



Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.

November 8, 1933 - March 11, 2024

GILBERT, Mr. Bossie Jr. - Age 90, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024, at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:30 AM Friday, March 22, 2024, at Foss Ave. Baptist Church, 1159 E. Foss Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Brian Frelix, officiating. Interment, Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Friday. Mr. Gilbert will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday. Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr. was born November 8, 1933 in Ryan, Arkansas, the son of Bossie Sr. and Annie Mae (Walker) Gilbert. Bossie graduated from Lakeview High School in Arkansas, "Class of 1954" and 3 days later he headed north in search of employment. He was headed to Chicago from Arkansas, but was redirected to Flint, Michigan. Bossie was told by friends that General Motors jobs were plentiful. Upon arrival to Flint for a short time he worked at a service station.

On October 14, 1954 he hired into General Motors Corporation. Bossie got the biggest check of his life, in the amount of \$100.00. He worked for General Motors until 1961. Bossie also worked for the City of Flint for 11/2 years laying asphalt. He then went to work for Fessler & Bowman Inc. (Concrete Contractors). Bossie worked until 1988 when he retired. He also for a period of time had a construction company, Melvin Morgan & Bossie Gilbert Construction Company.

Bossie Gilbert Jr. met the love of his life in 1956, Merlene Taylor. They were

married in May of 1961, after 45 years of marriage Merlene Gilbert passed away on April 11, 2006.

Bossie spent his time visiting the sick and shut-in, delivering food baskets to his family and friends, attending all the family functions and taking pictures & videos. And his favorite past-time was attending all the high school sporting events, (football, basketball and baseball) where he is well known as the peanut man. Because he always has a snack bag of peanuts. Bossie was a devoted member of Foss Avenue Baptist Church where he served as an Auxiliaries Trustee, Layman, Usher and on the Kitchen Committee.

Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: children, Sherry (Steve) Isom of Gaithersburg, MA, Veonia (Tiny) Gilbert of St. Louis, MO, Carl David (Keybo) Gilbert of Upper Marlboro, MA, Velvest Annette Gilbert, Brenda Jo (Maurice Sr.) Taylor-Purches, all of Flint, Shar'ron Andre Smith of Hayward, CA and Oscar Leon (Waniece) Smith of Grand Blanc, MI; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; 8 nieces; 8 nephews; sister-in-law, Jean Gilbert of Little Rock, AR; a host of other relatives and friends including beloved nephew, Jack (Sandra) Gilbert of Little Rock, AR. Mr. Gilbert was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Merlene Gilbert; parents, Bossie Sr. and Annie Mae Gilbert; daughter-in-law, Vickie P. Smith; sister, Ethel "Twig" Gilbert; 3 brothers, Ealgie "Buck" Gilbert, Edmond "Jeb" Gilbert and Johnnie "Red" Gilbert.

The family would like to express special thanks to Ms. Earlene Wesson, Carol, Rod and Reggie Neely, Foss Avenue Baptist Church, Triumph Ebenezer Church, Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church of Silver Spring, MD, Laborers Union Local #1075, McLaren-Flint ICU, Jerry Valentine, John and Sheila Wells. A very special thank you to his most gracious and amazing caregiver, Jojuana Smith.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 21. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAR 22. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Foss Ave. Baptist Church
1159 E. Foss Ave.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Foss Ave. Baptist Church
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Flint, MI 48505

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Brandi lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Brandi - April 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

AG

“ *Alvin Gayden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Alvin Gayden - March 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM

JA

“ *Bossie was a wonderful man. He was a vital asset to Fessler & Bowman as a concrete laborer for many years. After his retirement he would make frequent visits back to the office to visit. He was family to us. I would look forward to his stories and laughter. He would share his joy of walking in Meijer, watching children play baseball, gardening. He will be missed. Love and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Janice Addison*

Janice Addison - March 22, 2024 at 10:04 AM

PF

“ From your Foss Avenue Baptist Church Family. Thank you for your service unto the Lord. We know you are now situated around the throne of grace to behold the beauty of the temple of God. You will be missed. We will be praying for the family during this time. -
Pastor Brian C. Frelix

Pastor Frelix - March 22, 2024 at 05:22 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



March 22, 2024 at 12:44 AM

FF

“ From the Peterson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..

