

Grandfather's Tribute

GLENN

G Is for *Grateful*. He was grateful for his family and friends. He was truly blessed.

L Is for *Love*. He enjoyed life and was revered by all who loved and knew him best.

E Is for *Easygoing and earnest*. He didn't let anything bother him. He was sincere in what he said and what he meant.

N Is for his *Name*. He leaves behind a strong legacy – three generations to carry on his name. This is indeed a blessing that his time was well-spent.

N Is for his *Natural*. He was an original across the board. We know you are now in Heaven as the bible says "to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD."

We will always love you Grandpa Glenn. May you Rest in Paradise.



Ushers

Deliverance Praise Center

Pallbearers

Nephews

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Repast

Gilyard Family Residence

711 Hampton Drive NW

Orangeburg, SC 29118

Immediately Following Interment

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mr. Glenn L. Gilyard wishes to express thanks and appreciation for the many comforting acts of love, prayers, and concern shown during this difficult time. We thank God for all of you and may God bless each of you. Special thanks to Personal Caregivers: Carmen (Millie) Stewart, Michelle Gilyard, LaVerne Hickson, Hattie Smalls, and Janet Lee; 4 West -Internal Hospice Comfort Care Team of the Regional Medical Center; Fresenius Kidney Care; Dr. Stephanie Curry & The Red Team and Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia, SC.

-The Gilyard Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President

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A Celebration of Life for

MR. GLENN GILYARD

ALPHA: FEBRUARY 4, 1949 OMEGA: JUNE 12, 2020



SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

Simmons Funeral Home Chapel

2868 Columbia Road

Orangeburg, SC 29118

APOSTLE DRAYTON GILYARD, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

APOSTLE JUDY BRANTLEY, PRESIDING

Prelude.....Keith Fogle, Nephew

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Corporate Prayer.....Apostle James Fogle, Nephew
Gospel Temple of Deliverance, Orangeburg, SC

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Pastor Sheryl Smith
Deliverance Praise Center, Orangeburg, SC

New Testament..... Pastor Ann Fogle
Gospel Temple of Deliverance, Orangeburg, SC

Musical Selection Clarence Sumpter, Nephew
Trombonist

Grandfather's Tribute..... Rashawn
Raven
Briana
Bianca
Jacob

Musical SelectionJohnny Houser, Nephew

Remarks (2 minutes)John Harley, Friend
Evangelist Jean F. Gilyard, Wife/Caregiver
Wilkinson High School Class of 1967

Musical SelectionPastor Shirley Keitt, Friend

Words of ComfortApostle Drayton Gilyard, Son

Committal & Benediction

Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115



Reflection of Life

Mr. Glenn Lee Gilyard ~ affectionately known as Pet, Pet Whamm, Longhead, Julio, Pops, Grandpa and Doogles ~ was born February 4, 1949 in Orangeburg, SC as the youngest of eleven children born to the late Willie & Sallie Mae (Stokes) Gilyard. He peacefully transitioned from life to glory June 12, 2020 at the Regional Medical Center.

At an early age, Mr. Gilyard attended Felderville African Methodist Episcopal Church. He was educated in Orangeburg County public schools and was a member of the Wilkinson High School Class of 1967. He then attended Claflin College before being drafted into the United States Army from September 1969 – January 1971. Mr. Gilyard completed one tour of duty during the Vietnam War as a 94B20 Culinary Specialist (aka - Cook) while assigned to G Company, 163rd Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, earning the rank of E-4/Specialist 4. His awards and decorations include the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), the Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Army Commendation w/Overseas Bar, and the Expert Marksmanship Badge (M-14). Upon the completion of his service, Mr. Gilyard received an Honorable Discharge from active duty, transferred into the Army Reserves and continued his education at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical Institute.

From 1974 - 1992, Mr. Glenn Gilyard worked at Mayer Wildman as a Machinist. For 18 years, he gained mastery of every machine on the production floor. Most notably during his employment, he was known for his athleticism on the company's softball team as an outfielder. In 1993, Glenn Gilyard moved to New York City to complete the Graduation Harlem Institute's Refrigeration Course and worked for Sears as an Applicant Repair Refrigerant, Licensed Handler from 1995 until he retired in 2008.

Glenn Gilyard was united in marriage to the former Jean Marie Felder of Orangeburg, South Carolina on May 17, 1969. To this union, they had two children: Byron A. Gilyard and Drayton L. Gilyard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Sallie (Stokes) Gilyard, and five siblings: Samuel R. "Bubba" Gilyard, Catherine Fogle, Rosa M. Gilyard, Evelyn Sumpter, and Alberta Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife: Jean M. Gilyard, two sons: Byron A. Gilyard and Drayton L. Gilyard, four sisters: Sallie Fairnot, Cora Stinson, Sara Ross, and Willow Blocker, one brother: Willie Gilyard, Jr., three granddaughters: Raven Gilyard, Briana Gilyard, and Bianca Gilyard, two grandsons: Rashawn Gilyard and Jacob Gilyard-DaCosta, two great-grandchildren: Demetre Hills and Laiah Gilyard, two brothers-in-law: Jermain and Jamal Felder (Philadelphia, PA), four daughters-in-law: Chevelle Gilyard, Michelle Gilyard, Ruth Whitfield, and Krishna Gamble, and a whole host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and special friends.