

Pallbearers

George Brown
Jacquell Robinson

Jordan Gilmore
James Bell

Tony Thompson
Courtland Gilmore

Floral Bearers

Arnique Gilmore
Takeisha Gilmore

Aaron Johnson
Deocha Reese Johnson

Jessica Gilmore
Kayla Johnson

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Reverend Jesse Gilmore, Jr, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support shown to us during this passing of our loved one. Special thanks to Fast Trac Transport and Meals on Wheels, for your care and support. It is our prayer that the Lord bless each of you in a special way.

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**A Service of Remembrance
Celebrating the Life
of
Reverend Dr. Jesse Gilmore, Jr.**



**Monday, October 14, 2024
1:00 p.m.**

**Second Nazareth Baptist Church
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Reverend Dr. Johnny Ray Noble, PhD
-Pastor-**

Reflections of the Life of Reverend Dr. Jesse Gilmore, Jr.

Reverend Dr. Jesse Gilmore, Jr., affectionately known by close relatives as “Lynbug” was born on May 6, 1933, in Hopkins, South Carolina. He was the only child of the late Jesse Gilmore, Sr. and Bessie Howell Richardson-Gilmore. Reverend Gilmore departed this life to be with God on October 5, 2024.

Reverend Jesse Gilmore, Jr. was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. His passion for auto mechanics evolved after training under the superior guidance of Mr. Prock Williams at Booker T. Washington High School. He continued to develop his skills and training while employed at Jenkins Garage and Powell Garage, which encouraged him to become an entrepreneur. In 1960, he established Gilmore & Sons Garage & Wrecker Service and came up with the iconic slogan “If you movin’ slow and want to go, call Gilmore.” The shop still stands today, and is located at 117 Mark Street, Columbia, SC, 29203. He taught both his sons auto mechanics, and his legacy will live on for years to come.

Reverend Dr. Jesse Gilmore, Jr. was baptized at an early age at his family church, New Light Beulah Baptist Church, in Hopkins, SC and continued his walk in the faith until his passing.

His love for Gospel music awarded him the opportunity to become the booking manager for the Carolina Gospel Singers out of Hopkins/Eastover, SC. He formed the family gospel group that consisted of his wife, two sons, and his three daughters, naming the group with the introduction of “LOOK WHO’S COMING!! THE GILMORE FAMILY GOSPEL SINGERS.” The family group would go on to travel and sing on several programs and preaching engagements with him. His passion for gospel music ushered him to the arena of one of the most talented guitar players in South Carolina, National Recording Artist, Mr. Drink Smalls. Mr. Smalls became influential in teaching Reverend Gilmore and his two young sons (Jesse and Cedric) to become two of the best lead and bass guitarists in South Carolina.

Reverend Gilmore possessed the ability to stir a crowd with his big voice. Because of that gift, he became a well-known and sought-after emcee for several major gospel artists that performed in South Carolina. He traded in his Master of Ceremonies hat after being called to preach the gospel in 1972. He was ordained in 1974, under the leadership of Pastor W.H. Neal, at New Light Beulah Baptist Church in Hopkins, SC. After being ordained, he went on to pastor three churches, for over 30 years. Reverend Gilmore retired from pastoring but continued to preach at various churches of his theologian colleagues. He became a productive radio announcer and programmer for various radio stations such as WOIC, WQXL, WTGH, and many other stations in the surrounding areas for over 60 years. He provided mentorship, coaching, and training that produced some of the greatest announcers and program directors in the field of radio today. Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. William McKinley Bowman, Reverend Gilmore moved on to record for several National Artists during his affiliation with Hort Sullivan Gospel label. At heart he continued to master his skills of programing and recording, where he recorded his first sermon “When the Church Gets Through.”

He was very active in his community by volunteering for the Red Cross, for the REACT Association, and mentoring. He was heavily involved in the Law Association, nursing facilities, and prison ministries. When Reverend Gilmore wasn’t in the pulpit or at the radio station, he could be found doing what he called connecting with God’s nature, fishing and camping. He also enjoyed talking on his C.B. radio with the handle name “Spark Plug.” Anyone in close contact with him could be sure to expect a call at 3am, 4am, 5am, with an expectation of the call being answered.

Rev. Jesse Gilmore, Jr. leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Mrs. Hazel Middleton-Gilmore; his daughters, Ms. Linda Broden, Ms. Geraldine Hayes, Ms. Delores Gilmore, and Ms. Daisy Robinson; his sons, Mr. Jesse Gilmore III and Cedric Gilmore, Sr. (Nikki), all of Columbia, South Carolina. He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; a host of loving relatives and friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

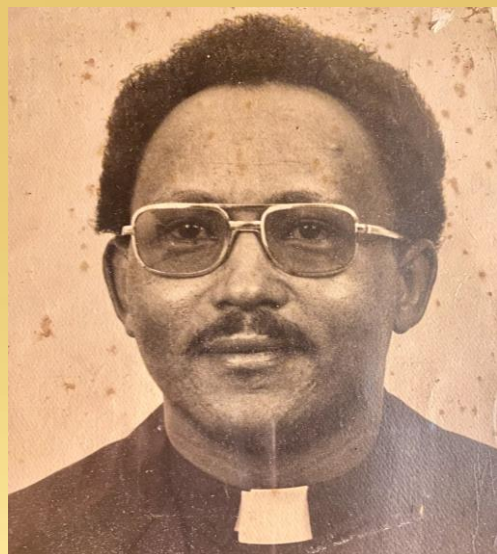
*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It’s all a part of the Master’s Plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds*

Memories



The Carolina Gospel Singers of Eastover were organized in the early 1950s. Along with the Rising Stars, this group performed at churches in Richland, Sumter, and Kershaw Counties. Their talent and popularity led to several gospel recordings. From left to right are (first row) Thomas Gunter Sr., Willie Kelly, Jessie Gilmore, David Cohens Sr., and Colie Miller Sr.; (second row) John Sims, Willie Wilson, and Richard Simons. (Thomas Gunter Jr.)



Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr., Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional
- Opening Hymn..... “When I Need Him Most”
- Old Testament.....Reverend Charles P. Austin
- New Testament.....Reverend Tommy Rush
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Ladson, Sr.
- Musical Selection.....Anthony Outen and Family
- Remarks.....(Two Minutes, Please).....Ms. Blanche Goodson
 Ms. Loretta Coleman
 Deacon Leslie Fisher
 Ms. Emma Butler
 Pastor Curtis Young
 Deacon Archie Suber
 Ms. Cardesha Gilmore
 Mr. Jesse Gilmore III
- Musical Selection.....Ms. Angela Bishop
- Words of ComfortReverend Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment
Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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