

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating
Rev. Billy Ramseur



Processional
Musical Tribute "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" pg. 300
Clergy & Family
Congregation

Scripture Readings
Old Testament: Psalm 23 Bro. George James
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58
Elder Rev. Robert L Hayes

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Michael Hester
Musical Tribute "O How I Love Jesus" pg. 266
Congregation

Reading of the Obituary (Silently)

Remarks (Limit Two Minutes)

Acknowledgments/Resolution Mr. Devore Henry

Musical Tribute "I Want Complain" Sis. Bertha H. Gwinn

Eulogy Pastor Shirley Mercer

Recessional

Committal/Interment
Rosenwald Municipal Cemetery
Maiden, North Carolina

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Honorary Pall Bearer

Michael Bynum

Pall Bearers

Nephews

My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up;
Just say that I gave in,
Don't say I lost the battle
It's God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was;
But that I've done my best.
Just say I tried to do some right;
To give the most, not settle for less.

Please don't give me wings or halos;
That, only God can do;
I want no more than I deserve;
Nothing extra, nothing new.
You don't have to give flowers or
talk in whispering tones;
Don't even weep about me now;
I'm well with God, I've made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been;
It's over and it's done
Just take care of my families needs,
My battle has been won.
If you decide to draw a picture of me;
Don't draw me as a saint,
I've done some right . . .
I've done some wrong . . .
You'll need to use all your paint.
Not just the bright or light tones;
use some gray and some dark
In fact, don't put me down on canvas,
Just paint me in your heart.

Don't remember just the good times;
You know there were some bad
For life is full of many things;
I have one last request,
Forgive me for the wrong I've done;
And with the love that's left;
Thank God for all who love me . . .
Praise God who loved me best . . .

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Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Gilbert Morris Henry



SUNRISE
SEPTEMBER 30, 1940

SUNSET
APRIL 13, 2023

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
1:00 PM

ST. JAMES A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
MAIDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

Reverend Billy Ramseur, Officiating
Pastor Shirley Mercer, Eulogist



Life Reflections

Gilbert Morris Henry, 82, of Maiden entered Heaven's Gate on Thursday, April 13th at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, North Carolina. Gilbert Henry was born in Catawba County, North Carolina on September 30, 1940, to the late Roxie Henry and Percell Gibson.

Gilbert was educated in the Catawba County School System and graduated from the historic Central High School formerly located in Newton, North Carolina. Gilbert would go on to work for Delta Apparel as a machine operator and retire after 30 years of faithful service to the company.

Gilbert loved the Lord and was a faithful member of St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Maiden North Carolina. He served as Vice-Chairman on the Trustee Board and Vice President of Usher Board.

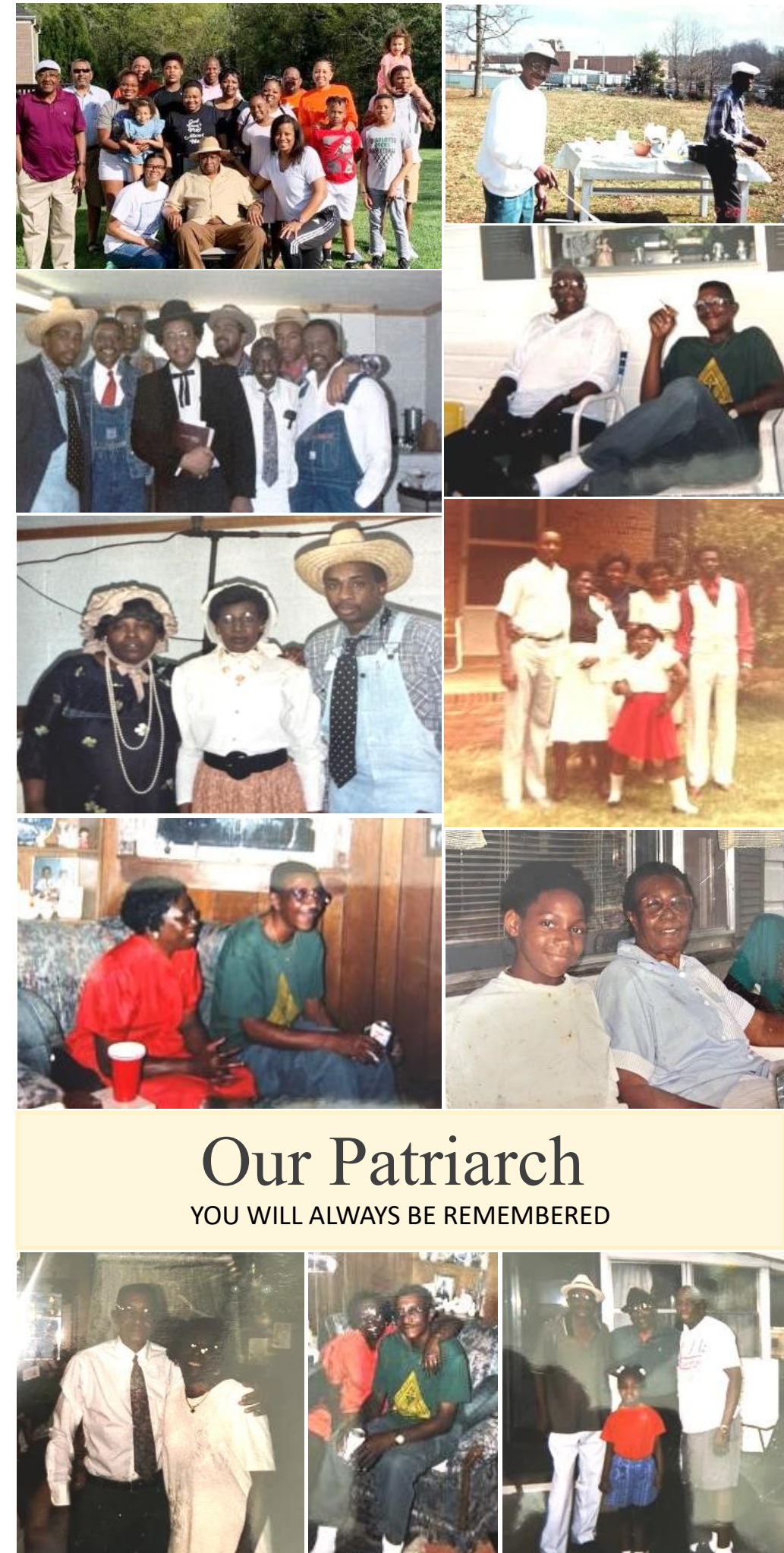
Gilbert took pleasantries in the simple offerings that life afforded him and therefore enjoyed fishing, attending the flea market on Thursday mornings, and supporting the Dallas Cowboys as a die-hard fan.

In addition to his parents, Gilbert was preceded in death by his first wife Betty Whitner Henry and second wife Jeanette (Peggy) Davis Henry; two brothers Bobby Henry and Arthur Henry; two sisters, Janie Lois Henry and Ms Lela Mae Danner.

Gilbert leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts a sister Helen Henry of Newton, North Carolina; a brother Charles Henry of Maiden, North Carolina; six step-children Debra Surratt Hill, Charlotte, North Carolina; Janet Surratt of Memphis, Tennessee; Serena Surratt of Gran Prairie, Texas; Anthony Surratt (Lisa) of Hickory North Carolina; Vanessa Brown of Ft Worth, Texas; Willie Mae Whitner, Gastonia, North Carolina; seven grandchildren, three great grand-children, a host of nieces and nephews, a special nephew, Steve Henry, special cousin, James Hudson, several other loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
 I'm following the path God laid for me
 I took his hand when I heard him call,
 I turned my back and left it all
 I could not stay another day,
 To laugh, to love, to work or play
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I've found that peace at the close of day
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
 My life's been full, I've savored much,
 Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
 If my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
 Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
 God wanted me now, He set me free.



Our Patriarch

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