A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Dennis Lawrence Gillyard, Sr.

Sunrise June 11, 1946 Sunset July 14, 2022



Friday, July 29, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

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"The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want"

Order of Service

Selection......"Never Would Have Made It" - Mr. Eugene Reid Old Testament, Psalm 23 New Testament, Revelation 21:1-7 Solo"Take Me To The King" - Mr. Eugene Reid The Recessional"I'll Fly Away" - Mr. Eugene Reid

<u>Interment</u>
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Obituary

Dennis, the oldest of five children, was born on June 11, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York to the late David and Enid Gillyard. Dennis was called home to God at 8:16pm on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Princeton University Medical Center, Princeton, New Jersey.

Dennis was employed at The School of Visual Arts for 30 years as a buyer and he retired in April 2022. Through those years, he gained many friends whom he spoke of dearly; Raymar, Deirdre, Chris, Jim, Tony and a group of guys from the west side.

Dennis married his first angel, Virginia, (who preceded him in death) and they were together for 43 years and from this union they had three children, two daughters Denise and Dawn, one son Dennis, Jr. (June).

Dennis then met and fell in love with his second angel, Natalie and on May 19, 2018 they were married. They lived in Elmont, NY, until recently, when they moved to North Brunswick, NJ. Even during his short time there, he became friends with his neighbors and got to enjoy some of the amenities that made him happy, like gardening and playing rounds of pool.

Dennis loved fishing, gardening and was well known for his cooking skills. He enjoyed cooking for his loving wife, Natalie. A few of his favorite restaurants he and Natalie enjoyed were Red Lobster, Benihana and On The Border. One of his favorite things to do was relaxing and watching some of his favorite shows like, Forged in Fire and a multitude of fishing and karate shows.

Dennis was always the life of the party and enjoyed having family gatherings. He was always known at the end of the night to say his favorite words "You ain't gotta go home, but you gotta get the (blank) outta here". Lol.

Dennis leaves to cherish his fond memories: his devoted wife, Natalie; daughters Denise and Dawn; son Dennis Jr. (June); step-son Danny; step-daughter Michele; grandsons Andre Jr. (Buster), Kyle; granddaughters Chantice, Brittiny, Brieanna & Kelli; Step-granddaughter Madison, daughter-in-law Susan (deceased) & Nicole; son-in-law Adam; brothers-in-law James, Philip & Richard; sisters-in-law Deborah, Gloria & Adrienne; a host of loving nieces Jackie & Tiffany to name a few; a host of loving nephews Darryl & Phil to name a few; uncles Norman & Lonnie; the fathers of his grandsons, Andre Sr. & Claudel; his man Parker; a host of relatives and many loving friends.

Dennis' Presence Shall Surely Be Missed By All Who Knew And Loved Him!!!

If I had one wish.....
I'd wish you back with us!
I'd wish you healthy and whole!
I'd wish I could hug and kiss you!
I'd wish I could thank you for all the joy and caring you gave us!
But now, my one wish is for you to have the happiness, joy and peace you so deserve!
I love you Dennis and thank you for loving us!
Love you Forever!!



Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. you did not go alone; for part of us went with you The day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one The chain will link again. FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS!! LOVE YOU ALWAYS!!

Your Children: Denise, Dawn & Dennis Jr. (June)

Pallbearers

(Grandsons, Nephews, My Man)
Andre Gillyard • Kyle Cayemittes • Darryl Williams
Felix Williams • Christopher Williams • Lavelle Williams
Phillip Williams, Jr. • Ulysses Parker

In Appreciation

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness showed them in their time of sorrow.

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