

Pallbearers

Cousins

Floral Bearers

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Don't Cry For Me

By Deborah Garcia Gaitan

*Don't cry for me.
I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
And this is where I'll stay.
Don't cry for me.
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
And try to stay strong.
Don't cry for me.
It was just my time,
But I will see you some day
On the other side.
Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.
The angels are with me
To welcome me home.
Don't cry for me,
For I have no fear.
All my pain is gone,
And Jesus took my tears.
Don't cry for me,
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
When we meet again.*

*Homegoing Services
In Loving Memory
of*

MR. EARL GILROY WILLIAMS



**SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

**BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF ATLAS ROAD
2440 ATLAS ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Reflections of the Life

And God shall wipe away all tears from your eyes...
Neither shall there be anymore pain, for the former things have passed away.
Revelations 2:14

Mr. Earl Gilroy Williams was born September 20, 1960, in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Canty and Shirley J. Williams. He departed this life on Friday, June 23, 2023, at his home in Columbia, South Carolina. Earl, who was affectionately known as *Gil*, was educated in the Richland County Public School System. He graduated from Dreher High School in the Class of 1978. After high school, he joined the United States Army and was discharged honorably. *Gil* moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania shortly after his time in the Army. He was employed at True Life Fellowship Church for many years, and also worked as Security Officer at the Community College until his retirement.

Gil accepted Christ at a young age and attended Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church. As a child, he was remembered for walking through the Arthurtown Community and praying for anyone he encountered on Saturday mornings. He also spent his time reading the Bible with his beloved grandmother, Rebecca. *Gil* loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road until his health declined. Gil also loved to listen to gospel music.

Gil was raised by his great-grandparents, George and Rebecca Jenkins. Gil was considered an “old soul” since his childhood. He enjoyed conversing with his elders. *Gil* also had an affectionate smile that would light up any room. He loved to joke and his laughter was contagious. Gil had a penchant for dressing well and smelling good. He was very health conscious and he was an avid runner. *Gil* ran a few miles daily until he was no longer able to. Though he loved all sports, basketball was his favorite. He was a lifelong Boston Celtics fan and was also a fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Gil was family oriented and kept in touch with his family members regularly. He doted on his niece and nephews and held a special place in his heart for each of his siblings, especially his older sister.

Gil was preceded in death: by his parents; a sister, Telly Williams; and a brother, Tiecher Pinckney, Sr.

Mr. Earl Gilroy Williams leaves to cherish his precious memory: his sister, Sherial Jenkins, of Irvington, New Jersey; brothers, Gregory Williams and George (Sharon) Williams, both of Columbia, South Carolina; nephews, Xavier Pinckney, Tiecher Pinckney, Jr., and Travis King, all of Columbia, South Carolina; nieces, Jameelah Mack, of Newark, New Jersey and Latosha Boyles, of Columbia, South Carolina; great-nephews, Zayquan Pinckney and Zamari Outen, both of Columbia, South Carolina, and Zayd Isa, of Newark, New Jersey; great-nieces, Y’Nesha Griffin, Nigeria Gieger, and Tykeriaa Brown, all of Columbia, South Carolina; uncles, Ulysses (Shirley) Williams and Herbert Williams, of Columbia, South Carolina; aunt, Doretha Woodard, of Columbia, South Carolina; a godson, Michael D. Loyd, Jr.; 19 great, great nephews and nieces; and a host of loving relatives and friends, all whom will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Presiding, Assistant Pastor Randall “Mack” Jackson

- Musical Prelude
- Processional.....Clergy, Family, and Friends
- Opening Hymn..... Bible Way Church Choir
- Old Testament..... Dr. Phil Flowers
- New Testament..... Reverend Ronald McFadden
- Prayer of Comfort Elder Jeffrey Scott
- Musical Selection..... Bible Way Church Choir
- Reflections..... Reverend Ronald McFadden, *Friend*
Mr. Anthony Adams, *Family*
- Musical Selection..... Bible Way Church Choir
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Charles Epps
Pastor, Haskell Heights Progressive Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Earl Gilroy Williams, gracefully acknowledge all acts of kindness and service rendered to us during the passing of our loved one. A special thanks to: Bible Way Church of Atlas Road, Columbia South Carolina, Citadel of Hope (Ms. Kimberly Morris), Columbia, South Carolina, and his caregiver, Nicole Loyd, of Columbia, South Carolina. To each of you we say, thank you and may God forever bless you with His love.

-The Family