

Life's Reflections

Randy Gilliard was born to Arthur and Victoria Hutchinson Gilliard on July 26, 1957 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Randy met the love of his life and was joined in holy matrimony to Sandra Denise Steward July 21, 1984. Randy and Sandra were blessed with three children, Yvette (Randolph) Mood of Charlotte NC, Randy Gilliard Jr. of Summerville SC and Quinten John Gilliard of Mt. Pleasant.

Randy is a graduate of Wando High School Class of 1976. After High school Randy joined the United States Coast Guard where he served for 21 years, retiring as Chief Petty Officer Electrician's Mate in 1998. After retiring from the Coast Guard Randy worked several civilian jobs, before taking a break in 2005 to respond to the needs of those devastated by hurricane Katrina. Upon his return, Randy took a civil service position at the Department of Veterans Affairs where he retired in 2018 after serving 10 years. Before, during and after retirement, Randy was very resourceful and skilled, learning every trade imaginable. Randy shared this gift where ever he went. Randy did not know the word "No," it was always, "I'll be right there. I will see what I can do. Randy was a mentor to many and loved doing it."

Family was the most important thing to Randy and brought him the most joy. A family gathering filled with fun and laughter could spring up out of nowhere. Randy's grill stayed ready for barbecue ribs and chicken. Randy was a "people person", kind hearted, bringing joy wherever he traveled. "A Great Man".

Randy proclaimed his love for Christ at an early age and joined Greater Goodwill AME Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Randy is survived by and left to cherish his memory, his mother Victoria H. Gilliard, wife Sandra Denise Gilliard, children Yvette Mood (Randolph), Randy Gilliard Jr (Pensola) and Quinten John Gilliard, six grandchildren, Kai-Ayisa D. Eadie, Amere D. Eadie, Makayla M.J. Mood, Trinity E. Gilliard, Serenity M. Scott, and Mia M. Gilliard, brothers: Vincent E. Gilliard (Charlotte), Marvin Gilliard (Rachel), brother-in-laws: William Steward Jr. Daniel Steward, David Steward; sister-in-laws: Edna Clark, Anna Smalls, Patsy Bowers and devoted friend John Ballard Jr.. Devoted cousins Peggie Hutchinson, Arlene Green and Emily Manigault. A very special cousin and friend, Shirley Paramore, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

"May The Work We Done Speak For Me"



Order of Service

Reverend Clinton McPherson
Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional Hymn
- Opening Hymn #364 My Hope is Built
- Invocation/Prayer Rev. Elijah Smalls
- Choral Response
- Scripture Reading
- Old Testament.....Psalm 90:1-12.....Rev. Charles Singleton
- New Testament...John 14: 1-6... Deacon Randolph Mood
- Epistles Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18
- Solo..... Sis. Lashonda Middleton
- Remarks/Reflections of Life 2 minutes please
 - Sis. Marilyn Dingle, Class Leader
 - Bro. Kevin Brown, Cousin and Friend
 - Bro. Carl Green, Cousin and Friend
 - Bro. Joe Mitchell, Friend
 - Sis. Patsy Bowers, Sister-in-law and Friend
 - Sis. Rachelle Gilliard, Sister-in-law and Friend
 - Sis. Charlotte Gilliard, Sister-in-law and Friend
 - Retired Captain Kenneth Ivery
 - Retired Master Chief Bruce Kirkland
- Solo..... Sis. Debbie Horry
- Resolution
- Sermonic Hymn #448 When Peace Like A River
- Words of Comfort..... Rev. Clinton McPherson
- Selection..... "Already Done"
- Committal
- Benediction
- Viewing of Remains
- Recessional



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 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 play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;
 I found that place at the close of day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;
 Ah 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, I savored much;
 Good friends, good times,
 a loved ones touch.
 Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me,
 God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pallbearers

Felix Brown
 Bashawn Steward
 Brian Vanhanegeyn

Steven Wright
 Jackie "Jay" Moorer
 Kendall Smalls

Honorary Pallbearers

Vincent E. Gilliard
 John Ballard Jr.
 Joe Mitchell
 Marion Howard
 Rufus Manigault Jr.
 Daniel Steward
 Lyndon Manigault

Marvin Gilliard
 Kevin Brown
 Carl Green
 Charles Nelson
 William Steward Jr.
 David J. Steward
 Paul Winslett

Floral Bearers

Greater Goodwill AME Church Ushers

In Appreciation

The family of the late **Mr. Randy Gilliard** wish to thank everyone for all expressions of kindness and comfort shown during our period of bereavement.

Repast

Will be held at the residence immediately following the service.
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Celebrating the Life of a "Great Man"

the Late

Randy Gilliard



SUNRISE JULY 26, 1957 – SUNSET MAY 19, 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
11:00 am

GREATER GOODWILL
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 2818 North Highway 17
 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

Pastor Clinton McPherson

INTERMENT
 Greater Goodwill Cemetery – Mt. Pleasant, SC
 – MILITARY HONORS WILL BE OBSERVED –