

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GILBERT GICHANA MASAGATE

SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 25, 1960

SUNSET: FEBRUARY 12, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Gilbert Gichana Masagate Omariba was born on November 25th, 1960 to the late Pasficus and Sisiria Omariba of Marani, Kisii County in Kenya.

He attended Marani and Nyambara Primary schools in Kisii followed by Nyabondo Boarding School. He proceeded to attend Kisumu Secondary School and Kisumu High School graduating in 1983. Gilbert was passionate about education and begun his career as a teacher at Marani Secondary School and later Magonga Primary School all within his home area.

Gilbert married Rhoda Nyamoita in October 1989 and was later blessed with two daughters, Laretta Nyabate in 1990 and Vera Obegi in 1991. He later migrated to the United States in 1995 and lived in New Jersey for over 20 years where he worked as a warehouse clerk up until an injury in 2016.

Those who knew Gilbert well would describe him as fun-loving, wise, and kindhearted. There was nothing Gilbert loved more than an interesting conversation with family, friends or even strangers. Gilbert thrived on the exchange of creative ideas with his peers and his smile would light up their day.

After a long illness, Gilbert passed on February 2, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Rhoda; daughters, Laretta and Verah; and five grandchildren. Gilbert also leaves behind siblings Margaret, Kemunto, Richard, and Daniel in the USA and many more back in Kenya, along with a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

We will always carry Gilbert's memory in our hearts.

Romans 8:18 NIV. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

***Music Plays**

***Welcome message:** MC Mome Oigo

***Opening Prayer:** Haron Orutwa

***Hymn:** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

***Bible Reading**

John 14:1-3

1 Cor 15:51-56 - Stacey Motachwa

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 - Chris Onsongo

***Tributes:**

***Friends**

Thomas Jenel

Dan Aberi

***Family**

Margaret Omariba

Daniel Omariba

Charles Araka

Leona Nyaoso

***Eulogy:** Richard Omariba

***Hymn:** It Is Well With my Soul

***Sermon:** Pastor Patrick Kisuule

***Committal and Blessing:** Rev. Rick Boyer

***Closing Remarks:** Arnold Matonda

***Closing Hymn:** God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Music Plays (Procession) Mwendo Nimeumaliza

INTERMENT

Kisii, Kenya

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
My chains are gone
I've been set free (been set free)
My God, my Savior has ransomed me (ransomed me)
And like a flood (like a flood) His mercy rains (mercy rains)
Unending love, oh, Amazing grace
The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace (grace)
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind (was blind), but now (but now) I see

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