



The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that morning
That God was going to call your name
In Life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You didn't go alone, for part of us went with you,
The day He called you Home.
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide
Although we cannot see you, You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,
But as God call us one by one, the chain will link again.*



Pallbearers

Derrick Culver Antione Williams Clifton Hatcher
Jesse Mackey Anthony Adams David Rodgers

Honorary Pallbearers

Jesse Harris Melvin Mackey Steven "Sal" Powell Kenneth Clemons
Charles Howard Leslie Hill Garry Bartee Dwayne Goode Adam Murray

The Acknowledgement

*The family would like to express our heartfelt thanks.
for your acts of kindness and your expressions of
sympathy in our great loss. We truly appreciate it and
ask that you continue to lift us up in prayer. It has
been a comforting blessing to each of us.*

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Homegoing Service For

Gilford Vance Mackey

September 2, 1962 - November 28, 2021

Israel Memorial AME Church

54 Lincoln Street
Newark, NJ 07103

Rev. Carl E. Stuart, Pastor
Rev. Carolyn C. Cavaness, Eulogist




Monday, December 6, 2021
10:00 AM

Obituary

Gilford V. Mackey (affectionately known as “Vance”, “Boom”, “Big Poppa” and “Big Baby”) was the third of five children born to the late Laurella and Verlie Mackey on September 2, 1962 in Newark, New Jersey. Gilford received his education at Thirteenth Avenue School and graduated from West Side High School in 1981.

After completing High School, Vance and the “My Seven Brothers” went into the trucking business with his father at Bartley Trucking Company in Hillside, NJ. For many years afterward, he remained in the Trucking business. More recently, he was the manager of the Play House Lounge in Newark for numerous years. For some time, Vance also worked with his sister in the Tax Business.

Vance had a love for Karate from a young age and he shared this passion with My Seven Brothers, (the Machines): Jesse Harris, Charles Howard, Marshall Howard, Leslie Hill, Adam Murray, Gary Bartee and Dwayne Goode. Together with the Seven Brother, Vance worked and traveled with Bellatoni Carnival and promoted karate tournaments in the neighborhood graveyard. He had a passion for billiards playing with the Overton Rough Riders and competed in APA tournaments and currently two-time champions. Vance was a member of Israel Memorial AME Church where he joined under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart. As a member, he was most known for cooking on the grill for the church’s annual Family and Friends Day.

Vance found joy in cooking and loved trash talk. He was an avid New York Giants and New York Knicks fan.

Vance adored his family, especially his children. He married Lisa Richardson and from that union two of his children were produced.

He leaves to cherish his memory, 5 children: Corinthia Smith; Amellia Clemons (Kenneth); Chemere Harrison (Kareem); Daquan Mackey and Shaquana Jackson; 2 children in love: Bahiya Gray and Bashiyir Murphy; 9 grandchildren: Ky’Aizah, Ki’Syia and Noah Smith; Amiya, Armani, Amira and Amaris Clemons; Madison and Jayden Harrison. 5 Siblings: Diane Howard, Tarsca Lamar (Michael), Laverne Mackey-Merritt, Valerie Mackey-Hatcher (Clifton) and Melvin Mackey (Shanda). Uncles: Abdul Wasi (Martha) and Robert Green. Aunts: Venetia Hall, Gwendolyn Kidd, Cheryl Mackey and Margaret (Mackey) Manning. Special friends: Steven “Sal” Powell, Mandelene Wilson, Rhonda Walker, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn of Celebration ~Blessed Quietness

Opening Prayer & Response ~Pastor A. Samar Biggham
Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

The Worship through Song ~Rev. Karen Fuller

The Scripture

Old ~ Psalm 23 Jasmine Louis

Gospel ~ John 5:24-27 Sheila McGowin

Epistle ~ 1st Corinthians 15:50-57

Minister Mattie Moultrie Wilson

Worship Through Song ~Madeline Wilson

Resolutions, Acknowledgment & Obituary Kathleen Cummings

Reflections (2minutes)

Family & Friends Worship Through Song

Rev. Samar A. Biggham

Eulogy~ Rev. Carolyn Cavaness, Pastor
Bethel AME Church Ardmore, PA

Closing Viewing~ “Going Up Yonder”

Benediction

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey