

*Home-going Celebration
of
Jimmy Wayne Gill*



Saturday, April 3, 2016

2:30 p.m.

Lindsay Lane Baptist Church

1300 Lindsay Lane South

Athens, AL

Pastor Charlie Johnson, Jr. Officiating

WELCOME HOME

*Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess.
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
For if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"Welcome Home."*



Obituary

Councilman Jimmy Wayne Gill was born March 21, 1948 in Limestone County, Alabama to Mamie Louise Gill and the late Everett "Bud" Gill. He entered into eternal life on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at Athens Limestone Hospital.

He confessed hope in Christ at New Hopewell M.B. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. A.D. Hatchett. He later joined Oak Grove Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church where he served faithfully until his health declined.

On December 22, 1973, he married the former Deborah DeRamus and to this union three children were born. He has one son from a previous relationship.

He attended school at Dogwood Flats and graduated from Trinity High School in 1966.

Upon graduating from high school, he went to Calhoun Community College and completed a certification course in mechanics. He entered into the workforce and was employed at Cutler Hammer and later he went to work for General Motors/Delphi, Inc. as a Maintenance Mechanic.

In 1992, he was first elected to the Athens City Council and has represented District 3 for more than two decades. During his tenure on the Council, he has served as Council President and even Interim Mayor in the absence of past Mayor Dan Williams.

Councilman Gill has served his community well and was involved in various organizations. He has served on Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (TARCOG), Alabama League of Municipalities, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Board, the Lincoln-Bridgeforth Park Committee, The City of Athens Relay for Life Team as well as the Relay Team at Oak Grove CME Church. He has served on the Limestone County Sports Hall of Fame board, served on the Solid Waste Authority, and participated in Poke Sallet Follies. He was involved in organizing the Trinity High School's Grand Reunion.

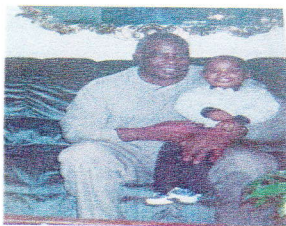
His dedication to his district and community at large resulted in having a park named after him in 2008 and most recently, a room named in his honor at the Pincham-Lincoln Center Trinity-Fort Henderson Complex.

Councilman Gill was also very involved at his church, Oak Grove Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church, where he has been a member for 42 years. He served on the Board of Stewards, (chairman) Usher Board, the Male Chorus, and teacher for the Adult Sunday school class.

Councilman Gill also served on the staff of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc.

Wayne, Huggy bear, Foots, or Gill as he was commonly known throughout the community, loved to help others and to be of service to anyone in anyway. He was often called upon to grill his infamous ribs and often gave away fresh vegetables from his garden.

Councilman Gill leaves to cherish his memories; a loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Deborah Gill, four children: Derrick Walton (Veronica), Christy Gill, Erica Gill (fiancé David Toney), and Gregory (Shalece) Gill. Seven grandchildren: Parris Harper, Shaniqua Walton, Shayla Walton, Jameion Stinnett, Imani Munyan, GaKobey and GaBron Gill, and four great grandchildren, Jace Ricks, Milan and Dallas Harper, and Bailey Acklin. His mother, Mamie Louise Gill, three sisters, Gracie Phillips (Jimmy), Rachel Hardy, and Diane Leslie; three brothers, Kenneth Gill (Lisa), Jerry Leslie (Gale), and Billy Leslie (Annette). A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Also a man's best friend, his beloved pet dog, Roscoe!



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....*Round Island Creek MB Association Male Chorus*

Opening Prayer.....*Rev. Latonia Crutcher*
Smith Chapel C.M.E. Church

Old Testament.....*Rev. Timothy Townsend, Sr.*
Mt. Nebo M.B. Church

New Testament.....*Rev. Henry Brown*
New Jones C.M.E. Church

Musical Selection..... *Male Chorus*

Reflections.....*Honorable Ronnie Marks*
Mayor City of Athens, Alabama
Carolyn Williams (As a family member)
John L. Caldwell (As a church member)

Acknowledgements.....*Kristina Hendrix*
ALCA Member

Solo.....*Elder Tony Yarbrough*

Eulogy.....*Rev. Charlie Johnson, Jr.*
Pastor, Oak Grove C.M.E. Church

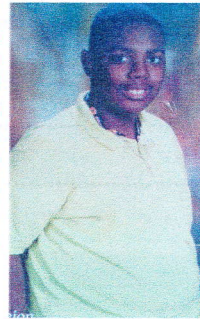
Musical Selection..... *Male Chorus*

Closing prayer.....*Pastor Joe Hereford*
Moses Chapel P.B. Church

Recessional

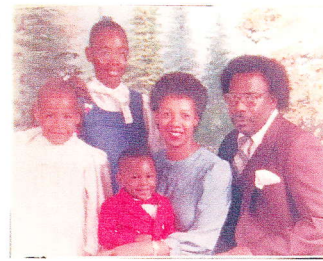


*Love is kind,
Love never fails,
Faith, Hope and Love
But the greatest of these is
Love...
Corinthians 13*





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*Loving
Memory
OF*



*Mr.
Jimmy Wayne Gill*



Active Flower Bearers
Trinity High Class of 1966

Honorary Flower Bearers
Board of Stewardess
Oak C.M.E. Church

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Board of Steward
Oak C.M.E. Church

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Jimmy Wayne Gill is eternally grateful to each of you for every expression of kindness and generosity expressed. Words cannot express our deep and sincere appreciation for the many acts of courtesies, messages, and other expressions of kindness extended to our family during our bereavement. Your every deed has been a source of strength and comfort to our family .

Interment
Thatch-Mann Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

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