



Winston Bernard Gilliam

October 21, 1942 - January 29, 2009

Winston Bernard Gilliam, born in Chesterfield County on October 21, 1942, he was the second oldest son of Erner V. Mason Gilliam and the late Herbert F. Gilliam, Sr. On June 6, 1963, he married the love on his life, Arletha Bassett, and to this union they were blessed with two daughters, Artrice Phenoris and Holly Lateasha. He was a life long member of the Union Branch Baptist Church, where he served faithfully in the following capacities to include: the Diaconate Board; the Senior Ministry, the Men's Ministry, the Cancer Support Ministry, the Memorial Committee, the Teller Committee, and served as former president of the Combined Choir for over 10 years; and was a member of the Male Chorus, just to name a few. Winston Bernard was educated in the Chesterfield County Public School system. He was a 1962 graduate of the Carver High School. He continued his education and earned the following certificates and degrees: Certificate in Electricity from Virginia State College School of Industries; a four year Certificate of Completion in Industry Electronics from Bell and Howell through Brown and Williamson; a two year Certificate from Richmond Technical School in Electronics. He earned his degree as a licensed Barber/Stylist from the Richmond Barber School. He continued his studies in the Cosmetology field by earning an Associate Bachelors, Associate Masters and an Associate Doctorate of Art of Beauty Culture by the National Institute of Cosmetology, a Division of the National Beauty Culturist's League Inc., of Washington, D.C. with some study at Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana and Chicago State

University, Chicago, Illinois. Winston Bernard was first employed with Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company for over 23 years, and then with Reynolds Metals Company, retiring in 2003. He also owned and operated Arletha Bernardo's Hair Care Center, along with his wife. Together they retired from the business August 31, 2008. Winston had a great love for the outdoors where he spent most of his leisure time beautifying his yard and garden. He especially loved fishing and hunting in which he was a long time member of the Salisbury Hunting Club of Surry County, Virginia. He departed this earthly life Thursday, January 29, 2009 at his residence in Ettrick, Virginia. Although, his sweet spirit, smile and gentle words will be greatly missed, we know that he is resting in the bosom of Christ, where joy is eternal. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother Eugene D. Gilliam, Sr. and his father and mother-in-law, Robert and Goldie Bassett, Sr. He leaves to cherish his memory and to celebrate his life his devoted and loving wife of 45 years, Arletha Bassett Gilliam; two daughters, Artrice (Lt. Col. Willie) Harris and Holly Gilliam (Orlando); three grandchildren, Jyree, Arbrianna and William; his mother Erner V. Mason Gilliam; two sisters, Erna G. Robinson and Gwendolyn B. Cofield; six brothers, Herbert Jr. (Clarissa), William (Joanne), Calvin (Diane), Lester (Pamela), Melvin (Robin) and Marvin, Sr. (Patricia) Gilliam; three god children; Zubaidah Bassett Allen, Leslie Gilliam and Matthew Lewis; a cousin who was like a brother, Roosevelt N. (Margene) Lewis; nine sisters-in-law: Julia C. Gilliam, Joyce (Timothy) Lewis, Louise Bassett, Juanita (Mack) Harvey, Cathy (David Sr.) Branch, Goldie Miller, Betty (Gary Sr.) Shelton, Sandra (Melvin) Walton and Kimberly Bassett; two brothers-in-law; Clarence (Joyce) Bassett, Sr. and Robert (Dimple) Bassett, Jr.; a devoted cousin/care giver, Brenda Coles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



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“ Arletha, Artrice, Holly and Family: You can shed tears that he is gone . . . Or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes . . . And pray that he will come back, Or you can open your eyes . . . And see all that he has left. Your heart can be empty . . . Because you can't see him, Or you can be full of the love . . . That you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow . . . And live in yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow . . . Because of yesterday. You can remember him . . . And only that he is gone, Or you can cherish his memory . . . And let it live on. You can cry and close your mind . . . Be empty and turn your back, Or you can do what he would want . . . Smile, open your eyes, love, and go on! May His hand be on your shoulder Through these trying hours and days, His guiding light surround you as you tread these shadowed ways. May you know His warmth as sadness Breaks its cold wave on your shore; May you feel His love enfold you With a faith sound and secure. May His presence close beside you Give you strength to carry on, Trusting in His tender promise Of a new and brighter dawn. With our deepest sympathy, Melvin, Robin, Mia, Timeka and Brea##imported-begin##Melvin Gilliam Family##imported-end##

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“ May God be with you during this time, and if theirs anything I can do please don't hesitate to call.##imported-begin##Julius W. Bassett##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to you for the loss of your loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "there is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ We, the Kingdom Ministries Global Church Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. At this difficult time so many people care deeply about what you're going through, though no one can truly understand all that you feel...But please remember how much we care, and know you're surrounded by warm, supportive thoughts and wishes for the strength and peace today, and in all the days to come. I thank God for Bernard and Arletha who open their home to my wife and I for weekly Bible Study many years ago your trust in God allowed God to teach us as we were imparting a word into the lives of many in your family room as I remembered many times we had overflow onto the steps. "Remember that weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning." Our prayers are with you and the family. Your Cousin Alroy and Carolyn Henderson##imported-begin##Apostle Alroy and Pastor Carolyn Henderson##imported-end##

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