#### Pallbearers

Kevin Hampton Nathan Wise Michael Hampton Jarmel Butler

Paris Hampton Jasper Boykin, Jr.

### 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.

#### Floral Bearers

Melody Wise Butler Alexis Hampton

Nicole Hampton Anari Hampton Raven Hampton Donna Myers

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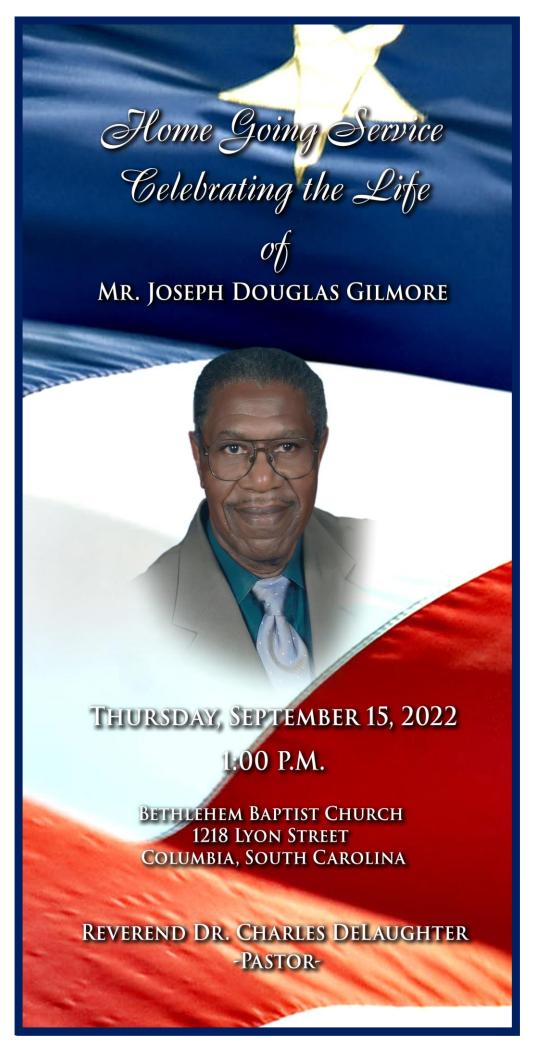
Trustee Wives - Bethelehem Bapstist Church

# **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:





# 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. 82<sup>nd</sup> 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







Musical Prelude



























# A Service of Remembrance

**Processional** Viewing......Funeral Directors Opening Hymn.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Santuary 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 Santuary Choir Refelctions.......Comrade Leroy Tyson, Sr. DAV, World War II 92<sup>nd</sup> Buffalo Chapter 20, West Columbia, SC **Deacon Gilbert Adams** Family Deacon, Bethelem Baptist Church Mr. Kevin Hampton Musical Selection.....Bethlehem Baptist Church Santuary Choir 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