



## Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert

July 4, 1956 - June 5, 2018

GILBERT, Mr. Willie Ray - Age 61, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Thursday, June 14, 2018 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 . Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Minister Ira Gilbert, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Chapel 10:00 AM Thursday. 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-8:00 PM Wednesday.

Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert was born Wednesday, July 4, 1956 in Muskegon, Michigan, the son of Huey P. Gilbert and Irene McMullan. He later became a longtime resident of Flint, Michigan. Willie graduated from Flint Southwestern High School, "Class of 1975." He loved spending time with or talking to his grandchildren, he said they always made him laugh. Willie especially loved going fishing with his grandson, Dartavius. He enjoyed going over his friend Kirk's house to sit under the tree to relax and talk. Willie also hung out with friends, Tramell and Terry. He would go on trips with his fiancé, Angela almost every year. Willie liked to volunteer at different places because he loved helping people when he could. He would either make you laugh or threaten and sometime both. Willie was employed by Hurley Medical Center for over 15 years until he had to go on disability in 2014. His famous phrase was "I'll be alright." He will be greatly missed by many people.

Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert leaves to cherish his memory: 2 daughters, LaShonda (Raymond) Cleveland and Natasha (Ernest) Gilbert; son, Emmanuel Gilbert; 3 step-children, Jasmine Counts, Julius Burt and Aaron Counts; grandchildren, Shambriea Daylove, Satoria Burns, Dartavius Gilbert, Aja'Nae Scrubbs and Lee'Aja Scrubbs; mother, Irene McMullan; 3 brothers, Ira (Cam) Gilbert, Huey (Sheila) Gilbert and Carlos Gilbert; 6 aunts, Faye, Jean, Barbara, Acie, Brenda Joyce and Shirley Mae; 4 uncles, Louis, Joseph, Leroy and Elroy; fiancé, Angela Allen; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including special friends, Aunt Dottie Mae and Aunt Jewel.

Mr. Gilbert was preceded in death by his son, Willie Ray Pitts; father, Huey P. Gilbert; grandparents, Ira and Jessie Ferguson, Nathaniel and Katherine Gilbert; sister, Denise Murphy; uncles, RJ and Napoleon; and step-father, Walter.

The family would like to express special thanks to Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Hurley Medical Center 7th and 4th Floor nurses especially nurse, Jessica from the 7th Floor, Dr. Thomas and Karmanos Cancer Institute of Detroit.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**JUN 13.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Willie was a genuine and funny person. He always spoke of his grandchildren. He was a pleasant person to work with. Prayers for his family. God Bless*



**Constance Mayes** - June 14, 2018 at 10:41 PM



“ *Deacon Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Deacon Knox** - June 14, 2018 at 06:53 AM



“ *Kimberlee Sykes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Kimberlee Sykes** - June 13, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Denise Sunshine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



Denise Sunshine - June 13, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ *VIKKI THOMPSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



VIKKI THOMPSON - June 13, 2018 at 03:10 PM



*REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND...*

VIKKI THOMPSON - June 13, 2018 at 03:11 PM



*You will be sadly miss*

Vanessa - June 14, 2018 at 12:29 AM



“ *Jerome&Deborah Relerford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



Jerome&Deborah Relerford - June 12, 2018 at 09:38 PM

DW

“ Donna Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Donna Walker - June 12, 2018 at 08:04 AM

DW

*My condolences and prayers to the entire Gilbert Family.*

Donna Walker - June 12, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ You were an amazing father and I thank God for you. I will miss you more than words can express. ❤️❤️

LaShonda Burns - June 12, 2018 at 06:28 AM

KH

“ Kimberly Hill-Lowry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Kimberly Hill-Lowry - June 12, 2018 at 12:05 AM

RB

“ Our thoughts are prayers are with you Mother Irene and the entire family. We love you.



Rick & Lisa Banks - June 11, 2018 at 09:31 AM

CD

“ *Carmen Drake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



Carmen Drake - June 11, 2018 at 09:24 AM

PH

“ *Praying for grace, peace and comfort for the family. Love you all.*

Patricia (Brooks) Hamer - June 10, 2018 at 10:25 PM

LC

“ *Loria Corder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



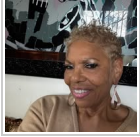
Loria Corder - June 10, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ *Charlie Goldsberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



Charlie Goldsberry - June 10, 2018 at 08:07 AM



“ *Cassandra Williams Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Cassandra Williams Burks** - June 09, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ *Miss'y E. Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Miss'y E. Humphrey** - June 09, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sylvia Self lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Sylvia Self** - June 09, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Only a few weeks ago we were planning to get together more often...Our Creator had a Greater Plan...Infinity LOVE and Peaceful Rest...beyond the Orion Skies...to ALL family members and HMC co-workers...Etc...  
Ase'  
Hjean Wms*



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**Hjean Wms** - June 09, 2018 at 01:33 PM

TA

“ *Tammie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Tammie** - June 09, 2018 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Bernadette Woods (Stewart) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Bernadette Woods (Stewart)** - June 09, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Sarena Gooch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Sarena Gooch** - June 09, 2018 at 06:29 AM

CM

“ Willie was such a great person, we knew each other from the southside of flint and through work. He always had a smile on his face and something comical to say to me. I will surely miss him. But i know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. He is with our Lord Jesus Christ and watching over us now. I just want to also say to the Gilbert Family you have my heartfelt condolences and prayers.



