



## Mr Gary Hugh Pettiford

November 24, 1952 - January 10, 2016

Celebrating The Life Of Gary Hugh Pettiford:

Gary H. Pettiford was born November 24, 1952 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Hugh S. Pettiford and Eleanor Avery- Pettiford. The family moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where Gary attended and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School. He actively participated in the school's glee club. At a young age Gary accepted the Lord into his heart and attended Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.

In staying true to the family business where he began his work experience. He worked side by side with his father Hugh Pettiford. Gary attended Kellogg Community College located in Battle Creek where he received his Associate Degree in Early Childhood Development. Following his graduation, he began working for a head start program. In later years Gary left the school system and began working for the V. A. Hospital in Battle Creek Michigan in a position as a cook. Gary retired from the V.A. Hospital.

In need of a change Gary would relocate to Chicago, Illinois returning to his first love of working with children. He began working for Children's Hospital and also with Foster Care Services. Gary held a line very close to his heart from a song "Greatest Love of All" sung by the late Whitney Houston. He stated, "he believed the children are the future and we are to let them lead the way." While working with children, Gary believed in encouraging the young

people to achieve their goals for they are the ones he believes will inherit the earth.

In later years after he retired Gary moved to Detroit Michigan. While enjoying his retirement he join Seth Temple Church of God in Christ. After his move to Michigan, Gary began having medical problems and on the cool frosty morning of January 10, 2016 the Lord called one of his best soldiers home.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Seth Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
28125 Grand River  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
<http://www.greaterseth.org>

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Jan. **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Seth Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
28125 Grand River  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Gary Hugh Pettiford*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Gary was one of my favorite cousins. He took me to my first mall trip, took me to my first house party and always taught me the latest dances. He taught me how to be a teenager so to speak. I love you cousin... #RIH*



**Gigi Bolden** - January 28, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Gary always had a smile on his face. I remember his favorite words were "I know that's right". Hey will be missed*

**Elaine** - January 17, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *Keith Allen and family purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of Mr Gary Hugh Pettiford.*



**Keith Allen and family** - January 13, 2016 at 04:14 PM