



## Wilbert Connell Gilliam

January 31, 1935 - August 17, 2015

Wilbert Connell Gilliam, son of the late Frank and Mollie Gilliam, was born in Oxford, North Carolina on January 31, 1935. He was raised by his father and stepmother, Bettie McGhee Gilliam. Wilbert departed this life on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Wilbert attended Shaw High School in Granville County, North Carolina.

Wilbert accepted Christ and became a member of Hardie Grove Baptist Church early in life. He would later become a member of New Elizabeth Church in Baltimore where he worshipped faithfully until his health affected his ability to attend services. He had a great love for gospel quartet music.

As a young man, Wilbert relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina where he met and married Kannetha Johnson. Through that union one daughter and two sons were born. Wilbert and his family eventually moved to Baltimore, Maryland.

Wilbert worked as a truck driver for several companies in Baltimore until he sustained a disabling shoulder injury. That injury, however, couldn't keep him still. He then cared for the lawns of many of his neighbors and friends which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was also great in the kitchen and loved cooking.

A man of few words, Wilbert communicated his love for his family and friends through his commitment, unselfishness and constant good deeds. He was always thinking of others and offering to help in whatever way he could.

Wilbert leaves to cherish his memory: his daughter, Anita Uvette Preston (Arland); two sons, Derrick Gilliam and Dana Craig Gilliam; three sisters, Laura Mays of Raleigh, NC, Doris Wright (Leon) of Durham, NC and Mary Nell Brown (James) of Oxford, NC; three granddaughters, Jetaime Farley (Marvin), Taleia Gilliam and Taira Howell (Brandon); one grandson, Earl Chaptman, Jr., three great grandchildren, Jemaria Farley, Saniyah Howell and Izaiah Howell; devoted friend and longtime companion, Dorothy Reese and her grandson, Cameron Reese; a host nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and two caregivers, Mae Hudson and Barbara Bedward.

# Previous Events

## viewing

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Family Hour

AUG **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

AUG **24**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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AUG **24**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbert Connell Gilliam*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *The Leathers Family lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Connell Gilliam*



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**The Leathers Family** - August 24, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ *The Leathers Family lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Connell Gilliam*



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**The Leathers Family** - August 24, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. -Travis W. Henson*

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**Travis W. Henson** - August 24, 2015 at 10:24 AM



“ 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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**March Funeral Homes** - August 19, 2015 at 06:48 PM