



## Amy Cobb Gains

June 13, 1920 - April 18, 2015

Amy Cobb Gains was born on June 13, 1920 into the happy family of Rev. Arthur Mitchell Cobb and Mrs. Ollie Whitney Cobb where four (4) sisters and one (1) brother eagerly awaited her arrival. Her parents, sisters, and brother all transitioned from this life before her.

Amy was a Preacher's Kid (PK) who grew up in old St. Paul at Lawton and Leffingwell Avenue. Her mother, Stewardess Ollie Cobb, made sure she was involved in the church. She sometimes traveled with her father, Rev. Cobb to play praise and worship songs at his assigned churches in Wellsville, McKitrick, and Warren, Missouri. Whenever she was at home-she could be found at St. Paul A.M.E. At the age of 12 Amy officially joined St. Paul and was baptized under the leadership of the Rev. Noah Williams and sang in the Children's Choir. She later graduated to the Intermediate Choir, participated in the Conference Choirs, and finally served in the Chancel Choir; in total she dedicated over (75) years in the Music Ministry of St. Paul A.M.E. Church. Music was very much a part of Amy's life. Note: her older brother, Maestro Oliver Cobb, was a renowned St. Louis jazz musician (Cornetist) in the 1930's, and played with several local groups along with Eddie Randle, Sr., founder of Randle Funeral Home. She and her parents made certain all family children were involved in music (piano/voice/instruments.)

Amy was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools and attended Lincoln, Waring and Vashon High School. In the 50's she enrolled and graduated from Muriel Davis School of Cosmetology. After graduation her parents assisted her in opening a Beauty Shop. Amy thought it best to open the shop in her home to be close to her children. Her passions for people later led her to St. John's Mercy Hospital followed by Department of Veterans Affairs (John Cochran Medical Center) from which she retired. Following retirement she worked several Senior Program jobs and became the Music Instructor for the Children's Choir during Vacation Bible Schools. Also, she was a member of the Beacon Bible Class and served as Class Leader for Class #6 for many years.

Amy love to cook, sew, travel...&...host Family Gatherings and Picnics (OMG!!!) She

simply loved to have fun and her greatest joy was to make people laugh (her sharp mind and quick wit made that a common practice.) Her two (2) favorite songs were: “Did You Stop To Pray This Morning”...&...“He Touched Me.” She often recited the words to “If I Can Help Somebody” while ministering to or encouraging others; in fact that song became a Mantra in her life, which she also enjoyed singing.

From Amy's previous marriages to Archie B. Hill and Vernon Gaines...she leaves to cherish her memory—Children: Archie Mitchell Hill (Ida;) Vernona O. Gaines-Smith; the late Angela V. Gaines-Evans and Vernon J. Gaines (Adrienne.) Grandchildren: Wayne A. Smith, Sr., Mona Smith-Thomas, E. Keith Evans, Monica L. Evans, Antoinette, Alycen and the late Felicia Hill. And... (14) Great-Grandchildren, (3) Great Great-Grandchildren; (1) Nephew (Oliver Cobb, Jr.,) several Great Nieces and a host of Cousins and Friends—all precious flowers in her Garden of Life. \*\*\*Note: Amy prepared her own biography for inclusion in her “Home Going Celebration of Life” more than 30 years ago. Her closing statement was: “May God bless my remaining family!!!”

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peters

2101 Lucas & Hunt Rd  
St Louis, MO 63121

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul A.M.E.  
1260 Hamilton  
St. Louis, MO 63112

## Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gaines, Cobb & Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Amy Cobb Gains*



**Gaines, Cobb & Smith Family** - November 13, 2017 at 05:21 PM

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“ *A year, one month and 20 days after you transitioned...your family is more grateful than ever for all you sowed into our lives in terms of Character, Family Values, Love of God & Country--which has allowed us all to become the best we can be !! Even as your great grandchildren who have recently achieved educational heights--they also are gleaning from the seeds of your investment into your roots !!! (1) James II--Graduated from Lincoln University Magna Cum Laude with accolades from the Horace Mann Honors College, National Biology Society, and the Beta Beta Beta National Honors Society--before heading to Medical School. (2) Isaiah graduated with Honors from Chaminade College Prep as a Scholar Athlete heading for UC Davis (California) on a full scholarship to in continue his studies in Mechanical Engineering...&...(3) Wayne II graduated in the upper percentile of his class from Beaumont Charter Academy heading for high school with aspirations of becoming a five star Chef. Meanwhile he is a serious Defensive Back who already has the attention of athletic scouts.*

*Other family members are benefactors as well and have shown signs of commitment as a result of your love, encouragement & the goal setting you always inspired.*

*Be It Therefore Resolved that QUEEN MOTHER AMY COBB GAINES not only lived a rich and fulfilling life, but left an even richer legacy from which her heirs and community can and have benefited. Moreover...we Thank And Praise God that "Love Never Dies".*

*Always: Archie, Vernona, Vernon & Angela (posthumously) ... as well as Family, Friends, community& the St. Paul AME Church Family.*

**Vernona Smith** - June 07, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Amy Cobb Gains.* ”



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April 23, 2015 at 07:01 PM