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**Celeste MillerElzy** - June 09, 2018 at 06:27 AM

DC

“ Delores Childs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



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**Delores Childs** - June 09, 2018 at 01:37 AM

GL

“ Gloria Lark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



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**Gloria Lark** - June 08, 2018 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ *Jerrel L Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Jerrel L Sanders** - June 08, 2018 at 02:34 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Christine Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Dennis and Christine Harrison** - June 08, 2018 at 10:05 AM

GW

“ *George Ed Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**George Ed Washington** - June 08, 2018 at 04:01 AM

MA

“ *MS. Gina Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**MS. Gina Allen** - June 08, 2018 at 12:31 AM

SW

“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Sherry Williams** - June 07, 2018 at 09:01 PM

YT

“ *Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - June 07, 2018 at 07:03 PM

CG

“ *Praying for the family*



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**Chester and Rhonda Gamble** - June 07, 2018 at 06:33 PM

SN

“ *The Nolen Family*



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**Stephanie Nantambu** - June 07, 2018 at 05:25 PM

EP

“ Evelyn Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



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**Evelyn Pitts** - June 07, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TB

“ To my best friend Willie from your loving brother from another Mother. Will miss you!



-Terry Brown

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**Terry Brown** - June 07, 2018 at 01:48 PM

OG

“ Ona Kay Goza lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



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**Ona Kay Goza** - June 07, 2018 at 01:29 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



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**Cynthia Higgins** - June 07, 2018 at 12:53 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Simbler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Dorothy Simbler - June 07, 2018 at 08:58 AM

TN

“ Tanya Neely sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Tanya Neely - June 07, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ Marcia Teer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Marcia Teer - June 07, 2018 at 06:16 AM

SM

“ Shirley Mckinzie-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Shirley Mckinzie-Jones - June 07, 2018 at 06:16 AM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Julia Gamble** - June 07, 2018 at 05:52 AM

JG

*Condolences to the family of Mr. W. Gilbert*

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**Julia Gamble** - June 07, 2018 at 05:55 AM

TB

“ *Trina Berkley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Trina Berkley** - June 07, 2018 at 04:20 AM

PR

“ *Patricia Rice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



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**Patricia Rice** - June 07, 2018 at 02:25 AM

DC

“ *Delores Childs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Delores Childs** - June 07, 2018 at 12:02 AM

KM

“ *KIMIT J MURPHY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**KIMIT J MURPHY** - June 06, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**ReGina Adams** - June 06, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ *Sharon Mixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Sharon Mixon** - June 06, 2018 at 08:40 PM

VH

“ Vanessa Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Vanessa Hicks - June 06, 2018 at 08:26 PM

BA

“ RIP Enjoyed all of the good times we spent together at work you will be missed

Brenda Adams - June 06, 2018 at 07:44 PM

BA

“ Brenda Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Brenda Adams - June 06, 2018 at 07:40 PM

CE

“ Carletta Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Carletta Evans - June 06, 2018 at 07:24 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Simbler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Dorothy Simbler - June 06, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ Kimberly Hall-Miller sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert



Kimberly Hall-Miller - June 06, 2018 at 02:54 PM



“ Wow, so sad to hear of your passing Willie. I'll always remember the fun times the gang all had working at City Hall for many years. Love you much my friend. Rest in Heaven...  
Kim & Chris Miller

Kimberly Hall-Miller - June 06, 2018 at 02:53 PM

IG

“ To my best friend and Brother missing you all ready I thank God he allowed you to be in our lives for almost 62 years and I will cherish the time God allowed us to spend together love you and to the family stay encouraged if love could kept you with us you never would of left us and I count it a blessing to stand by you I would do it all over again just to here you say I am good

Ira Gilbert - June 06, 2018 at 02:24 PM

DP

“ *Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Dicy Powell** - June 06, 2018 at 11:53 AM

LR

“ *Lydia, Rhonda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**Lydia, Rhonda** - June 06, 2018 at 11:53 AM

GL

“ *Sending condolences to the Gilbert family. I worked with Willie and he was a great coworker. We had an inside joke between me and him and it was he was working with NASA to get a sitilite over my house to guide him there. Even after we both retired and run into each other he would say he still working on it and we laugh. He was a true friend and coworker. I will miss him but I know he is in a better place. RIH Willie I will always carry you in my heart.*

**Gloria Lark** - June 06, 2018 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ *KIMIT J MURPHY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Ray Gilbert*



**KIMIT J MURPHY** - June 06, 2018 at 10:35 AM