



PIC-COLLAGE

How Far is Paradise

Thank you for my feet Lord, for they carry me
 Thank you for my eyes Lord, what a world to see
 So how far is my paradise? How long is the road?
 I'll put on my walking shoes and see what moves my soul
 I'm going down yonder way, sunshine in my face
 May every step that I take, I step in God's good grace.
 I hope I don't meet a stranger, I'm just a traveler on his way
 We're all traveling somewhere, See I just finished my race
 How far is paradise, I may just take a stroll
 and walk all the way to Heaven, long legs and all
 These boots were made for walking,
 that's just what I will do, Now the day has come,
 these boots gone walk 'round paradise too!

*With Love,
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Casket Bearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
 601 South Street • Newberry, South Carolina
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Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of Mr. John Willie Gilmore



Friday, March 8, 2019
 2:00 P.M.

Pratt Funeral Home Chapel
 Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Wayne K. Pratt, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Let the tracks I leave behind,
Help show someone their way
Let the Love that I shared with you
Be a love that stays.

God called home his soldier, Mr. John Willie Gilmore, on Saturday, March 2, 2019. For many years he walked by faith and ran the good race, but his journey here is done, he’s now in God’s own grace.

Mr. Gilmore was an avid Walker and enjoyed collecting small treasures. He attended various local churches and Newberry County Senior Center. He never met a stranger and shared a smile and kind words to all he greeted.

Mr. Gilmore was born August 4, 1944, in Newberry, SC, to Willie Gilmore and the late Mrs. Florence Nance Gilmore. He was predeceased by his wife, Mrs. Betty Newson Gilmore, and a brother, Spencer Gilmore.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his father, Willie Gilmore; two brothers, Wilbert Gilmore of Columbia, SC, and Nathaniel Gilmore (KaTanya) of Lexington, SC; six sisters, Mrs. Barbara Melvin, Ella Mae Gilmore, Irene Gilmore Scott and Emma Lee Griffin all of Newberry, SC, Sarah Gilmore Lindsay of Greenville, SC, and Lucille Mitchell of Woonsocket, RI; two sisters-in-law, Georgette Saxson of Greenwood, SC, and Bonnie Gilmore of Newberry, SC; a devoted niece, Crystal L. Gilmore of Newberry, SC; a dear companion, Thelma Goodson of Newberry, SC; lifelong friend, Arnold Abrams of Newberry, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends who will miss him dearly.



Order of Service

Prelude	Mr. Elmurray Bookman
Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing	Family and Friends
Selection	Mr. Elmurray Bookman
Scripture Readings	Rev. Harry Werts
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Prayer	Rev. Harry Werts
Reflections	Ms. Betty Jo Hill
Solo	Mr. Robert Wright
Words of Comfort	Rev. Wayne K. Pratt, Sr.
Recessional	“I’m Free”
Committal and Benediction	Graveside
Interment	Werts Cemetery Newberry, South Carolina

Acknowledgment

At a time like this when sorrow invades the heart and home, it means so much to have loving family and friends. We, the family of Mr. John Willie Gilmore, deeply appreciate all your calls, thoughts and prayers and will always remember.

—The Gilmore Family