



Gilbert Keith Comissiong

October 2, 1934 - October 18, 2025

Gilbert Keith Comissiong, Sr., entered into eternal rest and the presence of his Heavenly Father after a long, fulfilling life on October 18th, 2025. He was preceded in death by his Father, George Mildmay Comissiong; his Mother, Maria Ursula Phipps Titley; Brothers Albert Comissiong, Lawrence Comissiong, Bertone Comissiong, Alphonse Marvin Domingo, Sr., and Sisters Ada Comissiong Richards, Ada Comissiong Joseph, Doris Comissiong Richardson Kelly, Evelyn Comissiong, Rosemarie Sonia Lythcott, Lelia Marva Fripp, and numerous other relatives.

Gilbert lived a full 91 years, having traveled to 6 continents, served his country in the United States Air Force as a Korean War Veteran, and enjoyed a productive career, which gave him great pride in service to his community.

Gilbert grew up between St. Thomas and New York before joining the Air Force and lived in Florida, North Carolina, and Richmond, Virginia, where he spent the final years of his life. A lover of music inspired by his Uncles Randolph, Vernon, and Gerald Phipps, all musicians who at one time had one of the top bands in the Virgin Islands. His affair with music was a lifelong one that he passed down to his children. He was autodidactic in that he taught himself to play the flute and owned an instrument right up until his death. He had a phenomenal ear and would listen to his favorite music and could play along, all without knowing how to read music.

His other lifelong affair was with sports, and he was highly competitive and enjoyed any kind of sport. From horse racing, which he was exposed to at a young age by his cousin, famous jockey Clinton Phipps, for whom the St. Thomas Race Track is named, Gilbert spent countless hours as a youngster exposed to horses, learning how to ride, groom, and care for horses that his Clinton and his Uncle Theodore “Teddy” Phipps owned. He eventually became the Territorial Horse Racing Commission Chairman, a position that his father, George, was appointed to as the first ever in the Virgin Islands by Governor Morris DeCastro.

He was a lover of Boxing and served as timekeeper for several matches in St. Thomas, especially the big matches in Lionel Roberts Stadium. His Mother’s Godson was World Champion Boxer Emile Griffith, and they grew up together. In addition to being a fairly good athlete, he played baseball and softball way into his 50s in the Susthens Violet League, with his beloved Arawaks. He also played on teams that went off-island to represent the Virgin Islands. A dedicated NY Mets Fan from their first game, which he attended at Ebbets Field, to the NY Giants, and the NY Knicks, anything competitive he loved.

For many years after returning to St. Thomas, he worked at the Knud Hansen Hospital as an X-Ray technician and later on as a Chemist and Fuel Oil Control Specialist at the Water and Power Authority until he retired in July of 1991. He then went on to help set up and run the reverse osmosis units responsible for the production of Crown Mountain water. He was a quick learner, highly intelligent, and would teach himself various skills that fascinated him. In his retirement, he even learned to install satellite dishes at one point.

Coming from a large family, Gilbert created one of his own. He said just this year, months before his passing, to a few of his children that his children had

exceeded his expectations, and his wildest dreams; he never thought they would become who they were, not because of him, but because of who they were.

He is survived by his Children: Cheryl Lynn Comissioning-George (Hamilton), Brenda Monique Joseph, Vance Cyril Comissioning-Harris, Jeffrey Keith Comissioning (Alison), Gilbert Keith Comissioning, Jr (Arnelle), Lesley Marie Comissioning-Ducloux (Pierre), Trinita Akina Blyden, Maria Cecilia Comissioning, Katrina Anne Comissioning-Williams (Micheal Sr.), and Anane Omari Comissioning.

Grandchildren: Tenekua Marie Dugan (Charles), Aiesha Khalia Shachove, Monique Webbe, Kristine Hacker, Darnell Harris, Elise Harris, Jacey Comissioning, Mya Comissioning, Alexa Comissioning, Annalise Lake, Gilbert Comissioning, III., Shayne Persaud, Katrina Charlotte-Amalia Comissioning, Micheal Waudell Williams Jr., and Milo Clarence Hamilton Williams.

Great Grand Children: Denekua Alijah Lynch, Judah Lex Mosiah Joseph, Teadra Cataleya-Marie Dugan, Jahbari Ayinde Brown Jr, JahFari Andrew Green, James Webbe William, Simon Webbe, Marcilene Webbe Duffy, Harley Hacker, Remy Gillings Sisters: Marlene Quarterman, and Joyce, FiDelia, Labeet Titley.

