

## Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."  
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

## Note of Thanks

The family of Johnny Gilliard would like to thank our family and friends for all acts of kindness shown during the passing of our beloved. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Family

## Services Were Entrusted to:

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## *Celebrating the Life Of Johnny "Pin Roy" Gilliard*



*November 19, 1956—June 9, 2021*

*Tabernacle Baptist Church  
519 West 19th Avenue  
Gastonia, North Carolina*

*Tuesday; June 15, 2021  
12:30 p.m.*

*Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Pastor  
Officiating*

# ***Life Reflections***

***Johnny “Pin Roy” Gilliard***  
***1956—2021***

Johnny Oden Gilliard was born November 19, 1956 to the late John Henry Gilliard and the late Lena Adams Gilliard in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He departed this earthly life on Wednesday; June 9, 2021 in Gastonia, North Carolina at Brian Center.

“Pin Roy” as he was affectionately called, was educated in the Gaston County School System. He was a veteran of the United States Army where he earned a National Defense Service Metal and was a rifle sharpshooter. Johnny was a diehard Pittsburgh Steeler fan. He supported his family in all their endeavors and will be truly missed.

He leaves to cherish precious memories to his wife of thirty-six years: Vivian Gilliard; sons: Johnny Gilliard Jr. (Lakoya McClean) of Gastonia, North Carolina and John Dixon; daughter: Elizabeth Sharp of Gastonia, North Carolina; two stepchildren: Bonita Belk of Charlotte, NC and Pastor Troy Montgomery of Gastonia, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren; two brothers: Jeff Gilliard and Kevin Gilliard both of Gastonia, North Carolina; favorite cousin/brother: Mont Adams (Mattie) of Augustus, Georgia and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



## **Interment**

Salisbury National Veterans Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, North Carolina  
Thursday, June 17, 2021  
10:00 a.m.



## ***Order of Service***

### ***Invocation***

Dr. Benjamin Hinton

### ***Selection***

### ***Old Testament***

Elder K. Jamar Brown

### ***New Testament***

Reverend Willie J. Gilliard

### ***Prayer of Comfort***

Elder K. Jamar Brown

### ***Selection***

### ***Remarks***

Willie J. Gilliard  
Kevin Gilliard  
Johnny Gilliard, Jr.  
Mont Adams

### ***Song***

### ***Eulogy***

Elder K. Jamar Brown

### ***Military Honors***

### ***Benediction***