



John Gibson Tilghman Jr.

October 21, 1932 - April 1, 2015

John Gibson Tilghman, Jr. entered this world on October 21, 1932 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the son of the late Elizabeth and John Tilghman. He departed this life to go home to his Heavenly Father on April 1, 2015.

John grew up in Baltimore and attended the public schools there graduating from Booker T. Washington Jr. High School and Carver Vocational Technical High School with certificates in shoe repairing and the trowel trades. Upon completion of high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served bravely in the Korean conflict. He received three Bronze Stars and many other commendation and awards. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

After his military service, he worked diligently many years in civil service at Fort Howard Hospital as a subsistence manager. While at Fort Howard, he received many awards for great service including a certificate and commendation for saving an ill patient from suicide.

Once his service to his country was over, he returned to Baltimore and resumed his friendship with his childhood friend, Betty Jackson. She turned out to be his "true love" and they were married on July 6, 1957. From that moment on, they were always together. You rarely saw one without the other. From that union, a son, Kenneth was born. He instantly became the "apple" of

John's eye.

At an early age, John accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He attended both Sharp Street Church and Union Baptist Church with his parents. Upon his marriage, he joined Betty's church, Unity United Methodist Church, where he served faithfully until his death.

John was a quiet, deep thinking man and willingly helped others. He enjoyed fishing, playing pinochle, and watching football games. But his greatest pleasure came from being around his grandchildren - Erica, Kenneth and Brianna. They could do no wrong in his eyes and his love for them grew deeper and deeper. He loved his home and enjoyed working on the lawn and doing all of the upkeep of the house.

John can be remembered as a true gentleman, a devoted Christian, a true friend and for his willingness to always help others. He displayed true devotion to his family and friends. John leaves a legacy of love to celebrate his life - wife, Betty, one son, Kenneth, three grandchildren Erica, Kenneth II, and Brianna, one sister Sylvia and many nieces, nephews and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

APR 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Wake

APR 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Unity United Methodist Church
1433 Edmondson Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Gibson Tilghman Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one .
John 5 : 21,28,29*

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“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family
of John Gibson Tilghman Jr..*



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“ *The loss of a loved one can be very hard to deal with. However,
God promises to take care of the broken. Hearted. At 2Corinthians
4:7 he said he will give us power beyond what is normal to deal with
our problems so he will give you strength to carry on*

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“ 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.

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