From the Peterson Family - March 22, 2024 at 12:44 AM

JJ

“ I worked with Bissie, and my condolences go out to his family, he will be missed and he was a good man and I enjoyed talking with him at work 🙏🙏🙏

James Jenkins - March 21, 2024 at 08:54 PM

RT

“ *Rose Topps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Rose Topps - March 21, 2024 at 05:49 PM

SI

“ *Thank you Mr Gilbert for sharing your wisdom, friendship, love and for being a Flint Northwestern Super Sports Fan. May you Rest In Peace.*

Samuel D Stewart IV - March 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM

SI

“ *Samuel D Stewart IV lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Samuel D Stewart IV - March 21, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CF

“ *Condolences to Mr Gilbert family love from the Fykes family*



chari fykes - March 21, 2024 at 05:05 PM

FL

“ Our heartfelt condolence to the Mr Bossie family,I remember him as a friend of my Dads and the Foss Ave Baptist Church.The Buycks/Leverette family



Freda, Gene Leverette - March 21, 2024 at 04:50 PM

EC

“ Our Condolences to the Family: Bro. Boss was a kind spirited man, when ever I had a conversation with him. I felt real special because he didn't talk much, to many people. My husband and I had a special type of Friendship with him. It started from day one, when we were new at Foss. I shall always cherish that. RIH my friend 🙏💙



Evangelist-Dr. Carolyn Davis & Children - March 19, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



March 19, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



March 19, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ LIUNA Local 1075 Staff & Membership purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



LIUNA Local 1075 Staff & Membership - March 19, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ LIUNA Local 1075 Staff & Membership planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..

LIUNA Local 1075 Staff & Membership - March 19, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Hollingsworth/Sharp Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



Hollingsworth/Sharp Families - March 19, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



March 18, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ AMCAS Verification & DP Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..

AMCAS Verification & DP Team - March 18, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ My condolences and prayers to the Gilbert family! Love y'all! - Beverly



Beverly Jane Dobbins - March 18, 2024 at 12:27 PM



My Condolences And Prayers To Deacon Carl Gilbert And Family On The Home Going Of Your Family 🙏🙏 May You Find Peace, Comfort, Strength In God Ask You Heal In Jesus Name I Pray 🙏🙏🙏🙏 Sister-Christ Waynette James, Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

Waynette James - March 20, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..



March 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Triumph EBENEZER Hospitality Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr..

Triumph EBENEZER Hospitality Team - March 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ To the Family of Mr. Gilbert , please except the condolences of the McDaniel Family. Gilbert and my Husband Robert McDaniel work many years doing construction work ,may he rest in peace and God bless his soul to the Family may peace be with you all and stay strong.

Mrs. Calie McDaniel and family. - March 17, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Andrew Gayden lit a candle in memory of Bossie Gilbert Jr.



Andrew L Gayden Jr - March 17, 2024 at 12:17 AM

MA

“ *Marlene lit a candle in memory of Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Marlene - March 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JC

“ *Janis Conerly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bossie Gilbert Jr.*



Janis Conerly - March 16, 2024 at 06:40 AM

PP

“ *I remember Uncle Bossie calling me Phillips, wonderful uncle.*

Phyllis Phillips - March 15, 2024 at 09:35 PM

LH

“ *Rest in heave. Bro. Bossie. I will miss sharing peppermints with you. Job well done good and faithful warrior.*

Larry and Shirley Henderson - March 13, 2024 at 08:52 PM

DJ

“ *Rest In Heaven Brother Bossie - what a hard worker for God's People. Brother Bossie was a Foss Avenue Baptist Church Food Service Worker with my Mom Sis. Jones and he showed his beautiful heart thru his service to others. You will be missed but God has gained an Angel.*

Debra Jones-McConnell - March 12, 2024 at 08:21 PM