



Freddie Lewis Gaston

June 9, 1936 - October 2, 2006

Freddie Lewis Gaston, on October 2, 2006 of Washington, DC.

Just as the fall leaves had begun to shed on early Monday morning October 2, 2006, God sent His angel to Holy Cross Hospital to claim one of His own. Freddie Lewis Gaston, upon seeing the angel, responded, "I am now ready to be offered...I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith?" II Timothy 4:6-7.

Fred was born June 9, 1936 in Newberry, S.C. to the late Virginia Gilliam Atkins and John Atkins. He moved to Washington, DC at an early age to live with his grandmother, the late Bessie Gilliam Gaston. He accepted Christ at an early age, and along with his grandparents, became a member of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. In his later years, he often visited Mt. Horeb Baptist Church with his family. Fred was an athletic child and he continued his love for sports throughout his lifetime.

He received his formal education in the District of Columbia Public Schools and graduated from Cardozo High School in 1954, where he was a basketball star. His basketball coach, Mr. Frank Bolden, would become his lifelong friend. His basketball prowess served him well and he was awarded a full basketball scholarship to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, from which he graduated in 1959. While at UAPB, he became a lifetime member pf

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and remained an active member of the Washington, DC Chapter. Fred also had a special love for basketball, swimming, golf and fishing.

Soon after receiving his degree, Fred was called to serve his country. He was drafted on October 28, 1960 into the United States Army. Fred served two years before being honorably discharged on October 16, 1962.

While working for the DC Department of Recreation, Fred met the love of his life, Maureen E. Hall, whom he married on October 5, 1963. They lived in Washington, DC during their forty-three years of marriage. This union was blessed with three children, Sean, Leslie and Keith.

Fred spent over forty years working in the area of recreation, where he mentored young men and women throughout the Washington area. Many young lives have been enriched because he passed their way. He retired as a Recreation Specialist Coordinator for the DC Department of Recreation in September 2001. Following his retirement, he spent most of his time playing golf, playing with his grandchildren and traveling.

On September 16, 2005 at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Fred was given the distinct honor of being inducted into the AM&N/UAPB Sports Hall of Fame for the many contributions to the athletic program and his many lifetime accomplishments.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Maureen; two sons, Sean and Keith Gaston; one daughter, Leslie Gaston Chapman Roderick; four grandchildren, Raichella, Roderick Jr., Kendra and Jerrell. He also leaves one aunt, Gertrude Sims, two devoted cousins, Mattie James and Verdell Saunders; three sisters-in-law, Lillian White, Patricia Boddie Fred and Yvonne Bethea John; three brothers-in-law, Oscar Hall Daisy, Cleveland Hall Linda

and J. C. Hall Oneta and several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and dear friends to cherish his memory.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Freddie Gaston to University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 1200 N. University, Mail Slot 4946, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601.

To send condolences or a lasting tribute to the Gaston family, please sign the online guestbook below. Click "Sign Guestbook."

Tribute Wall



“ Freddie Lewis Gaston

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ I'll always remember Rabbit, many a Friday night at the Kappa House, your laugh was contagious, your advise sound and your speech loud. you were one of my Kappa heroes. I never saw you back down. You were my friend.Thanks for the memories, Rabbit.May God bless you and keep you. So it's now proper to say see you later Rabbit and take your rest. I know your name will stay alive. I will never forget you. You were one of the good guys who kept it real. I trust you made it in.###imported-begin###ronald gilchrist###imported-end###

October 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sis. Maureen,
God has chosen your garden to select a special flower for his beautiful bouquet. He then sent an angel for the selection. When the angel came, Bro. Fred heeded the call. He first asked where are you taking me? The angel responded HOME. He said on 31st Street? The angel responded I am relocating you from 31st street in D. C. to your new home with streets paved with gold. That is when he heeded the call. He now waits there until the great reunion when we will part no more; a place of victory. God bless you Sis. Maureen through your bereavement for God will continue to strengthen your heart. Keep the humble spirit that you exhibit and God will always have your back. If you need me, call and be encouraged. I pray that God will give you peace and that he will continue to impart his blessings upon your family.*

Rev. Alice Green, 301-604-0335##imported-begin##Rev. Alice Green##imported-end##

October 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Maureen and Family:
Just to convey to you and your family my deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved husband and father. I can't imagine what you are going through right now. Please know Bob and I are thinking of you with all our love.*

Your friend always, Jo Anne Billak##imported-begin##Jo Anne Billak##imported-end##

October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Ms. Gaston and family,

I am sorry to hear about your loss. I am praying that God will comfort you all during this difficult time.

Kimberly former neighbor - 2101 31st St and family##imported-begin##Kimberly Ross LaBoone##imported-end##

October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Gaston Family Mrs. Gaston, Sean, Leslie, and Keith:

My prayers and thoughts are with you as you mourn the loss of your beloved husband and father. I wish you comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Tia Ross

Daughter of Shirley Bush Brannum##imported-begin##Tia Ross##imported-end##

October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Gaston and Family,

My loving thoughts are with you in the loss of your husband and father. May you find comfort in knowing that many people share your sadness.

Kristy Former neighbor##imported-begin##Kristy Bush-Green##imported-end##

October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maureen, Sean, Leslie, Keith, and family,
Sharing your loss at this difficult time. Know that we are praying for
you and that we are here for you. We are just a phone call away.
God loves you and so do we.##imported-begin##Your Friends,
Bette & Hal Murphy##imported-end##*

October 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sad to hear of Freddie's passing. Freddie was a
wonderful husband and father. Freddie is in the Lord's loving arms.
Our condolences are with Maureen and the Gaston
Family.##imported-begin##Rich/Melodie Strickland##imported-
end##*

October 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area Alumni
Chapter, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff/AM&N College Alumni
Association, I send heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. Freddie L.
Gaston. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.--Grover L. Gibson,
President##imported-begin##Grover L. Gibson##imported-end##*

October 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *My Prayers are with the Gaston family. We will miss our good
Kappa Brother Gaston as he Reach that Golden Shore.
Brother David Hardrick##imported-begin##David L.
Hardrick##imported-end##*

October 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM