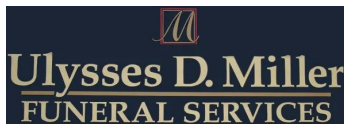




### Sunset

Uncle Earl was our steady light,  
A father figure, strong and always right.  
He showed his love in all he'd do,  
By simply being there—so true.  
A blue Chevy van from days gone by,  
Pulled up with laughter piled inside.  
Kids of all ages, row by row,  
Headed for the beach, the sun, the glow.  
Myrtle Beach became our happy place,  
Salt in the air, smiles on every face.  
Those long rides taught us how to be—  
A family bound by memory.  
A master mechanic, hands so wise,  
He fixed what broke, made hope arise.  
Engines purred, problems grew small,  
But his greatest gift was caring for all.  
As we became adults and thought we knew it all  
He gently reminded us on him we could always call.  
Whether headed to a flea market or just riding around,  
you never knew in what vehicle he could be found.  
Though the sun has set on his earthly days,  
His love still lights us in countless ways.  
In ocean waves and sunsets too,  
In memories warm and always true.  
We'll always have Myrtle Beach, the Blue Chevy van,  
and your final advice to take us through!  
"Love each other."



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# Celebration of Life Service EARL ALFRED GIDNEY

MARCH 9, 1950—FEBRUARY 4, 2026



Wednesday  
February 11, 2026  
1:00 pm

Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Chapel  
485 Poors Ford Road  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

**Remembering His Life  
Earl Alfred Gidney**

Earl Alfred Gidney, 75, of Spindale, NC passed away February 4, 2026 at Hospice of Forest City, NC.

Earl Alfred Gidney was born in Cleveland County to the late Talmer and Ruth Bridges Gidney on March 9<sup>th</sup>1950.

Earl graduated from Cleveland School in 1968. He retired from Cleveland County School System after 30 years. Earl enjoyed the Race Tracks, Car Shows, and painting and fixing old cars.

Earl was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth L. Gidney; father, Oscar Talmer Gidney; grandsons, Tavares Jemar Clemmon (TJ), Calvin Davidson, Zyavion Foster; granddaughter, Zaryia Foster and nephew, Anthony Gidney.

Earl is survived by his wife of 38 years, Evelyn Gidney of Spindale, NC; children, Vickie Archie of Greenville, SC, Earl Gidney, Jr. of Shelby, NC, Nikita Davis of Shelby, NC and Gerald Gidney of the home; siblings, Janie Stephens, Cynthia London (Paul), Theresa Proctor, Isadore Hines all of Shelby, NC; grandchildren, Teneka Clemmons, Yolonda Clemmons, Ebony Gill (Christopher Sr.) Cameisha Hall, Alliyah Gidney, Marta Jeffeirs, Jaciyon Davis; 12 great-grandchildren; only living aunt, Shirley Bridges, a host of nieces and nephews.

**—ORDER OF SERVICE—**

Rev. Bobby Houze, Officiating

Prelude

Processional

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Old Testament.....Minister Patrick Hines

New Testament.....Minister Tyrone Beam

**SELECTION**....."I Won't Complain"  
Minister Tyrone Beam

**WORDS OF REFLECTION (2 minutes)**

**SELECTION**....."He's An On Time God"  
Minister Tyrone Beam

**READING OF OBITUARY**.....Soft Music

**POEM**.....Dr. Tomecia Proctor-Wilson

**EULOGY**.....Rev. Bobby Houze

**RECESSIONAL**

**INTERMENT**

Doggett Grove Cemetery  
Forest City, North Carolina

**FLORAL BEARERS AND PALL BEARERS**

Family and Friends