Nephews: Warren Bell, Dr. Sidney Comissioning (Ruth), Joel Comissioning (Dawn), Keith Comissioning, Ricardo Comissioning, Richard Comissioning (Joyce), Robert Comissioning, Emile Cruse, Alphonse Marvin Domingo, Jr. (Lia), Michael John Domingo (Terri), Carmelo English, William Fernandez, Bernard Fontanes, Thomas Fontanes, Jr., Antonikuakasu Furugen (Kazumi), Selwyn Joseph, Jr., Jeffrey Kelly, Alphonso Lythcott (Destine), Andre Lythcott, Craig Quaterman, Sean Quarteman, Albert Richards (Felicita), Enrique Richards

(Kathleen).

Nieces: Brenda Bosculte (James), Janice Cannon, Cattrysse Comissiong, Alma Cruse, Lydia Nicole Comissiong Fernandez, Elba Fontanes, Maxine Fuentes, Linda Michelle Gonzales, Tess Haney, Sheri Marie Joseph - Islam, Lelia Bernice Lythcott, Rosemarie Simone Matthews, Trina Maria Mills, Sally Morton, Kathleen Richards, Clarice Bell Theodore, Monique Theresa Trinkleback.

Several Great Nieces, and Nephews, Great-Great Nieces and Nephews, and Great-Great-Great Nieces and Nephews. Multiple Cousins, from the Phipps, Petersen, Comissiong, and Richards families.

Adopted Daughter: Ellie Wronski.

Adopted Granddaughters: Dmmasky Stazer and Erica Powierski.

God Children: Alphonso Lythcott and Lucia Phipps

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
236 S. Laurel Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Tributes

NOV 20. 9:00 AM (AST)

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
21-22 Kronprindsens Gade
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas 00802 (VI)

Memorial Service

NOV 20. 10:00 AM (AST)

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral
21-22 Kronprindsens Gade
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas 00802 (VI)

Tribute Wall

DT

“ Cheryl I am thinking about you and your family and sending you strength and blessings. Gilbert's laugh, kindness, and wisdom will be greatly missed.

Delores Thomas

Delores Thomas - November 19, 2025 at 11:50 AM

BB

“ Good morning Cheryl & Family,
I recently learned of the passing of your father, Mr. Gilbert Keith
Comissiong.

*I wish to extend my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on
the loss of your father. No loss of a family member or loved one is
ever easy under any set of circumstances, but know that your father
is in God's care now.*

*Also, please know that I'm praying 🙏 for you and your family and
you all are in my thoughts during this grieving period. I will leave
you and family with the following poem:*

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near, still LOVED, still MISSED, and
FOREVER dear.*

*Cheryl, again, I'm truly, truly sorry about the loss of your father. May
the Lord grant you and family strength and peace during this difficult
time. Take care.*

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4. KJV*

- Buz Brown

Buz Brown - November 16, 2025 at 05:37 AM

JN

“ Loss of yet another family member. Gilbert
rest in peace. Will always remember you as
being pleasant, kind and hospitable.
Joyce Newsome



Joyce Newsome - November 04, 2025 at 10:06 PM

VP

“ In 1976 while I was in the U.S. Navy my ship got a surprise visit to St. Thomas. I contacted Gilbert and he came downtown and picked me up. He showed me around St Thomas. He also introduced me to some of my half-brothers. For three days while my ship was inport he took great care of me. I was so thankful. What was so special is that since it was an unannounced visit to St Thomas. I couldn't let him I was coming. Yet he made time for me. I was so thankful.

Vincent Red Phipps - October 23, 2025 at 09:03 PM

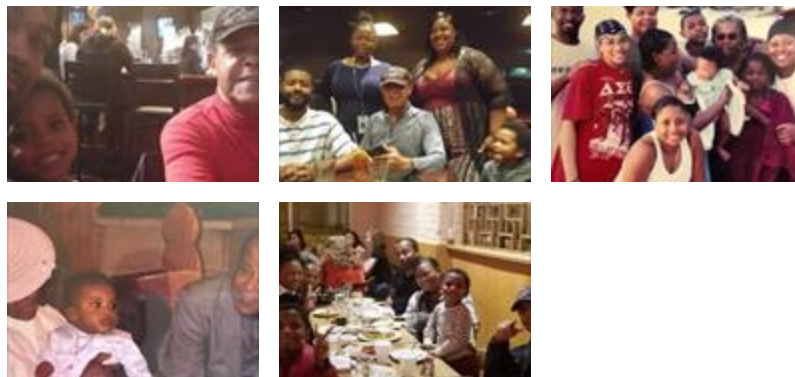
RL

“ Our condolences. We wish you all blessings during this tough time.
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Ravae Lythcott - October 23, 2025 at 07:37 PM

“ 94 files added to the album Gilbert



Katrina Comissiong-Williams - October 23, 2025 at 02:10 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 - October 20, 2025 at 05:09 PM