

# Message of Gratitude

The family of Rev. Bernard Gilliam would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for each request to do anything, card, condolence and prayer. The food items were delicious and the home items perfect and much needed. You sincerely made the loss of Rev. Gilliam a little easier with your love, contributions, thoughts and prayers. You being present to celebrate his homegoing will be forever cherished and will never be forgotten. May God bless and keep each of you. We love you!

-THE GILLIAM FAMILY

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

STEVEN LEVINE • ANDREW LEWIS  
RUSSELL MARTIN • BRADFORD SMITH  
CHRETIEN SMITH • NEHRU STAMPER

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

VIDAL ALLEN • IAN BELL  
KANARD BLAKELY • ERIC ELSE  
STANLEY GILLIAM • BRYAN ODEN

## INTERMENT

LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK  
DALLAS, TEXAS

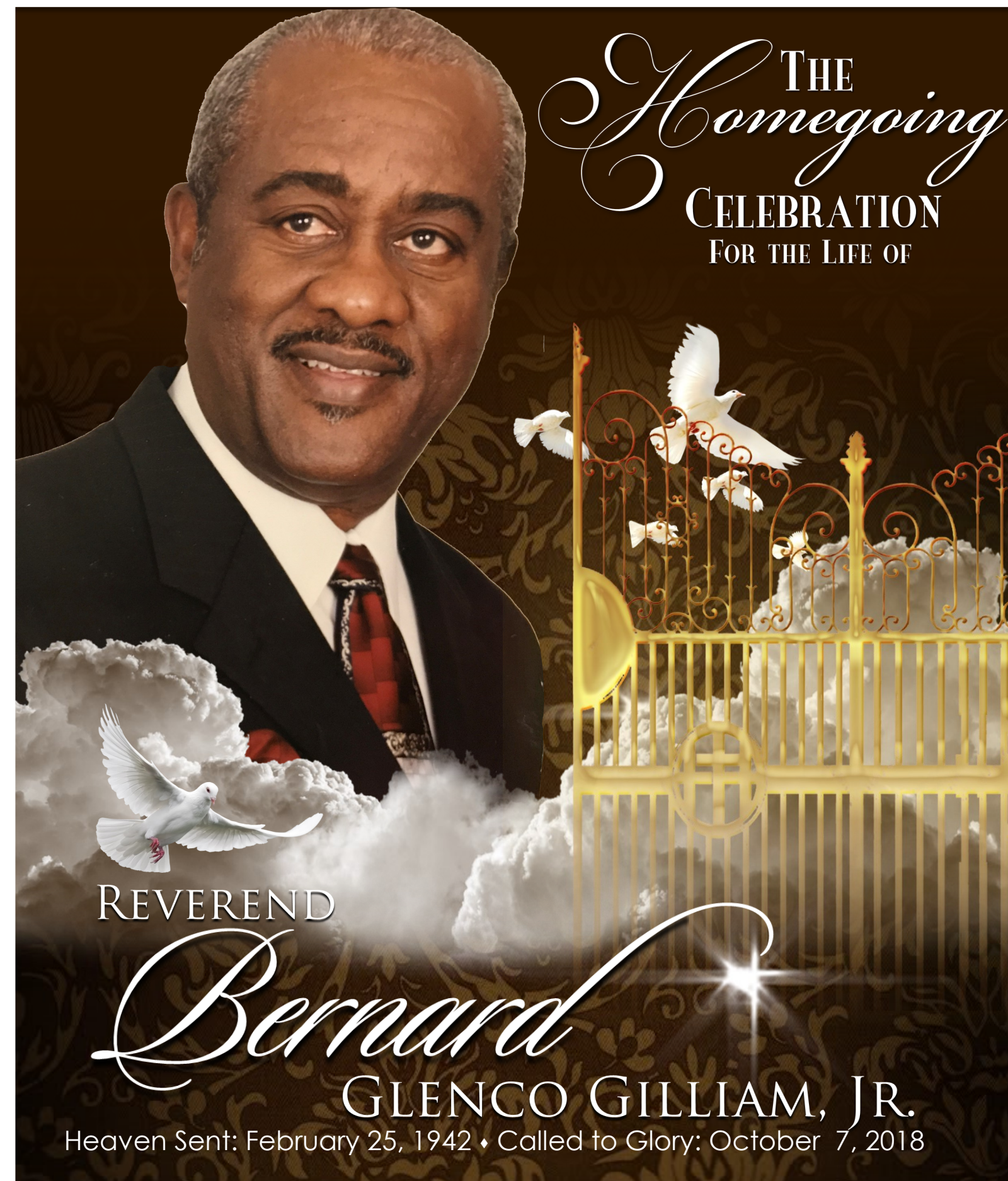
## REPAST

JAPONICA BAPTIST CHURCH  
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75241

-FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO-  
"DR. JOHN E. BECKWITH"

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THE  
*Homegoing*  
CELEBRATION  
FOR THE LIFE OF

REVEREND  
*Bernard*  
GLENCO GILLIAM, JR.

