

PALLBEARERS

Kirk Gilyard | Demetrius Frierson | Gary Nichols
Octavius Frieson | Ronnie Abrams | Nicholas Brown

FLOWER BEARERS
Friends of the Family

INTERMENT
Eastlawn Memorial Gardens
7475 East Holland
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

REPAST
Paradise Funeral Chapel Repast Hall
3100 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Percy L. Gilyard wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls, and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never more than now was your kindness needed and more appreciated.

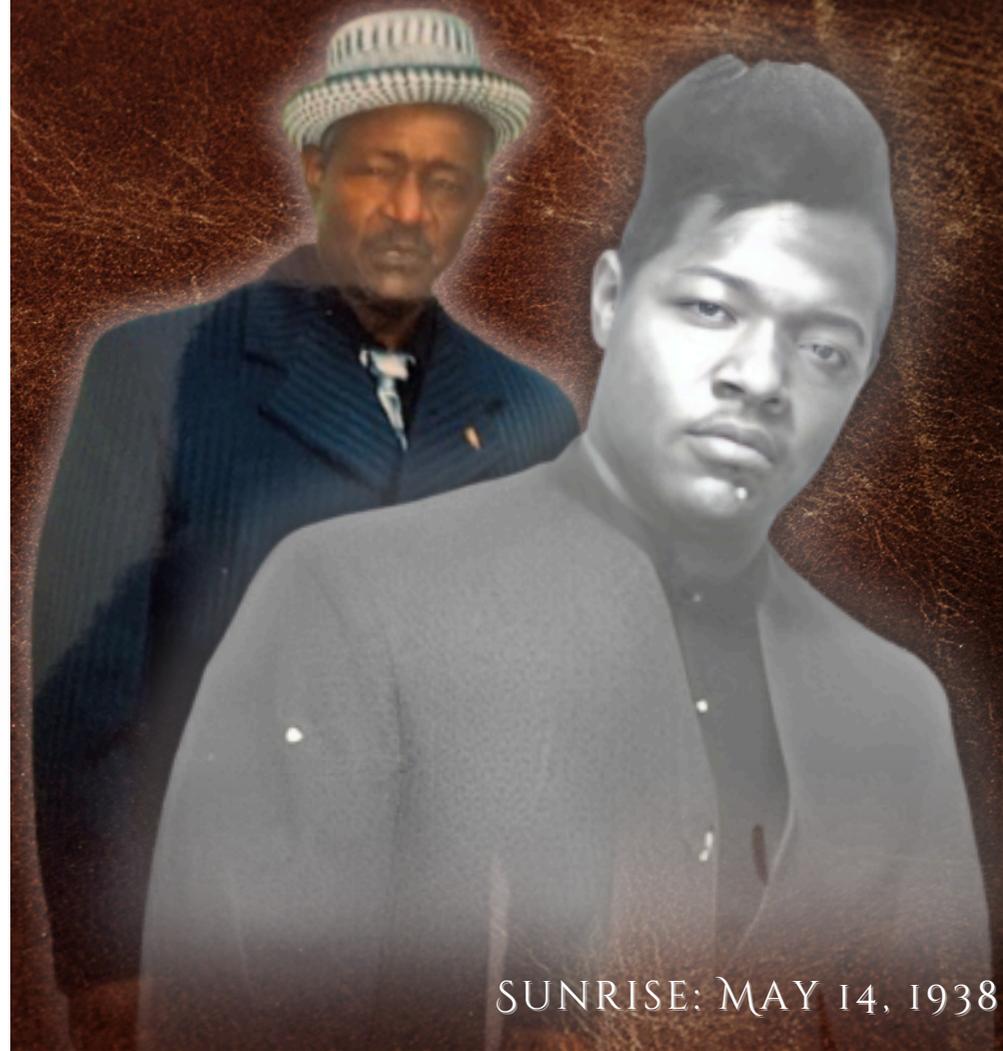
A special thank you to DaVita Dialysis Center, Hospice Atlanta Family, Pastor Gary Strode, his Caregivers, Brandy Jackson, Deniece Williams, Jerrell Martin, and Sherry Simpson-Lynch, for your support and kindness.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE: MAY 14, 1938

PERCY LEE GILYARD

SUNSET: AUGUST 5, 2025



The Best

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So, He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come to ME."
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.
Your Family

HOME GOING CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 16, 2025
11:00 AM

Paradise Funeral Chapel
3100 South Washington Avenue
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Pastor Gary Strode, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Musician

Processional
Family

Scripture Reading
Old Testament – Nicholas Brown, Grandson
New Testament – Jackie Brown, Granddaughter

Prayer
Pastor Gary Strode

Selection – "Walk Around Heaven"
Saxophonist Zegogery Hill, Cousin

Acknowledgements & Obituary
Brandy Jackson, Caregiver

Selection – "I Can Only Imagine"
Whitney Frierson, Granddaughter

Expressions (Please Limit to 2 Minutes)
Kasha Jackson – Granddaughter
DeVelma Hasund – Cousin
Yolanda Frierson – Daughter
Kirk Gilyard – Son
Johnny Redeemar – Friend
William Carey – Best Friend

Tribute – "His Journey Has Begun"
Kishsina Jackson, Granddaughter

Selection – "Trust in God"
Saxophonist Zegogery Hill, Cousin

Words of Encouragement
Pastor Gary Strode

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

CALLED HOME: PERCY'S STORY

Mr. Percy Lee Gilyard, 87, left us peacefully on August 5 at his home, surrounded by family and his caregiver. Percy was born on May 14, 1938, in Round Pond, Arkansas, to James and Pashion Gilyard. Percy was the fourth youngest of thirteen brothers and sisters.

Percy was a quiet and obedient child. He loved his papa and adored his mama. In his early twenties, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he met and married his wife, Luttie, on December 3, 1962. Shortly after marriage, he and his family relocated to Saginaw, Michigan, because he thought Chicago was too busy. He was employed by the General Motors Grey Iron Casting Plant in 1964. After retiring from the plant, he spent most of his days enjoying his family. He was a member of Zion Valley Missionary Baptist church, where he served on the treasury board and choir.

Percy enjoyed singing, cooking, especially making his corn bread dressing and sweet potato pies. He also loved fishing and working on cars. Speaking of cars, you cannot forget how much he loved his white Cadillac. Percy was a strong, devoted, reliable, dependable, and loyal man. A simple yet complex person with a quiet soul. A man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened. If you had him for a friend, then you had a friend for life.

Although Luttie was his backbone, Percy was the glue that held everything together. He will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

Percy leaves to cherish his memory four daughters, Tanita Jackson, Augusta, GA, Yolanda Frierson, and Rochelle Burch, both of Saginaw, MI, and Karla Williams, Hampton, GA; one son, Kirk Gilyard, Saginaw, MI; one stepson, William Jr. (Anita) Frierson, Flint, Michigan; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Martha Jackson, Chicago, IL; two brothers, Elijah (Gwen) Gilyard, and James Gilyard, both of Saginaw, MI; one brother-in-law, Gary Nichols, Flint, MI; many nieces, nephews, and cousins

Percy was preceded in death by his wife, Luttie Mae Gilyard; parents, James and Pashion Gilyard; siblings, McKinnely, Edward, Willie, Margaret, Stella Mae, Lorraine, Florence, Thomas, and Clarence; and one granddaughter, LaThesia Gilyard.