

In Loving Memory of
Sam F. Gilbert, Sr.

Sunrise
January 23, 1936

Sunset
March 29, 2016



Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Rev. Allan Potts, Officiating



Obituary

Sam J. Gilbert, 80, of Newark, New Jersey passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Beth Israel Hospital. He was born January 23, 1936 to the late Jessie and Ellen Gilbert in Damascus Georgia. Sam was a longtime resident of Newark, New Jersey since leaving his home in Damascus, Georgia at the age of 7 where he continued to live out his entire life in Newark, New Jersey.

He graduated from Southside High School known today as Shabazz. At an early age, he met and married his childhood sweetheart, Geraldine (Stewart) Gilbert and from that union they had three children, the late Geraldine (Tammy) Gilbert, Sam Gilbert Jr., and Lisa Gilbert.

Sam was employed at McGraw - Edison located in Belleville, New Jersey from 1965 until his retirement. Sam enjoyed working so after his retirement, he went to work for Neilson and retired from Neilson where he later found work at Cotton-Parker Funeral Home as a flower delivery driver, until his health began to get the best of him, and he could no longer do deliveries.

Sam would walk in the room and his smile would light it up. His laugh would make you laugh even if you didn't know what he was laughing about. He was comical, had a great sense of humor, loved to laugh and joke around. He loved his family more than life itself, especially his grandchildren and great- grandchildren with whom he adored with all his heart and known to them lovingly as "GRANDFATHER"

If you rode by or visited his home, you would see him sitting on the porch with his nephew June bug that was his past time. He was so proud to still have some of his childhood friends to hang out with, and affectionately loved his best friend Carol Johnson; he was Sam's 1st born child's God-father. Ge loved to dress and always was 100 percent with anyone. He loved his Cadillac vehicles which is a Gilbert family trademark. Sam had a heart of gold and was very generous, kind and lived taking early walks in the morning at Weequahic Park.

Sam fought a good fight no matter what diagnosis he received from the doctor or illness he battled against, he would not give in, but on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30pm God called him home and he departed this life here on earth. Now he is resting in the arms of the Creator Jesus Christ and all his beloved ones who awaited his arrival. He will forever be our Champion, and we love him so much and admire his strength as Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, great- uncle, great great- uncle and friend.

Sam leaves to mourn, his devoted wife of 59 years Geraldine Gilbert, son Sam Gilbert Jr. Daughter Lisa Gilbert, God-daughter Regina Plaza, grandchildren; grandsons: Jose Watley, Michael Gilbert, Al-Sherod and Al Terron Robinson and granddaughter, Asijah Gilbert. Great grandchildren: Ryann Wately and Alonzo Van Dyke. Sister-in-law Ruth Gilbert and Brother-in-law Ernest Barron., and a host of other relative's nieces, nephews, loving cousins, family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Jessie and Ellen Gilbert, sisters; Cora Barron and Lullabelle Fisher, brothers: Jessie and Roosevelt Gilbert, and his daughters Geraldine (Tammy) Gilbert and Cheryl Robinson.

We believe their singing that great hymn "Oh what a fellowship, oh what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus."

Order of Service

Musical Selection

Processional

The Scriptures

Old Testament Reading- Psalm 23

New Testament Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Consolation

Solo “Precious Lord”

Reflections and Remarks

Selection “Don’t Cry For Me”
SuSu Montgomery

Acknowledgements/Cards

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Solo..... “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Eulogy.....Rev. Allan Potts

Recessional

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

The family requests that you join them for the repast at the church immediately following the interment.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Don't Weep

Don't weep for me in sorrow, nor grieve until you ache,
Smile in my memory tomorrow and each blessed day you wake,
Remember me in better times of shared moments of glee.
Don't forget when laughter chimed, just be joyful for me.
I never took pride in my mistakes and often I would pray.
That away the pain God would take and help to guide my way.
When words are spoken in my memory let it be an overdrawn eulogy
Let the message reflect what the heart did see and let the heart did see
And let the work I've done speak for me.

Pall Bearers

TyJuan Gilbert Darren Gilbert
Juan William Gilbert Rafik Barron
Ernest Barron

Acknowledgement

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