



## Deacon Napoleon Gilmore

July 24, 1940 - September 17, 2024

GILMORE, Deacon Napoleon - Age 84, passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at his residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Thursday, September 26, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Pastor Blake Strozier, officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Thursday. Deacon Gilmore will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday. Napoleon Gilmore Sr. was born on July 24, 1940 in Ozan, Arkansas to Emmett Gilmore Sr. and Ruth Hill Gilmore. When Napoleon was twelve years old, his mother passed away and he was raised by his grandparents, Mazrine and Rush Staggers. Napoleon received his education from Clow Training School and Blevins High School. He excelled, advanced a year ahead, and graduated in 1958 - the same year as his older brother, Joe. In 1963, Napoleon joined his siblings and made the move to Flint, Michigan. That same year, he was drafted to the United States Army and served until his Honorable Discharge two years later. In 1965, Napoleon began his career at General Motors Corporation where he worked for 30 years until his retirement in 1995. On June 26, 1966, Napoleon married the love of his life, Lena. To this union, a son and daughter, Napoleon Jr. and Tracey, were born. Napoleon Sr. and Lena were happily married for 58 great years. He attended Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan where he was an ordained Deacon and faithful member for many decades. Napoleon was a God-fearing

man and can be remembered saying, "Everything changes, but the Word of God." Napoleon was an extraordinary man. Some words to describe him would be witty, kind, thoughtful, trustworthy, a devoted husband, phenomenal father, grandfather, dependable relative and friend. Many recall that he would bring his wife coffee every morning and would even go across town to deliver coffee to his daughter for over 20 years. He was a very involved grandfather as well, transporting his grandchildren wherever they needed to go (on time), playing with them, helping them with homework, and teaching them life skills along the way. He really loved his family and would do anything for them and those near him. He was always there whenever you needed him - any hour, any occasion, and without hesitation. Napoleon's hobbies included baseball, softball, fishing, playing cards, crossword puzzles, and watching Western films and sports on television. He was also extremely handy and smart. He could fix any and everything and was always lending a helping hand to others.

Napoleon Gilmore Sr. leaves to cherish his wonderful memory: loving wife, Lena Gilmore; son, Napoleon (Roxanne) Gilmore Jr.; daughter, Tracey (Kenneth) Silas; grandson, Napoleon Gilmore III, three granddaughters, Bria (John) Perkins, Shatoya Thomas, and Kariya Thompson; great-grandson, Bryson Perkins; great-granddaughter, Mia Perkins; two brothers, Eddie (Alice) Gilmore and Cleo (Pearl) Gilmore; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends including longtime special friends, Henry Williams and Bernard Terry Jr.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **25.** 2:00 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

SEP **26.** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - September 26, 2024 at 08:39 AM

KM

“ *Prayers For the Family*



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**Kuwanna Mack** - September 28, 2024 at 02:13 AM

TJ

“ *To the Gilmore family from the Johnson family we extend our condolences may you rest in peace from Thelma Johnson and family*

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**Thelma Johnson** - September 25, 2024 at 06:40 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jean Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore



Doris Jean Jones - September 25, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DN

“ Our condolences and prayers to the Gilmore family 🙏

Deondre and Matoia Nash - September 25, 2024 at 05:15 PM

TP

“ Deaconess Lena and your entire Family, May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7



Tabernacle M.B.C. Faith Partners - September 25, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TB

“ Deaconess Lena we are praying for you and your family to have peace and strength during this time. You have our deepest sympathies.



Tabernacle M.B.C. Deaconess Board - September 25, 2024 at 02:11 PM

TB

“ *Tabernacle M. B. C. Deaconess Board purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.*



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**Tabernacle M. B. C. Deaconess Board** - September 25, 2024  
at 01:25 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Deacon Gilmore's passing. Knew him from High School.*



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**Jimmie Maxwell** - September 25, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JS

“ *To Lena and, the Gilmore family. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Jerrel/Dorothy Sanders** - September 25, 2024 at 11:35 AM

GH

“ *Gwen Harvey lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Gwen Harvey** - September 25, 2024 at 07:18 AM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Trina Stewart** - September 25, 2024 at 12:37 AM

KM

“ *Kent County Admin Team & Board Members purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.*



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**Kent County Admin Team & Board Members** - September 24, 2024 at 02:06 PM

LB

“ *Tracey, My condolences to you and your family.*

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**Lori Buss** - September 24, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ *Jolena Sims lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Jolena Sims** - September 24, 2024 at 01:05 PM

MG

“ Marjorie Gilmore sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore



Marjorie Gilmore - September 23, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.



September 23, 2024 at 09:02 AM

AZ

“ Amy Dillon and Kim Zimmerman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.

Amy Dillon and Kim Zimmerman - September 23, 2024 at 09:02 AM

AJ

“ Andrew L Gayden Jr lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore



Andrew L Gayden Jr - September 23, 2024 at 06:46 AM

NW

“ My sincere condolences to the Gilmore Family. We love you all very much and we are keeping you all in our prayers. Rest in peace, Mr. Gilmore 🙏❤️

Nicole Waites - September 22, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.



September 22, 2024 at 12:10 PM

PH

“ Pallastean Harris lit a candle in memory of Napoleon Gilmore



Pallastean Harris - September 21, 2024 at 09:24 PM

TB

“ TABERNACLE BAPIST CHURCH USHERS BOARD purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.



TABERNACLE BAPIST CHURCH USHERS BOARD -  
September 21, 2024 at 03:12 PM

MM

“ Minister Loudean Moultrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Napoleon Gilmore



Minister Loudean Moultrie - September 21, 2024 at 02:59 PM

YF

“ Your BSC 5 family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.

Your BSC 5 family - September 20, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore.



September 20, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CM

“ Sending heartfelt prayers up for you and the family Tracie 🙏🙏🙏

Clarisa McKinney - September 20, 2024 at 12:50 AM

RM

“ *Remel Deloris Murrell-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Remel Deloris Murrell-Searcy** - September 19, 2024 at 01:48 PM

TM

“ *TAMIKA MONTGOMERY-HOLLAND lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**TAMIKA MONTGOMERY-HOLLAND** - September 18, 2024 at 11:02 PM



“ *Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore*



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**Jimmye Maxwell** - September 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SM

“ *Rest in Heaven Cousin. ❤️ and prayers for my family.*

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**Sharon Mixon** - September 18, 2024 at 07:26 AM

MW

“ Prayers to my Family 🙏



Mary (Keels) Wilkes - September 17, 2024 at 11:21 PM

VT

“ Valerie Toles sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore



Valerie toles - September 17, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ Wanda Baker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Napoleon Gilmore



Wanda Baker - September 17, 2024 at 07:22 PM