

In Loving Memory of



Otha Gilbert, Sr.

Sunrise
May 13, 1926

Sunset
July 5, 2017

Services

Friday, July 14, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

198 Chadwick Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07108

Reverend Vincent Rouse, Officiating

Obituary

Otha Gilbert, Sr. was born May 13, 1926 to the late Arthur Gilbert and Estelle Gilbert Lane in Cuthbert, Georgia. He received his angel wings on July 5, 2017.

Otha relocated to Newark, NJ over 50 years ago, he met Etta Bell and was united in Holy Matrimony in 1956. He was the patriarch of the Gilbert family very energetic, outgoing, kind, loving and had a heart of gold. He loved all his family & friends he would give you the shirt off his back. "I'm a blessed man", was his favorite words.

Otha worked as a truck driver for John Deer and was a mason/labor worker before working for Newark Housing Authority where he retired.

Otha loved the Lord, as a young boy, he would preach on the streets of Cuthbert, GA. He was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Georgia where he served as a young deacon. In the early 80's Otha became a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was a faithful member until his passing and he served as an Usher.

Otha had a love for baseball. He was the first Gilbert male to play baseball with the Red Devils of Cuthbert, Georgia. He was one of the founding fathers of St. James #37 Masonic lodge where he held his membership for approximately 50 years. During his membership he held the position as Tyler.

Otha leaves to celebrate his home going: his children, two daughters Etta and Linda Gilbert, two sons JC Gilbert (Monica) and James C. Jones, two step sons Will Ed Johnson and Johnsie Bracewell. One sister-in-law Francis Lloyd, one brother-in-law Ernest Perkins, five nephews Genie C. Gilbert (Brenda), Jr. of Carteret, NJ, Eddie G. Gilbert (Joan), Clinton Gilbert of Newark and Roy Gilbert of Newark, NJ, J.C. McClendon of Perth Amboy, NJ and Johnny Will McClendon of Georgia, one niece Kate Taylor of Perth Amboy, NJ and a host of nieces and nephews, five grandchildren, Mahogany and Janya Gilbert, Ebony Randall, Lashawn Gilbert and Niecey Mayes, a great grandson Lameir Gilbert, cousins John Lee, Mattie Re, Mary White, Mattie Donnell, Pauline Donnell, Rev. Rouse (Natasha), a close family friend Eula Mae Bracewell and children, Roger Randall and Laura Jones, Don's Diner, St. James 37, and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Etta B. Gilbert, son Otha L. Gilbert, Jr., a sister Mary McClendon, two brothers, Genie Curry, Sr. and Willie A. Gilbert, two nieces, Daisy B. Tucker and Belinda Williams, four nephews, and three cousins, Rev. Willie J. Harris, Betsy Atwood and Jerome Reid. Dad, you are blessed and highly favored of God. You lived the life that your were destined to live and you lived it well. God had called you to himself, take your rest no more pain and suffering. God knew all about you so rest easy.

Lovingly submitted
-Your children-

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 1

New Testament I Thes 4:13-18

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgment

Obituary Ebony Randall

Ministry of Hospitality

Family Reflection

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park

Union, New Jersey







Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now
He set me free!

Acknowledgements

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