



## Ray Gilmore

September 2, 1940 - January 21, 2021

### Life's Reflections

"To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

### A Time To Be Born

Ray Gilmore was the second of seven children born to the late Cleveland Gilmore and the late Veola Taylor Gilmore on September 2, 1940 in Honoraville, Alabama. His siblings were four sisters: Viola Tillman, Iola Hughley (deceased), Alma Peterson, and Edna Mott; and two brothers: Ernest Gilmore (deceased) and Rufus Gilmore (deceased).

### A Time To Live

At an early age, with his family, Ray relocated to Apopka, Florida. He attended Orange County Public Schools. He was a resident of Apopka for over seventy years, where he built their home as the principal contractor and builder. Ray and Ella Jean moved into their home on July 4, 1975.

### A Time To Love

Ray and Ella Jean met in 1964 and were married on September 16, 1967. To this union, they were blessed with two daughters: Dorcas Raejeana Gilmore (Chad) and Tabitha Raejeana Gilmore-Curtis (Kwame). They have two

granddaughters: Kaelynn Ella Curtis and Carolyn Ella Gilmore-Harris.

#### A Time To Labor, As It Is A Gift of God

Ray was very talented, and over the course of his life, he was a barber, tailor, plumber, and entrepreneur. He attended and completed course work at Jacksonville Barber College and became a licensed barber. Ray later entered a plumbing apprenticeship program. He continued the course work to become a Master Plumber. He was employed with Harper Plumbing & Heating and retired from employment with Nash, Inc. He worked in the plumbing trade for over thirty years. He was also an entrepreneur with a barber shop and beauty salon, as well as a barbeque stand. He took extra pride in having the best ribs and homemade sauce.

#### A Time To Every Purpose Under the Heavens

Ray had a genuine love and concern for people. He demonstrated through his deeds an untiring commitment to improving the quality of life for those in his family and community. Ray accepted Christ as an adult and was a member of St. Matthews Holiness Church and St. Elizabeth Holiness Church. He was devoted to street ministry. He had a love and talent for ministry through music. He loved to play his harmonica.

#### A Time To Die

After an extended illness, on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Advent Health Hospital in Winter Park, Florida with his wife, daughters, and nurse at his bedside, he was gently transformed to an eternal life of peace and joy.

#### A Time To Mourn

Cherished memories remain in our hearts since the transition to glory of our beloved one. The great legacy he has left for us to emulate includes his strong faith in God, servant's heart, helping hand, and beautiful smile. Above all, he will be remembered for his love and commitment to serving others and strong belief in always doing his best work. These and other attributes shall always

be treasured by his devoted wife of 53 years, Ella J. Bobb Gilmore, their daughters, Dorcas R. Gilmore (Chad), Baltimore, Maryland and Tabitha R. Gilmore-Curtis (Kwame), Orlando, Florida and their granddaughters, Kaelynn Ella Curtis and Carolyn Ella Gilmore-Harris; sisters Viola Tillman, Alma Peterson, and Edna Mott; sisters-in-law Rutha Wright and Berthenia Bobb; twin goddaughters Jeanine Washington and Jeanelle Washington Grimes and godson 1st Lt. Korian Brady; nephews, nieces, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1012 South Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Gilmore*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.*

**Michelle Travis** - February 05, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ *Prayers are with you, Ella, and your family during your hour of bereavement. May God give you peace and comfort in this time.*

*Edward and Harriet Brown Birk - St. Mark - Orlando*



**Harriet B. Birk** - February 01, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *MINNIE LONG SCOTT  
MAMIE LONG KELLY  
LILLIE LONG LEWIS*



**MAMIE KELLY** - February 01, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Gilmore.*



January 31, 2021 at 06:25 PM



“ *Jhenna El-Sawaf lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



**Jhenna El-Sawaf** - January 31, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Angela Ligon lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



**Angela Ligon** - January 31, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Berthenia, Rodney, and Lester III purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ray Gilmore.*



**Berthenia, Rodney, and Lester III** - January 31, 2021 at 10:36 AM

GL

“ Gilmore Khandhar, LLC purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ray Gilmore.



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**Gilmore Khandhar, LLC** - January 31, 2021 at 09:33 AM

TF

“ In loving memory. Our hearts our with you and the family.  
The Johnson Family.



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**The Johnson Family** - January 31, 2021 at 07:48 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ray Gilmore.



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January 30, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Gilmore.



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January 30, 2021 at 08:15 PM

WW

“ Willie And Linda Wright lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



Willie and Linda Wright - January 30, 2021 at 05:59 PM

CW

“ Charlie Mae Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Gilmore



Charlie Mae Warren - January 29, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray Gilmore.



January 29, 2021 at 02:04 PM

LF

“ Love Charmaine Hamblin and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ray Gilmore.



Love Charmaine Hamblin and Family - January 29, 2021 at 01:05 PM

JS

“ *Jennell (That Lady) Simmons lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



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**Jennell (That Lady) Simmons** - January 29, 2021 at 11:54 AM

GB

“ *Gussie L Baker lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



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**Gussie L Baker** - January 29, 2021 at 06:50 AM

GB

“ *Gussie L Baker lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



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**Gussie L Baker** - January 29, 2021 at 06:48 AM

DN

“ *Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore*



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**Dot Newsome** - January 28, 2021 at 07:21 PM

RH

“ Regina Holifield lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



Regina Holifield - January 28, 2021 at 04:35 PM

WS

“ Willie Coleman Smith lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



willie coleman smith - January 28, 2021 at 02:42 PM

GB

“ Gussie L Baker lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



Gussie L Baker - January 28, 2021 at 10:39 AM

SS

“ Shelia Simmons lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



Shelia Simmons - January 28, 2021 at 09:26 AM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Gilmore



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**Sadie Lowman** - January 27, 2021 at 09:51 PM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



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**Sadie Lowman** - January 27, 2021 at 09:51 PM

CD

“ Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Ray Gilmore



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**Clara Desue** - January 27, 2021 at 07:38 PM