

PALLBEARERS

Active
Athelstine Lodge #71

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nephews

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

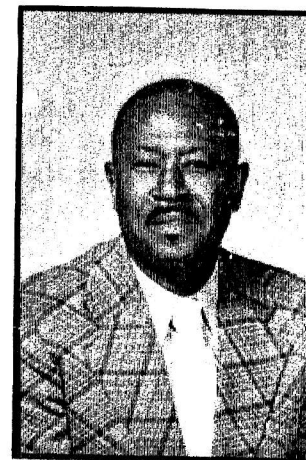
The family will be eternally grateful for the many acts of kindness shown during our time of sorrow. We are also indebted to you, our many friends, for the assistance you have given us and the compassion you have shown during our bereavement.

- The Family

Arrangements Entrusted To
Masons Funeral Home
Athens, Alabama

McLange Services
Tanner, Alabama

Home Going Service
for
Brother James Gilbert, Sr.
March 6, 1930 — July 20, 1998



Thursday, July 23, 1998
12 o'clock Noon

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church
803 Westmoreland Street
Athens, Alabama

Reverend Thomas Sanderfer, Jr.
Pastor

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

Revelation 21:4

Obituary

James Gilbert, Sr. was born in Limestone County, Alabama, March 6, 1930 to the late Sam and Abbie Hoard Gilbert.

James confessed hope in Christ in 1947 under the leadership of the late, Reverend Ferdie Sowell and joined the Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until death. He was a member of the Sanctuary Choir and a member of the Athelstine Lodge #71.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Wavie Crutcher Gilbert who preceded him in death. To this union two children were born, Wondolyn and James, Jr.

James was our brother, but in essence, he really was a father to his siblings since he was only sixteen when our parents passed. He worked in Louisville, KY and sent money home to keep us together. He was truly an inspiration to us. He retired July 1, 1985 from Monsanto Chemical Company in Decatur, AL.

Memories of James will forever be cherished by his daughter, Wondolyn (James) Lane; his son, James (Laverne) Gilbert, Jr.; three grandchildren, Jamik, Brian and Jason; one great-granddaughter, Jakera; nine sisters, Lorene Cosby, Jewetta Mason, Earline Moore, Dorothy Malone, Christine (W.C.) Bailey, Athens, Alabama; Willie B. Harris and Robbie N. Crittenton, Huntsville, Alabama; Ruby (Johnnie) Smith, Rogersville, Alabama; Lucille (Harvey) Duke, Michigan City, Indiana; two brothers, Edward (Mamie) Gilbert, Athens, Alabama and Jerry (Maggie) Gilbert, Gary, Indiana; a brother and sister who preceded his death, Van Gilbert and Mary Lane; six sisters-in-law, Gussie Turner, Mary Leslie, Rosie Crutcher, Hazel Figures, Juanita Scruggs and Blanche Gilbert; two brothers-in-law, James Scruggs, Nashville, Tennessee and John Lane, Elkmont, Alabama, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Rev. Thomas Sanderfer, Jr. Officiating

Processional

Selection.....Sweet Home Sanctuary Choir

Song and Prayer.....Deacon Leo Turner, Jr.

Scripture.....Rev. Ralph Coleman, Sr.

Selection.....Sweet Home Sanctuary Choir

Reflections:

As A Neighbor..... Sister Sadie Malone

As A Friend..... Brother Van Coleman

Acknowledgments.....Mother Mildred F. Turner

Selection Sweet Home Sanctuary Choir

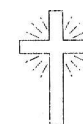
ObituaryRead Silently

Masonic Rites..... Athelstine Lodge #71

EulogyRev. Thomas Sanderfer, Jr.

Solo..... Deacon Arthur Jordan

Recessional



***Interment
Thatch Mann Cemetary
Athens, AL***