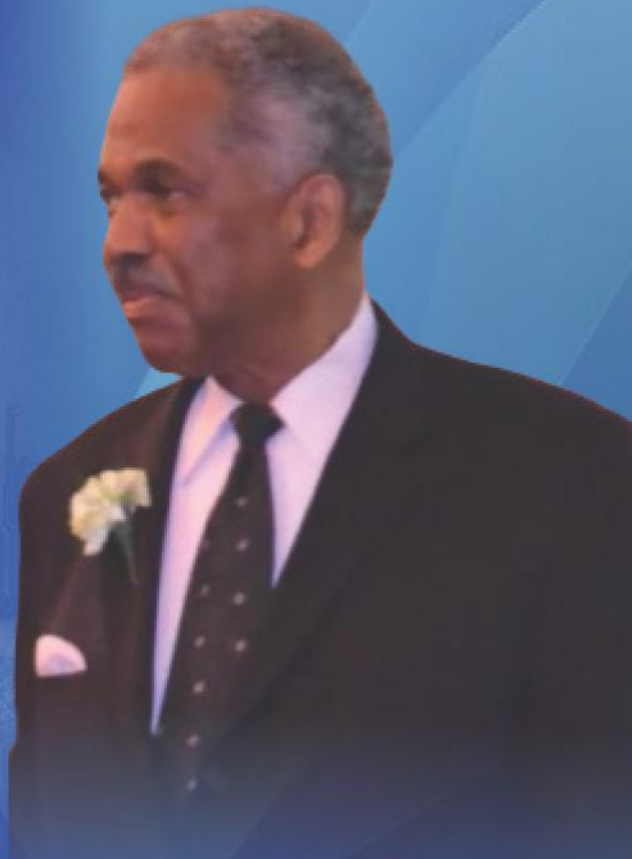


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Deacon Fred W. Gibson

Sunrise
September 11, 1940

Sunset
November 12, 2024



Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - 6:30pm

St. Paul Sounds of Praise Pentecostal Fellowship Ministries

587 18th Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Timothy Griffin, Pastor

Officiating

Jordan Randolph, Organist

Obituary

On September 11, 1940, Fred William Gibson was born to the late Henry and Rixie (nee Hogan) in Mount Holly, North Carolina. Fred received his formal education from the Mount Holly School system. At an early age, he excelled in boxing and was a golden glove champion at just 13 years old.

Fred was an adventurer, and North Carolina could not keep up with his high spirit, so as a young man he made the bold decision to move to New Jersey. After being in Passaic, New Jersey for a few years, he met and married Rosemary Allen. During his early years Freddy, as he was affectionately known, held many jobs. He would work for a company, help others get jobs and move on to another. He finally settled at Cairns and Brothers of Clifton. During his time there, he became a master craftsman of fire equipment and was quickly promoted to a management position. He often bragged about making helmets for the movie Backdraft.

During a pivotal point in his life, Freddy knew he had to make a change. He began attending church with his mother and realized that was the change he needed. After turning his life over to Christ, there was no looking back. He became a member of the St. Paul Sounds of Praise Church. He served faithfully in the church as a member of the Usher Board, a Deacon on the Deacon Board, and was Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Fred would often assist in events and projects at the church. One he spoke about often was Operation Clean, which he bragged about making the t-shirts for.

Fred had a heart of GOLD and would often give at the blink of an eye whenever someone was in need. From his days at Cairns and Brothers, every year, Fred would get letters that local children sent to Santa from the post office and fulfill their wishes.

Fred had a fondness for Jazz, collecting vintage items, and ALF(Ha!) However there was nothing that could take the place of the love he had for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved his family!

Fred was predeceased by his wife, Rosemary, parents, brother, Cordell, and granddaughter, Chantel.

After a long battle with illness, Fred earned his wings on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories his son, Derrick Johnson (Janet); daughters, Dana Boyd (Dana), Heather Gibson, Helene Fisher, Germaine Gibson-Williams (Demar); grandchildren, Anthony Davis, Antoine Gibson, Terrence Boyd, Ijzanna Gibson, Elisabeth Fisher, Christopher Ellen, Staje Ellen, Marcus Johnson, Anthony Boyd, Dajon Gibson Nazareth Fisher; great-grandchildren, Ava Ellen, Nasir Gibson, Kaylani Ellen, Kali Ellen; sister, Sandra Gibson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Presiding Elder Quincy Ruffin

Processional

Opening Hymn

Prayer of ComfortElder Leslie Clark-Headley

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4Elder Sabrina Martin

The Reader: "The Word of God for the People of God"

The People: "Thanks be to God"

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:1-9Elder Denise Jones

The Reader: "The Word of God for the People of God"

The People: "Thanks be to God"

Invocation

Reflections of a Life Well Lived

As a DeaconDeacon C.R. Langston

St. Paul Presbytery

Elder Kenneth Reece

As a Co-Laborer

Sis. Linda Conic

Special RemarksPastor Gary Carswell, Sr.

Ministry of Music

Family Tributes

As a Friend

As a Grandfather

As a Father

AcknowledgmentsElder Bonita Griffin

Obituary Reading

Ministry of Music

Words of ComfortBishop Timothy W. Griffin

Benediction & Blessing Recessional

Interment

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 10am

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue

Clifton, NJ 07014

Going Home

I'm going home
The Lord has called me to go home
I'm leaving this place, but you can reach me
through God's heavenly phone
Rejoice and don't shed too many tears
I've been waiting on this day to go home for so
many years
I will miss you but it's time I must go
I will be there waiting for you when it's your time
to go home
I will always love you
Try and be strong for me
Praise the Lord because I'm finally set free
I'm going home
The lord has called me to go
I'm going home
The Lord has called me to go home

Written by, Shannell G. Griggs

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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