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**PALLBEARERS**

CHRISTOPHER GAULT  
JOHN EDWARD LEE  
ERNIE COLEMAN

JOE LOFTON, SR.  
OTIS PICKETT, JR.  
ELDER MICHAEL BARNES

**Sunrise**

by N' Tare Ali Gault

*What can be said after your  
Big brother is gone?  
What can be said when all  
That's left are the songs?  
The songs that bring back  
cherished memories  
To soothe the pain.  
Songs that bring us  
Sunshine after the rain.  
Jesus says there's a time  
when we  
All will acknowledge Him.  
I'm just happy Henry did it  
Before the end.  
May the day come when  
We all open our eyes.  
So that we can dance  
With the Lord...*

At sunrise.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To our many friends and family members, we wish to express our sincere thanks to those who have been so thoughtful and kind. Your expressions of love have meant so much to us. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness will always be treasured.

May God bless and keep you.

*The family of Henry Earl Lofton, Sr.*

*Arrangements By:  
Lombardo Funeral Home  
162 Linwood Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14209*

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION SERVICE**

For

**HENRY EARL LOFTON, SR.**

February 17, 1951



June 13, 2001



**Monday, June 18, 2001**

*Viewing 10-11 am*

*Service 11 am*

**Rev. G. Ewart Morris**  
Officiating Minister, Pastor

**Rev. Arthur Boyd**  
Guest Minister  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Ministry

**LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**641 MASTEN AVE.**  
**BUFFALO, NY 14209**

Sunrise: February 17, 1951



Sunset: June 13, 2001

Henry Earl Lofton, Sr. was born in Meridian, Mississippi on February 17, 1951 to Irene and the late Eddie Lofton. Henry (better known as Hank) was the second eldest of five children.

Hank moved to the Buffalo area with his parents in the fall of 1951. He attended Buffalo public schools #4 and #37. He graduated from East High School in 1969. He continued his education at Buffalo State University.

Rev. S.K. Lewis welcomed Hank as a member of New Zion Baptist Church as a youth. He committed his life to Christ in 1995 when he repented of, and was baptized for the forgiveness of, his sins, and later became a member of Second Chance Ministries, pastored by Rev. Arthur Boyd.

Hank worked in sales for several companies over the years. During the last ten years his entrepreneurial spirit led him to run his own merchandising business; first based in the Broadway Market with his best friend, the late Michael Buyers, and then he struck out on his own. After obtaining his vending license, he set up shop at different locations around the city.

Hank will be remembered for his outgoing personality, his sense of humor, his impatience, and his love for God. He enjoyed watching sporting events and then debating about whom actually won those events, spending time with his family, and attending church services and bible study. Oftentimes he could be found at his stand reading the Holy Bible by himself.

Hank's earthly life came to an end on June 13, 2001 at the Kresge Residence Hospice Care home after a long illness. He leaves memories to one son, **Henry, Jr.**; mother and step father, **Irene and McDaniel Gault**; 3 brothers: **Willie (Tina) Lofton** of Manhattan, KS, **Haile Gault** of Long Island, NY, and **Ntare Gault** of Buffalo, NY; one sister, **Sayeeda Gault** of Buffalo, NY. He also leaves one great uncle, **Joseph (Johnnie) Johnson** of Washington D.C.; four uncles: **Joseph C. Patrick** of Union, MS, **Primous Lofton, Jr.** of Toom Suba, MS, **Modell Gault, Sr.** and **John (Edna) Gault** of Buffalo; eleven aunts: **Gertrude Williams** of Los Angeles, CA, **Clatie Bell Edison** of Hickory, MS, **Marlene (Willie) Raine** of Maple Heights, OH, **Clairee (Nick) Hicks** of Buffalo, NY, **Maudie Bernice (Bennie) Nash** of Moss Point, MS, **Annie Grace (Tommy) White**, **Thelma (Arch) Ofield**, **Bertha Lofton** and **Kathleen Lofton** of Buffalo, **Edna Pearl Lofton** of Detroit, MI, **Dorothy Moore** of Buffalo, NY. He also leaves cherished memories to loyal friend and long-time companion, **Philippia Glover**, and best friends **Kenny and Dee Dee Smith**, who affectionately referred to Hank as her big brother. Hank leaves 3 nieces: **Nikkole, Sarah and Brigitte**; one nephew, **Mandela**, a godson, **Curtis**; and a host of cousins, and friends.

Henry Earl Lofton, Sr.



ORDER OF SERVICE

**Hymn**..... *Blessed Assurance*..... UMH #369

**Prayer**..... O God, who gave us birth..... UMH #871

**Psalm 23**..... UMH #873

**Solo**..... *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*..... *Sayeeda M. Gault*  
*Accompaniment by Juanita Melford*

**Scripture Readings:** Old Testament: Job 19: 23-27; New Testament: John 14: 1-7

**Reflections**..... *Mr. Kenneth Smith*

**Obituary and Acknowledgements**..... *Ms. Claudia Moguel*  
*Ms. Darlene Hines-Williams*

**Songs**..... *Steal Away and Good News*..... *McDaniel, Haile, Sayeeda & Ntare Gault*

**Eulogy**..... *Rev. Arthur Boyd*

**Hymn**..... *When We All Get To Heaven*..... UMH #701

**Commendation**..... UMH #874

**Dismissal With Blessing**

**Recessional**..... *We'll Understand It Better By and By*..... UMH #525

Organist,  
Willie Dorsey

Interment At A Later Date