



Leon Gilchrist

February 17, 1945 - August 6, 2024

LEON GILCHRIST passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Union Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born on February 17, 1945, to the late Rev. Gladie A. Gilchrist and Helen (Eaton) Gilchrist in Littleton, North Carolina.

Leon accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church where he was an active and faithful member. He was educated by the Halifax County Public School System, graduating from Mciver High School in 1963 with honors. Upon graduation

Leon enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served four years and earned a rank of E4 and several other accommodations. He was honorably discharged on April 7, 1967, and subsequently established residence in Baltimore. He was employed with Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for many years as a kitchen technician. He was also a skillful handyman.

Leon was predeceased by his wife, Vivian Davis Gilchrist. A lover of life, Leon had a great gift of “gab”. He was extremely likeable, kind, generous, funny and everyone’s friend. In his absence the question was always – “Where’s Leon?” He truly brought laughter and a vibrant spirit everywhere he went and will surely be missed by family, friends and his caregivers.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Damon and Gary; a devoted daughter, Monica Lang (Earl); four grandchildren, Dash, Jasmine, Gary and Laekierra, three great-grandchildren, Payton, Marcus and Nova; five sisters, Louise Alston, Mildred Shepherd, Helen DeLeaver, Carolyn Brothers and Linda Ware. He was predeceased by Emma Floyd. He was also predeceased by brothers Henry, John, James and Gladie. Survivors also include many nieces and nephews, a devoted friend Frank Tatum, and a host of cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

AUG **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Leon Gilchrist in memory of Leon Gilchrist*



March Funeral Homes - August 26, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DA

“ *I remember bein at grandma house and she had a smith and wesson .38 and I kept sitting in the dining room so i could be close to it and Pop seen Me and said "Get it and meet Me in the yard" I hopped up grab the gun and a box of shells and walked out like it was christmas. King was standing by the pickup truck and as I walked passed him Pop said "load it" i opened it up out 6 bullets in and slammed it shut. He took it from Me poited it at the ground and shot 2 rounds. He passed ME the gun and said "Hold it tight wit both hands" I held it and let off the last 4 shells. Then We went to the lake and thats where he let Me rip shots back to back to back. Thats My favorite memory of Pop. He knew i liked guns and let Me be. LOVE YOU POP ! (DAME)*

DAME - November 14, 2025 at 03:50 AM

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“ *The Roanoke Chapel Baptist send our prayers and love to the Gilchrist Family. Leon’s laughter, outgoing personality and infectious smile will be missed by all. Remember the precious memories and may God comfort this beautiful family during their time of bereavement.*

*Rev Timothy Edwards
Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church Family
Littleton, NC*

Roanoke Baptist Church - August 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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“ *To My Gilchrist Family, I Was So Saddened On The Passing Of My Uncle Leon, As I Know You Were Also, Never Forget His Laughter, His Big Heart And Sassy Mouth, Which Made Him So Special, To His Children, Grandchildren, Sisters And Many Relatives And Friends, May God Bless You And Comfort You, Rest Easy Leon, You Will Be Truly Missed, Love You Always, Emedine !!!!!*

Emedine Gilchrist-Smallwood - August 09, 2024 at 06:09 PM

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*Deepest Sympathy to Damon, Monica, and the Gilchrist Family, on the Passing of their Beloved Leon. He leaves a lot of Great Memories, and a memorable one-of a kind laughter ! Farewell my Friend, until we meet again
at that great Heavenly Reunion. 🙏*
Love, Pip & Jeffrey

Alice in Ebb - August 17, 2024 at 11:35 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 09, 2024 at 10:36 AM