



Alvin Blackwell Gilliam

October 22, 1949 - August 10, 2015

His Legacy

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Alvin Blackwell Gilliam, 65, of North Chesterfield, departed this life Monday, August 10, 2015. He was born in Richmond, Virginia on October 22, 1949 to the Viola J. Gilliam and the late Alvin Gilliam. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Delores Rich and Ruth Martin, and a very special loving friend, LaVerne "LoVerne" Thompson.

He grew up in the Jackson Ward and Southside neighborhoods in a family where he was loved. Alvin attended the Richmond Public School System, until he decided to continue his education and moved to Washington State to be in the Job Corps. There he received his General Educational Development (GED) Certificate. He also was a great baseball player for Calhoun and Blackwell Recreation Center. Alvin was a member of the hottest musical group in Richmond during that time, "Antwans".

Upon returning to Richmond, he enlisted into the United States where he served his country proud and received a purple heart and an honorable discharge in 1970. On October 14, 2006, he became the husband of his best

friend of 25 years, Thomasine Tucker.

He was baptized at Great Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at an earlier age where he received his spiritual guidance. He was taught earlier on... "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8 (KJV). Often, Alvin would fellowship with his wife at Providence Baptist Church where she was a member.

Alvin always looked forward to seeing his grandchildren. He loved them all and adored his "beanie-head" buddies. He was a grateful person for what God had done for him. He knew that God gave him everything. Alvin was thankful for waking up for just one more day.

He was formally employed by the Defense Supply Center - Richmond (DSCR) known as Bellwood, as a material handler/forklift operator, until he retired.

Alvin was a man of many talents, a "jack-of-all-trades" and a master of many. He was really the master of ducttape. If it was broken, he would repair it (no matter what) with ducttape. He found solace in the fellowship with his best friends and their many conversations they shared together.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife, Thomasine M. Gilliam; two daughters, Loreen Gilliam-Thompson and Whitley Mayo; five sons, Alvin Randolph (Sharon), Damien Gilliam, James S. Tucker, Christopher Arrington and Ezekiel Thompson; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; mother, Viola J. Gilliam; mother-in-law, Eleanor Jackson; sister-in-law, Terry Gates (Melvin); brother-in-law, Shawn Jackson and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving best friends, Alonzo "Munk" Jeffries, James Newbille, Willie Jeffries and Rochelle Sutton (Pat).

Your memory is our keepsake from which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping, and we will always have you our my heart.
We love you PaPa
Your Beanie-Head Buddies, "Always"

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 14. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222
(804) 321-4200
info@marchfh.com
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

Family Hour

AUG 14. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Never thought I would miss you as much as I do. You were a great man and I appreciate you for being in my life more and more everyday. Thank you for being a great grandfather to my son. I really wish you could have met my daughter. Your family loves me like they are my own and like no other. Thank you so much for loving as your own daughter. -Love Mayo PS. You never gave me my \$2 back

Whitley - March 06, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ Alvin Blackwell Gilliam

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

BT

“ Hello my brother and Bubba Taylor friend and brother. You were with us for Bubba Taylor now you both are in the arms of God. Such sweet person and a great smile, your presence will be miss by many.



Love to the family in behalf of Alvin Gilliam

From:

Lonzo Taylor A.Z.

Lee Lee Taylor A.Z.

Pep Taylor Richmond

Bea Taylor Lowry Richmond

Peace

Bea Taylor - August 14, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alvin Blackwell Gilliam.*



August 14, 2015 at 07:20 AM



“ *Clean you will be missed,my Mr fix it is gone. But. In the arms of our father. Love u*

Deborah Jeffries - August 13, 2015 at 08:02 PM



“ *You were always there when the grand kids needed you with a smile and a kind word to push them on. You will be truly missed by all . Thank you for being a part of our lives*

Linda , Kevin and Richard

Linda Terry - August 12, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - August 11, 2015 at 04:36 PM