

Life, Legacy & Memories

Uncle Howard lived a full and meaningful life filled with love, family, music, laughter, and joy. He was truly ALL OF OUR UNCLE HOWARD, embracing everyone with warmth, respect, and a spirit that made others feel like family.

He had a deep love for music, especially songs that reflected his life journey. One of his favorites was Frank Sinatra's "My Way," which reflected the way he lived; with confidence, independence, and authenticity. He also enjoyed the music of King George and Simple Wayne, which brought him comfort and joy.

Uncle Howard found happiness in simple pleasures. His beloved BUTTER COOKIES brought him comfort and joy throughout his life and became a cherished memory among family and friends. He also loved dancing, and whether at family gatherings or special occasions, he brought energy and life to every room he entered.

One of the most meaningful moments of his life was his 90th Birthday Celebration, where he was surrounded by family and friends. During that celebration, he became emotional as he reflected on his life, blessings, and the love that surrounded him.

Above all, Uncle Howard cherished time spent with family and friends, creating memories that will live on for generations.

Like his beloved song "My Way," he lived life on his own terms; "I did it my way." His legacy of love, music, family, and joy will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

Well, done, Uncle Howard. Rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

Flowerbearers

Trinity McPherson Ashley Gilmore
Deidre Rankin Causey Shirley Davis

Honorary Pallbearers

Howard Gilmore Jr. Robert Gilmore Jr.
Vashund Gilmore Larry McPherson
Willie Simmons Lewis Smith

Active Pallbearers

Mu Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity, Incorporated

Acknowledgements

The family of Howard S. Gilmore extends heartfelt appreciation for the love, prayers, and support shown during this time of bereavement. Every expression of kindness; through visits, calls, meals, flowers, and comforting words has brought strength and peace.

We sincerely thank our pastors, church family, friends, and community for walking alongside us with compassion and faith. Special gratitude is extended to First Missionary Baptist Church for their spiritual support and to Hatcher-Peoples Funeral Home for their professionalism, dignity, and care.

Though we may not be able to thank everyone individually, please know that every act of kindness is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.

With sincere gratitude,

The Family of Howard S. Gilmore

Professional Services Entrusted To



"We would like to take the opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the "Home Going Services" of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered to your family have been complete and in detail. For all your confidence placed within the management and staff, "we will forever be grateful"

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"Our Purpose, Plan, and Prayers are to Persistently serve the People with Passion"

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR Howard Shepherd Gilmore

AKA
UNCLE HOWARD



SERVICE
JUNE 13, 2026

12:00PM
HATCHER- PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME
820 WRIGHT STREET

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31792
REVEREND JEREMY G. RICH, PASTOR, FIRST MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
OFFICIATING: REVEREND JEREMY G. RICH

In God's Care

HOWARD SHEPHERD GILMORE

“Uncle Howard” • “Porkchop”

Howard Shepherd Gilmore, affectionately known as Uncle Howard and lovingly called “Porkchop” entered eternal rest on May 31, 2026, at the age of ninety. He will be remembered as a strong foundation within his family, a man whose life reflected deep love, steady presence, and remarkable endurance through life’s seasons. Uncle Howard dedicated himself to his loved ones and lived with loyalty, pride, and a deep sense of responsibility to those around him. His life leaves behind a legacy of family unity, respect, and enduring love that will continue to be felt for generations.

Howard Shepherd Gilmore was born on May 13, 1936, in Thomas County, Georgia, to the late Emma Safronia Delaney and Robert Gilmore, Sr. He was raised with values of faith, perseverance, respect, and family that would guide him throughout his life. Known for his quiet strength, caring nature, and steadfast devotion to those he loved, he touched the lives of many through his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering presence.

Throughout his years, Uncle Howard was known for his independence, consistency, and the quiet but lasting impact he made on those closest to him. His presence was grounding, his character memorable, and his life reflected endurance, dignity, and personal pride.

He lived with dignity, pride, and a deep devotion to family. He was a steady presence in the lives of those who knew him, offering strength, wisdom, and quiet support that left a lasting impact on his loved ones.

IN GOD’S CARE BEFORE HIM

Uncle Howard S. Gilmore is now reunited in eternal rest with cherished members of his family who preceded him in death. Though they have gone on before him, their love and memories remain a lasting source of comfort.

He was preceded in death by:

- His mother: Emma Safronia Delaney Gilmore
- His father: Robert Gilmore, Sr.
- His sister: Emma Grace Grisset
- His brothers: Robert Gilmore, George Gilmore, and Clarence Gilmore, Sr.

They will forever remain a treasured part of his life and legacy.

He leaves to cherish his legacy:

- His loving daughter: Emerald Johnson (Stevie)
- His nieces: Clarissa Mitchell and Linda Gilmore-Barnes (Tommy)
- His nephews: Larry McPherson, Robert Gilmore, Howard Gilmore, and Willie Jones (Topreka)
- His bonus nephews: Steve Walker (Jacqueline) and Willie Simmons
- A host of loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great-nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends who will forever honor and cherish his memory.

Remember Me



Order of Service

Prelude	Soft Musical Selection
Processional	
Parting Glance – Moment of Reflection	
Solo / Musical Tribute	Raymond James
Prayer	Reverend Jeremy G. Rich
Holy Scripture: Old Testament	Reverend Jeremy G. Rich
New Testament	Reverend Jeremy G. Rich
Selection	First Missionary Baptist Church
Reflections: As a Cousin	Shirley Davis
As a Friend	Fred Williams
As a Nephew	Larry McPherson
Solo	Raymond James
Eulogy	Reverend Jeremy G. Rich
Acknowledgements	Hatcher-Peoples Funeral Home
Recessional	“Going Up Yonder”

INTERMENT
Mount Olive Cemetery
Beachton, Ga 31792

REPAST
122 Festus Street
Thomasville, Georgia