

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Robert L. Gilliam, Jr.*



*Sunrise*  
October 6, 1946

*Sunset*  
October 31, 2016

*Service*

Friday, November 4, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

**HERBERT T. MCCALL FUNERAL HOME**

984 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

*Reverend Idus Nunn, Officiating*  
*Professor Tyrone Patrick, Organist*

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Invocation*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Acknowledgements*

*Selection*

*Remarks*

*Two minutes please*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Benediction*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

## **Interment**

*Calverton National Cemetery*

*Calverton, New York*

## *Reflections of Life*

On October 6, 1946, **Robert Lee Gilliam, Jr.** was born to Odessa and Robert Lee Gilliam. He grew up with his two brothers, Johnny and Daniel where they lived at 928 Kelly Street, Bronx, New York.

Robert attended Morris High School in the Bronx where he met his lovely, caring and devoted wife, Sharon Gilliam and from their union they had two daughters, Shonta and Sharron Gilliam. In 1966, Robert was drafted in the Army. While in the Army, he attended college and in 1969 was Honorably Discharged. Robert was a professional musician where he had the opportunity to play with Willie Colon, Hector Lavoe and others. He had multiple talents such as bowling, karate, basketball and track & field. He loved to watch family games and read the dictionaries. He was very wordily and lucky with lottery numbers.

He worked at Equitable Life Insurance Company. After working at Equitable he moved on to the Parks Department where he worked for twenty-two years and retired at the age of 63. After retiring he spent his time at home with his wife and enjoyed taking care of his grands and great grands. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed watching horror movies with his family, loved going on family outings and family get together's. Robert loved helping kids with their education.

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Robert lost his battle to cancer but fought a hard fight to the very end. Even when he was fighting his battle, he still managed to make sure his family was well taken care of.

He is survived by his devoted wife; Sharon Gilliam, two daughters; Shonta and Sharron Gilliam, Sharron's children; Sade, Shontise and Astante Gilliam, great grandchildren; Camrin, London Tyler and Ava Gilliam, cousins Lois, Millie, Pat, Terri, Kelly, Robby, Davy and Mickey and a host of other cousins, relatives and friends.

## *"We Love You"*

*Our love for you is so strong so deep.  
The best man truly.*

*We are going to mourn so deep.*

*Husband, Dad, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.*

*You kept us so well grounded.*

*Oh Yes, we love you so deep.*

*Even when you were battling,  
you still made sure your  
Grandbabies went to school.*

*Every day you said,*

*"I have to help my babies".*

*I'm happy we looked in your eyes one last time.*

*It's ok, you can sleep.*

*No more pain, best believe we're going  
to show you we are going to be strong.*

*You were always the strongest.*

*You fought so hard now you know we're going to be okay.*

*You always showed us to be the best.*

*We are going to be here for Grandma.*

*Please Rest.*



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation  
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to  
them in their time of sorrow.*

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