

Reflections of the Life of Mr. Michael Ira Lamont Gibson

"Be still and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
PSALM 46:10

Mr. Michael Ira Lamont Gibson, affectionately known as "Ira" humbly surrendered to God's will and quietly entered eternal rest on November 13, 2022, at MUSC Health Lancaster. He was born on October 1, 1950 and was the son of the late Mary Margaret Gibson and the late Thomas Johnson.

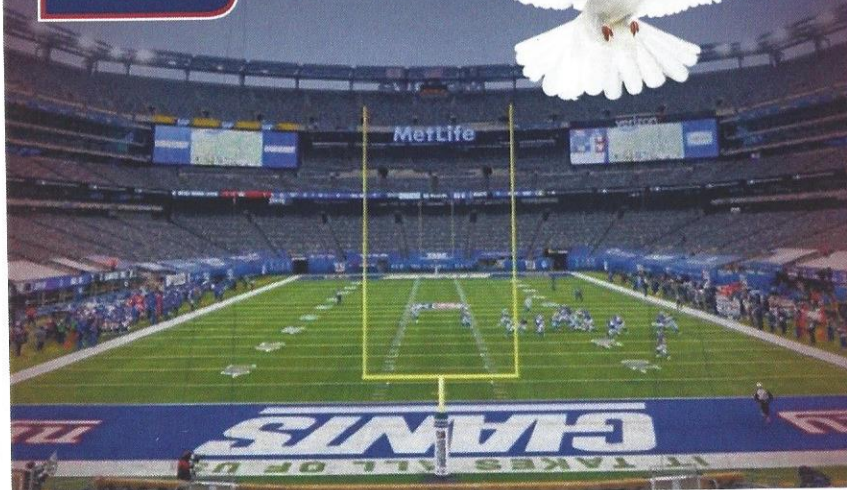
Ira was educated in the state of New York Educational System. He began his working career at an early age. He was a dedicated worker. He managed the laundry department at the New Rochelle Hospital for many years and later the lead custodian for two apartment buildings both in Mt. Vernon New York.

Ira played the drums as a child and developed an enduring love for music. He was fond of cooking, especially preparing Italian and Southern dishes. He spent time with God praying. Ira loved sports. He enjoyed watching football, golf, and educational television shows. He also was a New York Yankees fan. Often, Ira would grace the family with his unique sense of humor. He will be remembered for his willingness to help his family and friends. His loved ones will forever be comforted by his cherishing memories.

Ira leaves to cherish fond memories five siblings, Evangelist Amanda Tate of Lancaster, SC, Jacqueline Bouser, Brenda Pellicci, Valarie (Tyrone) Gibson - Price and Danny Johnson all of Mt. Vernon, NY; four aunts, his beloved Aunt Dora Mingo, Mary McCoy, Willie Mae Drakeford and Inell (George) Wright all of Lancaster, SC; three nieces, Evangelist Wanda (Kenny) Crawford, Nina Mobley and Karen Tate; three nephews, Joseph Gibson, Jonathan Gibson-Price and Joshua Gibson-Price; and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.



Order of Service

Reverend Jerusha Gaither, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation.....Pastor Jerusha Gaither
Selection

The Holy Scriptures

Old TestamentEvangelist Wanda Crawford

New Testament.....Pastor Eddie Moore

Poem of Comfort.....Evangelist Wanda Crawford

Selection.....Pastor Eddie Moore

Words of Comfort.....Evangelist Amanda Tate

Mortitans in Charge.....Stewart Funeral Home

Recessional

Postlude

~Services of Commendation~
Committal Rites, Closing Prayer & Benediction

~Interment~

I.C. Clinton Memorial Cemetery
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

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funeral procession)
(Please sign online registry.)
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