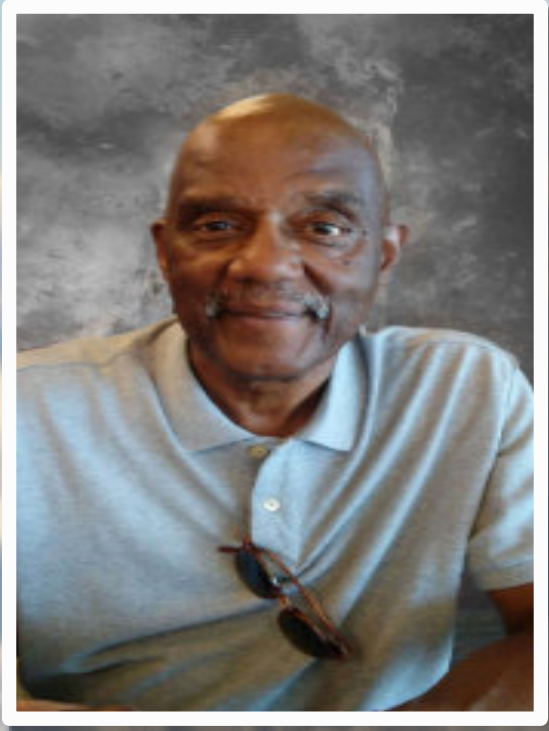


A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Eric Richard Gibbons

Sunrise: August 13, 1944
Sunset: March 2, 2022



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 - 2:00 P.M

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Eric Richard Gibbons was born on August 13, 1944 in Newark, NJ. He was the son of the late Leon Gibbons Sr. and Lulu Gibbons.

Eric received his education through the Newark Public School system, attending Miller St. Elementary and graduating from Southside High School (Go Bulldogs!). While in school, he led a stellar athletic career as an All-State in track and field and as a defensive specialist in football.

Eric began his work career with his father and brothers at Leo's Trucking Company in Newark. After which, he continued employment for over 20 years at Federal Bronze Casting, as a smelter.

Both, before and after retirement Eric's favorite pastimes were taking walks in Branch Brook Park, watching the Giants (his favorite football team), attending track meets, following the Stock Market, enjoying Chinese food and traveling with family and friends. His love of travel began with his Aunt Alberta, who would often tell him to pack his bags and, "let's go!" Eric established many friendships traveling the east coast following up and coming high school and collegiate track athletes. He and William Johnson (So. Carolina) shared many of those experiences and rehashed over the phone almost daily. Over the years, Eric enjoyed traveling to Family Reunions, cruising to various places in the Caribbean, like Jamaica, St. Thomas, Grand Cayman, Curacao and Mexico, just to name a few. He could often be found traveling to New York going from the Village to Uptown. His travel buddies were his sister, Olivia (deceased), cousin Carletta, and other cousins, as well. Quality senior recreation was a given! Newark Office of Senior Services planned monthly travel excursions and Eric, accompanied by friends, enjoyed going to plays, movies, shows, restaurants and going on shopping sprees.

Eric was a long time member of The New Hope Baptist Church, in Newark, NJ, faithfully attending for years.

Always about family, you could often find Eric in the living room or at the kitchen table at family members' homes, "shooting the breeze on just about anything". He enjoyed partaking in holiday gatherings, cookouts, and other family festivities. Eric would always have his way of just checking in. Often times, he was the life of the party, keeping family and friends laughing.

Preceding Eric's passing, parents Leon Sr. and Lulu, Brother Leon Jr, Sister Olivia and son Shahid. He leaves to cherish his memory, Brother Albert, Sister-In-Law Shirlene (affectionately called "Sister Shirl"), Brother Dyrel Lowe (Sister-In-Law Patricia), Sister-In-Law Lillian, Son Shaka Karriem, grandchildren, close cousins (Carletta, Sadiq, Malikita, and Denise), special friends (Karen Cooper and Doreen Drinkard,) and a host of close relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding –Pastor Joe A. Carter

The New Hope Baptist Church

106 Sussex Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07103

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament.....Psalms 23 Rev. Diane Hawkins (Cousin)

New Testament.....1 Cor. 15: 50-58 Rev. Sonya Redd (Cousin)

PRAYER of Health.....Doreen Drinkard

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Atallah Gibbons (Great Niece)

SPECIAL READING.....Denise Madison (Cousin)

REMARKS – 2 Minutes

OBITUARY.....Karen Cooper

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Atallah Gibbons

EULOGY.....Pastor Joe A. Carter

RECESSIONAL SONG

CREMATION

Private

GOD TOOK HIM TO HIS LOVING HOME

God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.
He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered,
"Come with me".

He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.
He faced his pain with courage, until the very end.

He tried so hard to stay with
us but his fight was not in vain.

God took him to His loving home and freed him
from the pain.

Anon

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our sincere gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy
and the love you have shown. It has given us great comfort
during this difficult time and is deeply appreciated.

The Gibbons Family

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