



Mr. Gerald Skinner

February 26, 1936 - June 29, 2016

Reverend Gerald Skinner was born on February 26, 1936, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the union of John Robert Skinner, Sr. and Eddie Lee Skinner Somerville. He attended school in the Milwaukee Public School System. Gerald confessed Christ to be his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at Emmanuel Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ in Milwaukee.

As a young man, Gerald was employed at the Western Union as a City of Milwaukee Police Aid and as the Superintendent for both Calhoun Court and Emmanuel C.O.G.I.C.

July 28, 1974, Gerald was ordained and licensed by Reverend Dr. R W. Culpepper at the Emmanuel Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he served under Reverend A. C. Valdez and Bishop Dennis Flakes .

Reverend Skinner was devoted to both God and his children, Antoine and Reneasha Hawthorne, making they had a spiritual background and lots of fun. Those fun things included trips to Skate U and visits to their favorite soul food restaurant--Perkins. Not only did Gerald make sure his biological kids were exposed various cultural events around the city of Milwaukee, it was nothing for him to load up his "bus" with all the neighborhood kids and include them on

these outings as well.

Reverend Skinner founded and operated a food pantry through Emmanuel C.O.G.J.C. and volunteered for years at Second Harvest of Southeast Wisconsin. Reneasha and Granny Eddie Lee worked at the pantry Gerald did pick up and deliveries. It was truly a family affair.

Telling jokes and making people laugh was an ultimate past time for Gerald.

Gerald leaves to cherish his memory: His daughter Reneasha N. Hawthorne of Green Bay, WI; four grandchildren Ja'Presha Mitchell, Ja'Hirah Hawthorne and DeWayne Young, Jr. of Green Bay, WI, and Jaylan Hawthorne of Milwaukee. Sisters Eddie Myrtle, Debra and Sharon and a brother David, all of Milwaukee and a host of other relatives and friends.

Reverend Gerald Skinner is preceded in death by his son, Antoine Hawthorne; parents John Robert Skinner, Sr. and Eddie Lee Skinner Somerville and brothers Russell, Raymond, Stanton and twin brother John, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Service

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Visitation

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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