

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

The Family of Kenzie L. Gray is extremely grateful for all the kindness displayed during this difficult time. Whether you sent a card, flowers, offered comforting words, lent a shoulder, whispered a prayer or just kept us in your thoughts and prayers, every deed of kindness was sincerely appreciated.

### *Pallbearers*

Men of The Chapel of Peace

### *Flowerbearers*

Triedstone Senior Usher Board



To offer condolences to The Gray Family, visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)



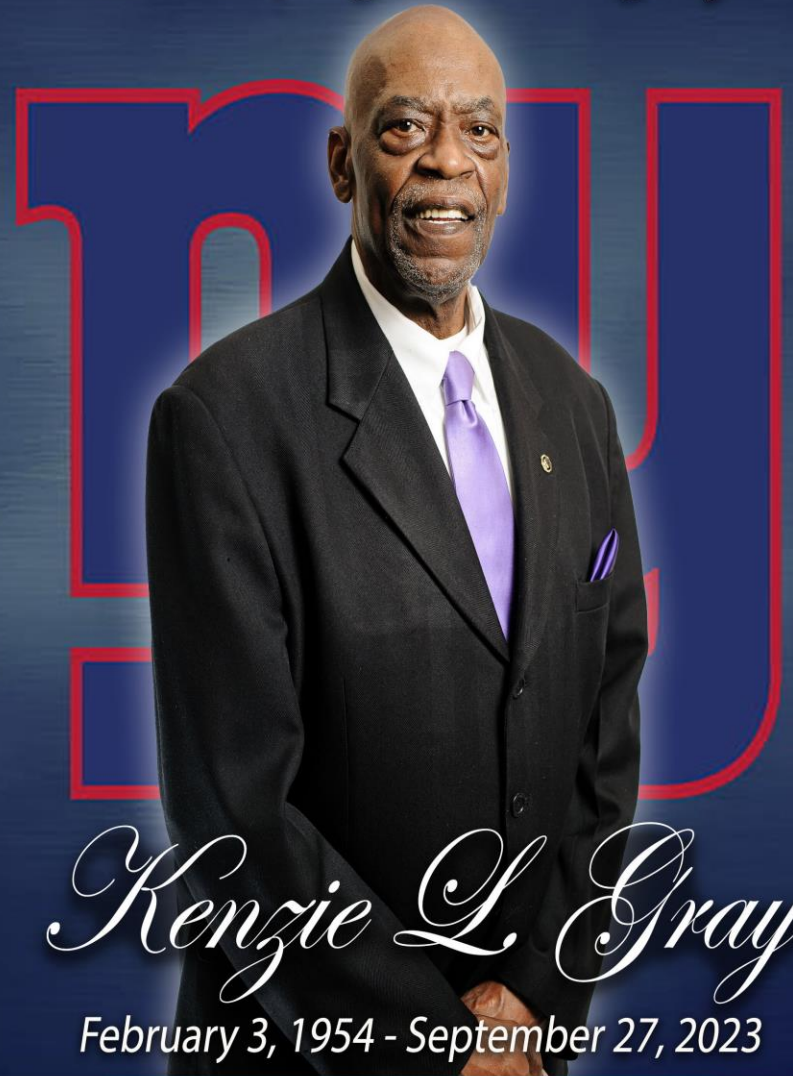
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## *In Loving Memory of*



# *Kenzie L. Gray*

February 3, 1954 - September 27, 2023

## **Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church**

858 E. 3rd Ave., Cols, OH 43201

### **Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Visitation: 5:00pm Service: 6:00pm

# Obituary

Kenzie L Gray, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and cherished member of the Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, passed away on September 27, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio. Born in Wilson, North Carolina, Kenzie lived a life filled with love, faith, and passion.

Kenzie was born on February 3, 1954, in Wilson County, North Carolina. He graduated from George Wingate High School in New York, where he showcased his talents as an actor in the renowned play "A Raisin in the Sun," leaving a lasting impression on his peers. He continued his education with a football scholarship, attending Chico State University in Chico, California, where he met the mother of his children.

Kenzie spent twenty years in California before relocating to Columbus with his mother, who had moved there from New York. He embraced his membership in the Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, where he actively served in various capacities, including the Men of Vision, Male Chorus, and Senior Usher Board. His commitment and devotion to his church and community were unwavering.

In addition to his countless contributions to Triedstone, Kenzie had a deep love for his family. He was a proud and devoted husband to his beloved wife, Lauren Gray, with whom he shared many cherished moments. He is also survived by two daughters, Jihan and Santy Gray, instilling in them his passions for acting, chess, and the joy of dance, particularly his signature move, the New York Hustle. He is also survived by his sisters/niece, Dana Scarlet and Sadiqua Scarlet; stepsons, Gerald Jones and Steven Jones and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Kenzie, a loving grandfather, took immense pride in his ten grandchildren and created countless memories with them. He was not only a great Domino and Biz Wiz player but also a skilled chess player, passing on his acquired wisdom to his children and grandchildren.

After retiring from his position as a transporter at Port A Clean, Kenzie continued his employment at The Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, The Chapel of Peace, serving as a Funeral Attendant. His gentle presence and compassionate nature brought comfort to grieving families during their most difficult times. Despite his passing, Kenzie's spirit of joy and love will forever shine in the hearts of those he touched.

Kenzie L Gray leaves behind a profound void in the lives of his wife, children, grandchildren, stepsons, extended family, friends, and the Triedstone Church. May we remember his vibrant spirit, unwavering faith, and dedication to his loved ones. In the depths of our grief, let us find solace in the knowledge that Kenzie's legacy will continue to inspire and guide us.

# Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Triedstone Music Ministry
- PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family
- PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Triedstone Ministerial Staff
- SCRIPTURE READING ..... Triedstone Ministerial Staff  
Old Testament.....  
New Testament.....
- SELECTION ..... Triedstone Music Ministry  
"I Dream of a City"  
Christopher Patrick, Soloist
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Deaconess Denise Reid
- REMARKS .....Triedstone Senior Usher Board  
Chapel of Peace Staff  
Men of Vision, Bro. Monty Wicks
- FAMILY TRIBUTES.....Jihan Gray, Daughter  
Dana & Sam, Sisters
- READING OF OBITUARY..... Read Silently
- SELECTION.....Triedstone Music Ministry  
"All of My Help"  
Deaconess Cynthia Alston, Soloist

## The Eulogy

Elder Dale D. Tucker Sr.  
Senior Pastor, Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church

- BENEDICTION .....Bishop Jerome H. Ross Sr.
- RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends