

## *Pallbearers*



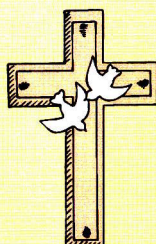
Family and Friends

### *With Appreciation*

"Thank you" hardly seems enough to express our gratitude for your many acts of kindness. You willingly came to assist us in our sorrow and grief. Your prayers, calls, visits, floral tributes and other tokens of love and expressions of sympathy have been of great comfort to all of us.

May God richly Bless you all for your kindness and concern.

The Family of Gilbert Mason



*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

### *Our Trusted Choice for Arrangements*

Whisperwood Funeral Chapel, Inc.  
Alfreida Livingston, Funeral Director  
15261 Vincennes Road  
Phoenix, Illinois 60426  
(708) 339-0210

## *Homegoing Celebration for Gilbert Mason*



*He Was a Ray of Sunshine in Our Lives*

SUNRISE: February 27, 1926 - SUNSET: March 24, 2001

### OBSERVANCES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

VISITATION: 6:00PM -SERVICE: 7:00PM

New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church  
15213 Fifth Avenue  
Phoenix, IL

### INTERMENT

Friday, March 30, 2001 - 9:00AM  
Cedar Park Cemetery  
12540 South Halsted  
Calumet Park, IL

Reverend Dr. Richard D. McCreary, II, Officiant



## *Gilbert Mason*

was born February 27, 1926, in Athens, AL, to Eddie Mason and Beulah White. He was the eldest of four children, of which three preceded him in death. After a brief illness, he made his transition at 6:09am on March 24, at Ingalls Memorial Hospital.

*Gilbert* was educated in the Alabama School System, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. He retired from the U.S. Steel Company in 1981, after twenty-seven years of service.

*Gilbert* married his "Soul Mate," Sarah McQuiddy, on July 31, 1948, in the State of Alabama. They moved to Phoenix, IL in 1954, and have resided in Harvey, IL, for the past forty-seven years. Although there were no children born of this union, they were devoted godparents to Stevie Gillespie.

*Gilbert* was a member of the Phoenix American Legion Post 1254, where he served as Commander in 1966-67. He joined New Covenant Baptist Church in May 1982, and was ordained as a Deacon in December 1987. He also served as a member of the Trustee Board, the Usher Board, the Men's Chorus and Coordinator of the Country Kitchen Catering Service.

*Gilbert* leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife of fifty-two years, Sarah; his godson, Stevie of Chicago Heights, IL; his sister, Razzie Lee Mason of Athens, AL; his sister-in-law, Louise Trice of Country Club Hills, IL; one nephew, John C. (Kimberly) McQuiddy of Nashville, TN; four nieces: Delores (Lorenzo) Murray of Louisville, KY, Shirley Fay (Lawrence) Moore of Athens, AL, Laura Y. Mills of Park Forest, IL and Sarah Lamese Trice of Harvey, IL; nine great nieces; four great nephews and a host of loving cousins and friends.

## *I'm Free*

*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7 NIV*



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid, you see.  
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 to even play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of the day.

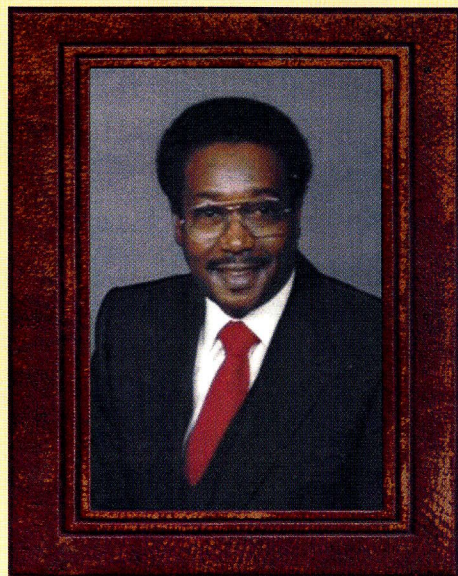
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, and I've savored much -  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
But don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to Thee.  
God wanted me Home, and He's set me free.



*"I'm Going Up Yonder  
to be With the Lord"*



### *My Beloved Husband*

Deep within my heart there lies an ocean  
of passion and devotion all for you.  
Forever we are partners on life's journey,  
with love enough to always see us through.

And whether waters may be rough or placid,  
This much is true and evermore will be.  
You are cherished, admired, desired,  
And deeply loved by me.

With All My Love  
Sarah

### *Home Going Celebration*

Musical Prelude

Family Viewing

Scripture Sentence  
Old Testament:  
New Testament:

Ministers

Prayer

Minister

Musical Selection

Men's Chorus

Resolutions

Acknowledgments will be personally addressed by  
the Mason Family at a later date

Remarks / Tributes

Ministers

Reflections of Gilbert

Silent Reading of  
Obituary

Musical Selection

Men's Chorus

Words of Comfort

Pastor McCreary

Recessional

Repast

Lower Level

Friday, March 30 - 9:00AM  
Committal and Benediction  
Cedar Park Cemetery