Heaven Sent: February 25, 1942 • Called to Glory: October 7, 2018



# *The Life Reflections and Legacy of* REVEREND BERNARD GLENCO GILLIAM, JR.

Bernard Gilliam was born to the proud parentage of Bernard and Rose Gilliam on February 25, 1942, in Longleaf, Louisiana. After moving to Dallas, Texas Mama Rose met and married the late J. D. Scroggins and together they raised Bernard to be a God fearing man.

He received his education from the Dallas Independent School District, graduating from James Madison High School in 1960. He was an active member of the "Mighty Trojans" football team, which he often bragged about. He was employed by Fuji Film, Dallas Theological Seminary, City of Dallas, and Dallas County.

On February 25, 1967, he married the love of his life, the former Evelyn Smith. February of this year marked the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of their marriage. Their lives were changed forever.

Rev. Gilliam accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. During his time at Mt. Moriah he served faithfully. Later in life, he united with the Greater South Central Missionary Baptist Church where he accepted his call into the ministry, and was ordained as a Baptist Minister. He attended Southern Bible Institute to enhance his calling. He united with Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Leonard R. Davis, where he served as an associate minister, worked in the Sunday school, and sung in the male chorus. Rev. Gilliam, was later called to Pastor Greater South Central Missionary Baptist Church, where he served for seven years. Rev. Gilliam united with Japonica Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Bell Holland where he served until October 7, 2018. What a blessing it was for him to be called to glory doing what he enjoyed doing most in life, preaching the gospel.

Rev. Gilliam touched and impacted many people through his service and commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. He leaves behind an incredible legacy that will continue to live in the people he met. He was a lover of people, and he met no strangers. He loved the Lord and he loved his family. His passion for life and family, along with his quick wit, will be missed. He is proceeded in death by his parents and numerous relatives.

He leaves to celebrate his memories, his devoted wife of 51 years, Evelyn M. Gilliam; three sons: Bernard (Mona) Blakely-Gilliam, Rickey (Tina) Smith-Gilliam, of Dallas, Texas, and Stanley (Andrea) Gilliam, of Desoto, Texas; one daughter, Bobbie (Greg) Oden, of Cedar Hill, Texas; seven grandchildren: Ian Bell, Bryan Oden, Stanley Gilliam, Eric Else, Kanard Blakely, Vidal Allen, and Keara Oden. Two brothers; Bernard Gilliam, and Paul Gilliam; two sisters, Jada (Gordon) Watters; of Forney, Texas and Dona Pagan; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, family of faith and friends.

## THE LEGACY OF REV. BERNARD GILLIAM, JR.





# A TRIBUTE TO DAD

*You loved, you gave, you sacrificed so much.  
Many lives were blessed, many lives were touched.  
We know our days are numbered,  
Daddy, we thank God for you,  
Within our hearts you are dear.  
You loved us through good,  
You loved us through bad,  
We in turn give God the glory  
Because we could never rewrite this story.  
Why do we rejoice at such a time like this,  
It's because we understand the word of God  
which tells us that He is our strength.  
So on this day we won't say goodbye,  
We won't complain, but we may cry.  
Thank you daddy, for we knew your heart,  
God loved you more, right from the very start.*

*We Love You Daddy,  
Bernard, Bobbie, Rickey and Stanley  
Andrea (aka Neice), Greg, Mona and Tina*



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018  
11:00 A.M.  
**ANTIOCH FELLOWSHIP**  
7550 South Hampton Road | Dallas, Texas 752332  
Dr. Karry D. Wesley, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Bell Holland, Officiant      Rev. Leonard R. David, Eulogist

PROCESSIONAL	Clergy and Family
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"I Will Trust in the Lord"</i>
SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Old Testament	Rev. Oscar Johnson
New Testament	Rev. Jeffery Jacobs
PRAYER OF CONSOLATION	Rev. Howard Anderson, Jr.
MUSICAL SELECTION	Tina Crouch
	<i>"I'll Fly Away"</i>
RESOLUTIONS	Japonica Baptist Church Greater South Central Missionary Baptist Church Antioch Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
REMARKS	Limit 2 Minutes, Please
MUSICAL SELECTION	Carl Brown
	<i>"I Need You Now"</i>
SPECIAL REMARKS	
SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS	Rev. Willie J. Atkins
AS A PREACHER	Rev. William Burley
FIRST SON IN THE MINISTRY	Rev. Randy Hubbard
A FAMILY MAN	Rev. William Jones
A LIFE LONG FRIEND	Rev. Louis Levine Sr.
MUSICAL SELECTION	Carl Brown
	<i>"The Blood"</i>
MESSAGE OF CELEBRATION	Rev. Leonard R. Davis Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
RECESSIONAL	Funeral Cortege



I thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday,  
And days before that too.  
I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories  
And a picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake,  
With which I'll never part,  
God has you in His keeping,  
I have you in my heart.

Your Loving Wife,  
*Evelyn*

*February 25, 1967*  
*"51 Years of Holy Matrimony"*

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."  
-Proverbs 18:22

## WE HAD A WONDERFUL GRANDFATHER

*We had a wonderful grandfather,  
One who never really grew old;  
His smile was made of sunshine,  
And his heart was solid-gold;  
His eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And his cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful grandfather,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
He's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So Let's make sure  
He will like what he sees.*

*We love you PaPa,  
Keara, Bryan, Eric, Ian, Kanard,  
Lil Stanley, and Vidal*

