



Johnny Lee Gilbert

May 14, 1941 - December 25, 2017

Johnny Lee Gilbert was born to Ernest and Queen Ester Gilbert on May 14th 1941 in Cuthbert, Georgia. He passed away peacefully after fighting a long illness on December 25, 2017 at Christiana Care Hospital in Newark, Delaware. Johnny Lee attended Shellman Vocational School in Shellman, Georgia. As an adult he worked at King Cole Canning Company for 29 years and Cargill/Paramount/ Allen's as a Sanitation technician for 16 years before he retired.

Johnny Lee has played the guitar all of his life and spent his retirement years playing for several churches and upon request. He gave guitar lessons to family and friends and was known for taking long walks around Milton. He loved to drive and would take anyone anywhere they needed to be. He was Uber and Lyft before Uber and Lyft got started. He loved talking to people; everyone was a friend. Family was very important to him. Not only did he love and cherish his own family but he loved and respected his wife's family as well. To Sara Hill, he loved you dearly.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Queen Ester Gilbert, father, Ernest Gilbert Sr., two brothers, Eddie and Ernest Gilbert Jr., and nephew, Bernard McSwain.

Johnny Lee is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marjorie Gilbert, surviving

sister, Mattie Ree McSwain, his seven children, Alvin Hill (Nichole), Coolsprings, DE, Johnny Hill, Milford, DE, Cathy Hill, Manhattan, NY, Wanda Howell, Bowie, MD , Ernest Gilbert, Dover, DE, Queena Gilbert, East Brunswick, NJ, and Jene Duffy, Lewes, DE; his honorary brothers Joe Lewis and J. W. Wendall, a nephew, three nieces, sixteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, a host of great nieces and nephews , and a close friend, Marvin Duffy, Rehoboth, DE.

Johnny Lee has lived a long and fulfilling life with many blessings and memories to cherish. He will be missed by all.

Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, January 6, 2018 12 noon at Mt. Zion Holiness Church 325 Front Street Milton, Delaware 19968 with a two hour viewing prior to the service. To offer words of comfort , or sign the guest book visit www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com. Professional services entrusted to Bennie Smith Funeral Home, Millsboro.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Johnny Lee Gilbert, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - January 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To Mrs. J. Gilbert Duffy & family,

I am sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. May God's love strength and comfort you.

Dr. Doris Person - January 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. Although I did not know Mr. Gilbert personally, I do have a hope that I would like to share with the family.....that hope is of a resurrection. There will come to pass the marvelous promise that God has made to restore the dead to life, for "there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous (Acts 24:15). At that time Jesus is going to awaken Mr. Gilbert and he will "get up" from sleeping!

Carolyn Dixon - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Johnny Gilbert. Death is like sleep I that the dead are unconscious and cannot do anything. However the creator of life Jehovah God can bring the dead back to life on earth by means of the Earthly Resurrection. Ecclesiastes 9:5 John 5:28,29 Acts 24:15

Ana Williamsm - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My condolences to the family, 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 describes a God of comfort, "who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God. " May God comfort you during this difficult time and may you find comfort in his promise of a resurrection. - John 5:28,29

Jw - January 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, will soon eliminate all grief and provide permanent consolation when “all those in the memorial tombs will hear [Christ’s] voice and come out”! (John 5:28, 29) God promises that “he will do away with death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.” (Isa. 25:8) Then, instead of having to “weep with those who weep,” all earth’s inhabitants will “rejoice with those who rejoice.”—Rom. 12:15.

M Jones - December 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Grief can be so hard, but our cherished memories help us to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God's promise at Isaiah 41:10

JoyceA - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the loss of your loved one. Read Isaiah 25:8, reading from the scriptures can give you comfort and peace at this sad time.

Irene - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family. During this difficult time, God is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit He saves. Psalms 34:18

D King - December 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM