

Floral Bearers and Casket Bearers

Family and Friends

Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see*

*Was Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far
And Grace will lead us home*

Acknowledgements

Our thanks to everyone for the many acts of kindness and the prayers we received during his illness and since his homegoing.

Special thanks to his granddaughter Masani for her exceptional care of her grandfather.



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Homegoing Celebration for Dr. Reuban J. Gilliam, Sr.



Sunrise
October 14, 1934

Sunset
May 20, 2020

Sunday, May 24, 2020

1:00 PM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Chapel
727 North Patterson Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Dr. Melvin Aikens, Sr., Officiant and Eulogist

Between the Dash

Dr. Reuban J. Gilliam made his entrance into the world on October 14, 1934, as the son of William Green Gilliam and Florence Carr Gilliam. As a faithful servant, God called him to eternal rest on May 20, 2020.

Tall in stature and affectionally known as “Red”, he excelled in basketball and football and was inducted into the Atkins Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. He married his high school sweetheart, the former Anita Stanback, the love of his life, mother to their children and special confidant. After sixty-six years of marriage, true to her vows, she preceded him in death.

He began to serve his country in the US Air Force in 1954, played on the All Air Force basketball team and retired from service in 1974. He also played for the Harlem Magicians. Later he served as a counselor for the substance abuse and treatment program, Sundial in Winston-Salem, NC.

Answering God’s called to the ministry, he continued to study and received a Master of Divinity degree and then a Doctorate of Divinity degree from Howard University. As pastor at both St. John Baptist Church in Asheboro, NC and North Winston Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, he was a tireless shepherd to his flock. His ministry extended beyond the walls of the church and into the community where he provided counseling and resources for many and shelter and tutoring for the neighborhood children. They could rely on an after school meal through the Kid’s Café sponsored by the North Winston CDC, where he served as president.

He had been an active member of the Minister’s Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the Baptist Minister’s Conference, Prince Hall Masons, CEO of North Winston Community Development, president of the **NAACP** in Asheboro, NC, CEO for the Inter Faith Partnership for Advocacy and Reconciliation and a founding member of **CHANGE**

Siblings who predeceased him include: sisters, Ruth Long, Sarah Smith, Sadie West and Dorothy Aikens; brothers, Hampton Gilliam, Milton Gilliam, Robert Gilliam and James Gilliam.

Cherishing his legacy are: children, Reuban J.(Cherryl) Gillam, Jr., Adrian J. (Valerie) Gilliam, Elliott (Lorraine) Gilliam, Sr., Anita Gilliam, Leslie G. Hairston, and Lynnette G. (Reggie) Moore; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; fourteen great-great grandchildren; in-laws, Herbert Stanback, Hubert (Sylvia) Stanback, Mary Stanback and Francis Stanback; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The Order of Service

The Gathering

Clergy and Family

The Opening Prayer

The Holy Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

The Prayer of Comfort

Dr. Melvin Aikens, Sr.

Solo

Mr. Melvin Aikens, Jr.

Special Tribute

Solo

Mr. Melvin Aikens, Jr.

The Eulogy

Dr. Melvin Aikens, Sr., Pastor
Second New Bethel Baptist Church

The Committal

The Interment

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Salisbury National Cemetery
Salisbury, NC