines.

David leaves to cherish his memory daughters, Danielle and Kyra Gaines; eight grandchildren; Dezeray and Jacora Watkins, Akima Neil, Sanaya Taylor, Aundree, Nova, Jade and Emma Williams, and Angel Gaines, sisters; Joann Easley, Patricia Madison, Brunetta Thurman, Brenda Garcia, and Theresa James, aunts; Joyce (Leon) Newman and Jerry (Mervin) Winston; special friend, Debbie, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

David will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

## *May I Go Now?*

*May I go now?  
Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled days  
and endless lonely nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond  
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,  
I fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me now  
to a warm and loving light.  
I want to go, I really do.  
It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can  
to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me  
and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.*

*I'll not be far,  
I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
that my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.  
You know I love you too,  
that's why it's hard to say goodbye  
and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.*