

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

The Family of Gabriel Kent would like to thank our family and friends, and all of you for your kind expressions of love and care during this difficult time. It won't be forgotten.

### *Pallbearers*

Ahmed Kent – Jabril Bond – Tyson Kent  
Antonio Graves – Feree Kent – Maurice Sykes  
William Kent, Jr. – Marquis Sykes

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Paul Kent, Sr.

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# A *Celebration* of the Life of



## Gabriel *Kent*

April 17, 1946 - January 27, 2024

Thursday, February 8, 2024

## Shiloh Baptist Church

130 E. 2nd St., Mansfield, OH 44902  
Visitation: 10:00am - Service: 11:00am

# Obituary

Deacon Gabriel Kent, 77, Heaven Sent on April 17, 1946, and Heaven Bound on January 27, 2024. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio to Alice and Oscar Kent. A lifelong resident of Mansfield, Ohio, Gabriel proudly attended and graduated from Mansfield Senior High School.

Gabe had a fond love of football and enjoyed playing growing up on the Northside of Mansfield. He loved sharing sports stories of former great Mansfield athletes from "back in the day." People that knew him, knew he loved his Mansfield Tigers football and basketball teams, OSU Buckeyes football team, Cleveland Cavaliers and Cleveland Browns. Besides attending and watching sports, Uncle Hubba enjoyed fishing and staying home to watch his Western TV shows: Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Rawhide, and The Rifleman.

Mr. Kent was a generous family man, kindhearted, and hardworking man. He was employed at various jobs throughout Mansfield and eventually after working 20 years with the City of Mansfield in the Street Department, he retired in 2009.

After years of drinking and partying at The A-Club, and prayers from his sisters, Eva and Hattie, Gabriel returned to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Nothing became more enjoyable to him, than coming to church and smiling and greeting people. He became a Deacon and was awarded the Man of the Year Award at Shiloh. Gabriel always kept a Bible with him. During his retirement years, he and his best friend, Deacon Rob Whitfield would come weekly to gracefully clean Shiloh Church. After they cleaned, they would go visit church members at homes, nursing homes and hospitals. He loved grocery shopping, playing lottery tickets, reading his Bible and getting dressed up for church.

He leaves to cherish his memories his stepdaughters, Pamela Gordon, Tammie Goodman; stepsons, Jimmie Jones, and Dannie Jones; 16 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nephews, special nephews, Ahmed Kent, William Kent, Jr., Marquis Sykes, and Maurice Sykes; host of nieces, special niece, Taymara Graves; host of cousins, special cousins, Willie See Bond and Alice Bond; brother-in-law, Billy Sykes; friends, and his Shiloh Baptist Church family who he loved with all his heart.

Gabriel was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Annie Colleen Kent; stepdaughter, Okemia Jones-Miller; stepson, Casey Jones; three sisters, Mamie Kent, Eva Sykes, and Hattie Flowers; brother, Richard "Saliheen" Kent; and nephew, Christopher Kent Fitzgerald.

# Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Shiloh Baptist Church Chorale

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING .....

Old Testament ..... Pastor Renea Collins, Overseer

New Testament..... Elder Willie See Bond

PRAYER ..... Deacon Robert Whitefield

MUSIC OF COMFORT ..... S.B.C. Chorale

REMARKS ..... Family and Friends (2 mins. Please)

READING OF OBITUARY ..... Read Silently

MUSIC OF COMFORT ..... S.B.C. Chorale

## Eulogy

Bishop William Morris, Jr.

BENEDICTION ..... Bishop William Morris, Jr. & Elder Dana Eubanks

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends