

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

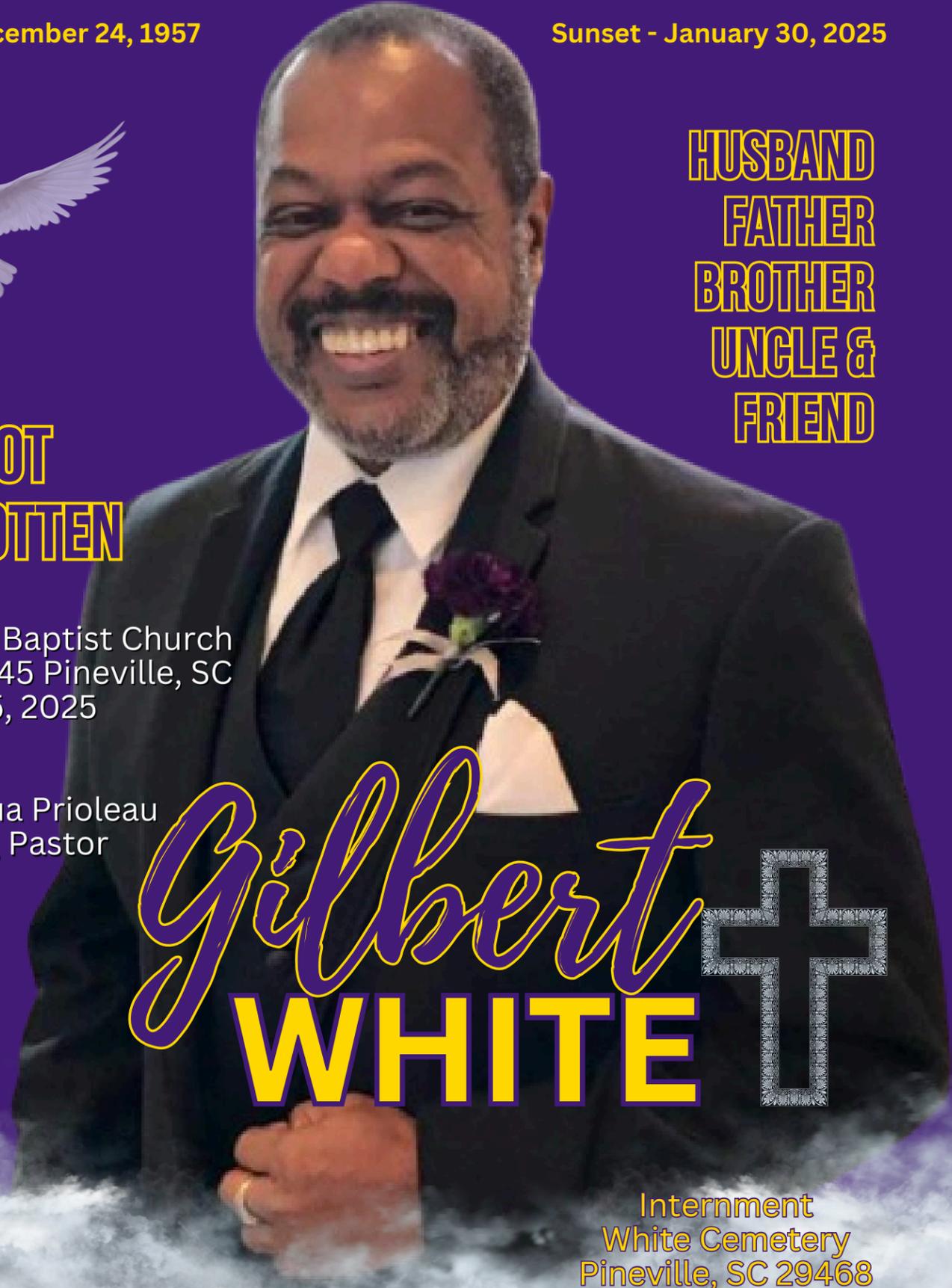
Sunrise - December 24, 1957

Sunset - January 30, 2025



GONE
BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN

HUSBAND
FATHER
BROTHER
UNCLE &
FRIEND



Day Dawn Baptist Church
2057 Hwy 45 Pineville, SC
February 5, 2025
11:00 am

Rev. Joshua Prioleau
Officiating Pastor

Gilbert
WHITE



Internment
White Cemetery
Pineville, SC 29468

Active Pallbearers

Jeffrey Jenkins
Varick Kennedy
David Middleton

Stanley Blanding
John Dingle
Vernon Greene

Rockey Singleton

Honorary Pallbearers

Godfrey Edokpia
Ethan Milligan
Devin Robinson
John Webster

Meagan Milligan
Terrence Robinson
Andy Williams
Moses White

Frank Steward

Floral Bearers

St. Stephen High Class of 1976

Acknowledgement

On behalf of our family, we want to extend our sincere appreciation for your presence today. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, condolences, meals, and all acts of kindness during this difficult season. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

With deepest gratitude,
The White, Edokpia, and Milligan Family
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Life Reflections

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" Philippians 1:21



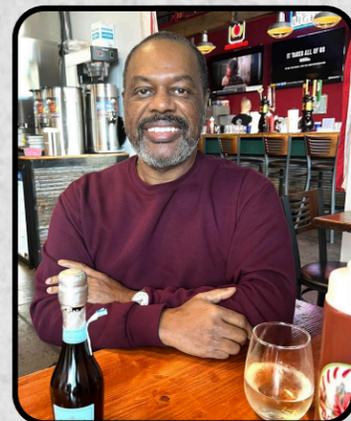
Our community has lost an awesome husband, father, brother, nephew, uncle, mentor, advocate, and friend. Our loving, devoted NASA safety engineer took his rest on January 30, 2025, at Trident Medical Center at the age of 67 surrounded by his loving family. His medical battles in recent years showed his courage and his faith in God. Despite the multiple setbacks, he would always bounce back a hero and remained strong and faithful to the end.

Gilbert was the youngest child of St. Julian and Ethel Mae Steward White, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his older sister, Jennifer Marie White-Robinson and her husband, Elijah Robinson and a granddaughter, Charlee Richardson.

Gilbert began his Christian walk at an early age by becoming a baptized member of Day Dawn Baptist Church. He lived according to his biblical training and never lost faith in God. He supported his church until the end.

Gilbert was educated in the public school system of Berkeley County, and graduated from St. Stephen High School, Class of 1976. He graduated from South Carolina State College with a degree in electrical engineering in 1980.

Gilbert's professional career took him to many companies and he landed at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC as a safety engineer and served on many of the space missions. After 32 Years at NASA moving up the ranks, he retired and returned to live in South Carolina with his wife, Helen, of 36 years.



Gone Fishing

I've finished life's chores assigned to me, so put me on a boat headed out to sea.

Please send along my fishing pole for I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish, to fill your heart with every wish.

Don't worry or feel sad for me, I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile, but you will come and bring your smile.

That won't be long you see, Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me, Be happy as I go out to sea.

If others wonder why I'm missin' Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

By: Dalmer Pepper





Order of Service

Reverend Joshua Prioleau, Presiding
Pastor, Day Dawn Baptist Church

Processional

My Hope Is Built

Opening Hymn
Scripture Readings

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
John 14:1-6

Prayer
Solo

Rev. Gerard Blanding
Biena Griffin

Reflections (2 minutes, please)
St. Stephen High Class of 1976
Church Leader

Dr. Elaine Graham
Deacon Freddie James

Song

Choir

Words of Comfort

Reverend Joshua Prioleau

Committal
Benediction
Recessional

Final Viewing

The family invites you to join them in a repast at Day Dawn Baptist Fellowship Hall
immediately following the interment.

Dear Dad,

From the moment I gained consciousness, I have known you as a nurturing force, a pillar of love, and someone with a heart full of warmth. You are thoughtful and soft on the one hand and mysterious and a tough nut to crack on the other. Your gentle words and way of showing care have made me a better and kind person.

I've seen you wear many hats—an intellectual, a philosopher, a writer, and a critic. But above all, you are my problem solver, the one who can easily solve my problems and forgive my mistakes, no matter how big or small.

I want to thank you for being the unwavering guide in my life, loving me unconditionally and showing me what a real man should look like. And let me tell you, I have loved you and will love you till my last breath.

Lots of love,
Your daughter Shae



Gilbert was united in holy matrimony to Helen Richardson on August 13, 1988. This family was blessed to raise two wonderful children, Sonsechria "Shae" Pinckney and Brandon Richardson. He was truly a devoted and loving family man who wanted nothing but the best for his wife, children, family, and friends. To know him was to love him.

Gilbert was a man of many talents but he was an exceptionally skilled farm equipment operator, fisherman, and motivator. He spent hours talking about farming, fishing, tennis, football, and life. He would always tell our children, "you cannot live long enough to make all of life's mistakes, so learn from other people's mistakes". The children would always laugh because no matter what situation you were discussing, he had a friend who went through the same thing. He was an avid bass fisherman, a tennis enthusiast, and diehard Dallas Cowboys fan.

Gilbert became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Nu Chapter, in Silver Spring, MD. He was the Deuce (#2) in the 1982 line, "Manificent Seven". His line name was "Big Foot". He participated in community activities and fundraisers to help support his organization and remained loyal and dedicated until his death.

Gilbert leaves to cherish his loving memories: a loving wife, Helen; and devoted daughter, Sonsechria "Shae" (Godfrey) Edokpia; a son, Brandon (Jenny) Richardson; a compassionate sister, Elaine (Robert) Milligan; a bonus sister, Sharon (Anthony) Brown; bonus children, Alissa (Dwayne), Clarissa, Meagan, Terrence, Devin, and Jamaira; six grandchildren, Kristen, Chandler, Brianna, Jaedon, Cameron, and Derrick; two great grandchildren, Frank and Charlee; sisters-in-law; Ann (Bobby) Swinson, Mary Richardson, and Pauline (Norman) McNeil; special aunts and uncles, classmates, former co-workers, family and friends.

