

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to thank you for your expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Your comforting expressions of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. We thank you so much.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

CL Harris
Jerome Bronson
Kamari Townson
Rodriguez Bronson
Calvin Jones
Marvin Jones

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

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850 Old Highway 3
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

John L. Townsend

SUNRISE:

August 31, 1966

SUNSET:

March 21, 2023



Saturday, April 1, 2023 | 12:00 p.m.

Community Baptist Church

333 West Fifteenth Street ♦ Yazoo City, MS 39194

Rev. Larry Taylor, Officiating Pastor

~ Life Reflections ~

John L. Townsend

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: ~ II Timothy 4:7



John L. Townsend was born to Napoleon (Jack) Gilmore and Katie Gould on August 31, 1966 in Belzoni, MS. John departed this life on March 21, 2023.

John accepted Christ at an early age and True Light Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C.L. Murphy.

John was employed at Mike Kirk Sawmill, the police department and Family Dollar in Yazoo City, MS. He also drove tractors. He loved to build things. John was smart and skilled at everything he put his hands to. He loved to fish, shoot pool, grill, draw pictures and work on cars. John also enjoyed dancing, good music and putting a smile on everyone's face.

John was preceded in death by his father Napoleon (Jack) Gilmore and his brother, Napoleon (Papa) Gilmore.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his mom: Katie Mae Gould; father: Nathan Gould, both of Yazoo City, MS; daughter: Thelma Williams (Bruce Lillen) of Virginia Beach, VA; one granddaughter and one grandson; two sisters: Bernice (Franklin) Golden of North Carolina and Tenisha Perry of Madison, Wisconsin; five brothers: Terry Townson (Carolyn) of Meridian, MS, Hurston Golden and Edward Golden, both of Madison, Wisconsin, Deshay Anderson Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Napoleon (Lil Jack) Haynes of Chicago, Illinois; one special nephew: Kimani Townson of Yazoo City, MS; one special niece: Shondell Wright of Greenville, MS; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, cousins and friends.



My Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.*

*I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.
Please don't give tears or talk in harsh tones,
don't be concerned about me now.
I'm well with God; I've made it home,
don't talk about what could have been; it's over and done.*

*Don't just remember all the good times,
but remember some bad,
For life is full of many things,
some happy and some sad.*

*But if you must do something, then I have one last request:
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting. Thank God for I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me,
and praise God who loved me the best.*



Order of Service

PRELUDE
Soft Music

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy and Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament
John Bronson
New Testament
Kamari Townson

PRAYER
Michael Brown

MUSICAL SELECTION
Joann Jones

POEM
Kamari Townson

EXPRESSIONS
Two Minutes Please
Family and Friends

OBITUARY
Read Silently | Soft Music

EULOGY
Pastor Larry Taylor

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~ Tributes ~

My Son

*My heart has been left broken since the day you had to go.
And memories I treasure dearly are in tears that still flow.
You're in my thoughts every day and that's how it will always be.
For you maybe up in heaven now but you'll always be with me.
If only I could have the chance to see your face once more.
Or just hear your voice one final time just like it was before.
The day that the day that heaven calls for me,
Will be a relief from all this pain.
I'll run to you with open arms, and we will meet again.
Love Mom and Dad*



*Since you passed away, life just hasn't been the same.
I would move heaven and earth to have you hear again.
The time we spent together meant the world to me,
I have many treasured memories as we grew up together, happily.
I'm so grateful for the years we had and the closeness that we shared.
Your thoughtfulness and loyalty and the way you always cared.
You were a wonderful brother; I miss you to no end.
You're more than just my family, you were a kind supportive friend.
Love Terry*



~ Memories ~

