



Sunrise
September 10, 1959

Sunset August 25, 2013

Service

Saturday, August 31, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

132 West 116th Street • New York, NY

Rev. Thomas D. Johnson, Sr., Senior Pastor, Officiating Brvon Neal, Assistant Minister of Music

<u>Obituary</u>

Victor Lavon Gilyard was born to the late Leroy Gilyard and surviving Elizabeth Gilyard in Orangeburg, South Carolina on September 10, 1959. He was the only child out of this union.

Leroy and Elizabeth decided to relocate from South Carolina to New York when Victor was a small child. He was then raised in Harlem where he attended P.S. 46 Elementary School; Intermediate School 10; attended and graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School and attended Bronx Community College. Victor was introduced to Christine Williams by Clinton Thomas (Baldy) and married on August 29, 1987. Out of this union they had three children.

Victor was also known as Flip or Uncle Flip. Everyone that knew Flip knew that he never hesitated to help anyone in need, even if it was just an ear to listen or a shoulder to lean on. He loved to have a good time with family and friends. Anyone that came in contact with him he made sure that they were alright and having a good time. Furthermore, he truly enjoyed spending time with his two grandchildren and was highly excited for the arrival of his third.

Victor was no stranger to hard work. He obtained many job opportunities, which included NYC Department of Sanitation, NY Waterway Bus Company and MaBSTOA. MaBSTOA is where he held a position as a dispatcher until his untimely departure.

He leaves his loving and fond memories to be cherished by: his loving mother, Elizabeth Gilyard; his wife, Christine Gilyard; his three children, Lonnie Chris Gilyard, Victor L. Gilyard II, and Caress B. Gilyard; two grandchildren, Tyla Gilyard (La La Boogy) and Zi'Air Gilyard; half sister, Charon Spratley; cousins acknowledged as sister and brothers, Brenda Glover, Charles Glover and Clinton Thomas (Baldy); two godsons, Claudius Robinson and Corey Glenn; one goddaughter, Maleisha Cravey; two fathers-in-law, James Williams and Richard Winston; five sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, special friends, Angela, Lidia and Zakiya, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Consolation

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Consolation

Special Music

Remarks (2 minutes each)

Elder Laura Gabriel (Cousin) William Gilyard, Jr. (Uncle)

Obituary (To Be Read Silently)

Solo

Shanene Harmon

The Eulogy

Rev. Thomas D. Johnson, Sr.

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park Morganville, New Jersey Love, LaLa Boogy

Grandpa,

My grandpa, I love you and you will be missed . I always loved you with all my Heart.

Zi'Air

Dear Uncle Flip,

I will never say goodbye because I will see you again. You are only going to a place where everyone heart is made of gold. I am happy for you that you are with God. Your love was so pure and you always treated me as your own and for that I will always love you. Your time here was too short. I never dreamed you would leave so suddenly. My heart is crushed. If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane, I would walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. So until my heart turns gold, I'll be here with your precious memories. Tears are just tears and I will NOT say goodbye so I will NEVER get the chance not to cry.

I will always love you Uncle Flip!

Love, Cierra (CeCe Rider...with the pants on fire)

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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