

In Loving Memory of
Gilbert Owens Sr.

Sunrise

February 25, 1937

Sunset

June 20, 2012



Service

Friday, June 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Reverend Nelson C. Dukes, Jr., Officiating

Reverend Kellie Turner, Organist

Obituary

Gilbert Owens Sr. was born to Andrew and Hazel Owens on Thursday, February 25, 1937 in Parkersburg, North Carolina. He moved to Milton, New York with his parents in 1939. During the early years, he attended school in Newburg, New York and later moved to Harlem, New York where he completed his education.

In July 1954, Gilbert enlisted in the Air Force where he spent four years and served in the Korean Conflict. He also played on the Air force Basketball team and was probably the shortest player in the league.

In July 1958, after serving his country faithfully, Gilbert returned home and went to work at Rockland State Hospital. It was at his new job that he met and fell in love with Dorothy (Bobbie) Adams. Gilbert and Dorothy were married on June 11, 1960 at The First Church of Christ in New York City.

During this union, they were blessed with two children, Gilbert Jr. & Lavidia. Gilbert & Bobbie were married for thirty five years, until her Sunset on April 29, 1995.

In 1968, Gilbert earned his Associates' Degree in Computer Programming & Data Processing from Monroe Business Institute. He worked at Allendale Industries for twenty five years as a supervisor and accounting clerk.

Gilbert was affectionately known as "Pete" to some or "G.O." to others. He was a sports enthusiast and could be found watching several sports games on TV at the same time, while listening to others on the radio.

Gilbert later moved to New Haven, Connecticut where he lived until he suffered a stroke in 2001. His illness left him partially paralyzed and he moved back to New York to stay with his daughter, Lavidia. He moved with his daughter to Pennsylvania in 2007, where he lived until God called him home.

He is preceded in death by: his wife, Dorothy, his parents, Andrew & Hazel, two brothers, Charles & Larry and one sister, Naomi Claxton.

He leaves to mourn: his loving daughter, Lavidia, one son Gilbert, one grandson, Michael, one sister, Carol Howard; and a host of nieces and nephews, family & friends.

To be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord. We thank God for the Time we shared, the love you gave and the memory you left with us. "Already missing you G.O."

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture.....Rev. Wayne Jones
Old Testament

Scripture.....Kim Jones
New Testament

Ministry of song.....Organist

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Wayne Jones

Reflections by family (no more than 2 minutes)

Poem

Obituary.....Michelle Riddick

Ministry of Song.....Organist
Rev. Kellie Turner

EulogyRev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Committal

Passing Glimpse

Benediction.....Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Dear Lavida

*Someone you love has gone away,
There's very little I can say,
To remove the sadness that you feel,
But, somehow, time will help you heal.*

*The pain that pierces through your heart,
Will ease, and you'll begin to start,
To somehow live your life again
Though memories will remain within.*

*A stronger person now you'll be
When others look at you, they'll see,
Someone who's different than before,
Because you've experienced so much more.*

*If in love or death, you've lost someone,
From the pain, try not to run.
Give your heart time to mend,
Soon you'll begin to live again.*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences
and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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