

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning,
that God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you, dearly,
in death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone;
For part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the Chain will link again.
We love and miss you ever so much.*

Pallbearers

Kevin Hampton Michael Hampton Paris Hampton
Nathan Wise Jarmel Butler Jasper Boykin, Jr.

Floral Bearers

Melody Wise Butler Nicole Hampton Raven Hampton
Alexis Hampton Anari Hampton Donna Myers
&
Trustee Wives – Bethlehem Baptist Church

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Joseph D. Gilmore, are sincerely grateful for all the prayers, call, gestures of kindness and expressions of love extended to us, during this time of bereavement. Your unselfish devotion has made dealing with this loss easier to bear. May God continue to richly bless and keep each of you. We would like to offer a special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of Rice Estates for their dedication, love, and attention given to Mr. Gilmore during his time in the facility.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Home Going Service Celebrating the Life of

MR. JOSEPH DOUGLAS GILMORE



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

1:00 P.M.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
1218 LYON STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. CHARLES DELAUGHTER
-PASTOR-**

Obituary of Mr. Joseph Douglas Gilmore

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept my faith."
~2 Timothy 4:7*

Joseph Douglas Gilmore, departed this earthly life for his heavenly home, on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Rice Estate, Arbor Center, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was born on August 31, 1930, to the late Earlene Eason Gilmore McLeod.

Joseph, or **Daddy Joe**, as he was affectionately known by his grandchildren, attended W. B. Wicker School where he was a 1950 graduate. After leaving W.B. Wicker, Joseph went into the workforce for a short while before answering his call to honor and duty and enlisted in the United States Army, in 1953. He received a Good Conduct Medal and Parachutist Badge. Joseph was a proud member of the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division. Continuing his call to duty and honor, after leaving the military in 1959, Sergeant Gilmore worked for the military at Fort Jackson for twenty-nine years, as an Ambulance Driver and a Dispatcher at the Motor Pool, until his retirement in 1988.

Joseph was a dedicated member to Bethlehem Baptist Church, where he served on the Trustee Ministry, the Brotherhood, and the Men's Choir. In addition to his church involvement, Joseph was also active in his community. He was an active member of the DAV Chapter 20, Columbia Chapter #753 of the Midlands AARP and the Melrose Heights Community Association.

In addition to his mother, **Joseph** was preceded in death by his son, Nathaniel Wise; siblings, James McLeod, Della Jean McLeod-Watson, Betty Jean McLeod-Montgomery, Exselon McLeod, and Lutie McLeod, Jr..

Joseph leaves to cherish his precious memory: his wife of 51 years, Mary Portee Gilmore; a son, Douglas (Luella) Gilmore; three daughters, Loretta Hampton, Iris Gilmore, and Carolyn Jackson; three brothers, Charles McLeod, Andrae McLeod, and Gregory (Cheryl) McLeod; eight grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
- Scriptures Reading:
 - Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31.....Reverend Ronald Watson
Associate Pastor, White Oak Baptist Church, Winder, GA
 - New Testament: 1 Thossalonians 4:13-17.....Reverend Ronald Watson
- Prayer.....Reverend Dr. Thurmond Bowens, Jr.
Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Musical Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
- Refelctions.....Comrade Leroy Tyson, Sr.
DAV, World War II 92nd Buffalo Chapter 20, West Columbia, SC
Deacon Gilbert Adams
Family Deacon, Bethelam Baptist Church
Mr. Kevin Hampton
Grandson
- Musical Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles DeLaughter
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Family Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Melody Wise Butler
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina**