



Gilbert Mack Pride

October 26, 1942 - May 20, 2021

Gilbert Mack Pride entered this world on October 26, 1942 in Stonega, Virginia. On May 20, 2021 Gilbert fell asleep at the age of 78, with Mary Cathy by his side who is awaiting the return of Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Predecessors in death include his father, Coffee Pride; mother, Damaruis Paraseta Walker, and siblings; Benjamin Hardin, Nannie Clark, Bathis Billingsley, Wilhelmina Jackson Saffell, and Paul Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Cathy; sister, Wanda Lynn Jackson, and niece; Marissa(Stephen).

He lives through his bloodline: Son, Matthew Paul Pride and stepdaughter, Toya La'Tece Ruffin. And his Grandchildren: Malachi, Zachariah, Milton Cloud, Kasia Kai, Idriis Osaze Muata, and Gabrielle Michaela.

A man after God's own heart and a steadfast devotion to faith and family, he was blessed with a smile and laugh so infectious and genuine that those around would be touched by the joy of his soul. Gilbert was kind and calm. He walked, loved, and acted in the likeness of Jesus Christ. He literally shook with the power of the Lord.

In and through, he was an advocate, warrior, and provider. One whose door was always open, and whose hospitality, humility, and compassion was reflected through his culinary hobby of making cakes. A healer that provided love and household support to a multitude of people and families around the world.

Gilbert was a man of consistency and faith with the ethos, ethics, and morals

that compelled him to share his faith across the world through many mission trips from India to Africa. His faith journey was shared through his routine of beginning each and every day with prayer and journaling. The family still has and will cherish his collection of daily writings and poems. Every evening, Gilbert blew his shofar as a token of love and protection.

He graduated in 1964 from Xavier University in Louisiana, served in the US army as a medic, and ended his journey serving as the person who brought all of us here together today.

Mary Cathy's buddy, Daddy to his son, Granddaddy Gilbert- we're so happy and grateful for you bringing us all closer together. To celebrate your love and life. 1 Corinthians 15:50-55.

The family will receive friends on Monday, May 31, from 1:00 until 1:50 pm at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801. Mr. Pride's Celebration of Life Service will follow at 2:00 pm in the Chapel. Burial will be private family only at a later date. To livestream the service at 2pm, please log on to our website and to the obituary of Gilbert Mack Pride at 1:55 pm. We will go live at 1:59pm.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care of Asheville, North Carolina, is serving the family.

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
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<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Live Stream

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Live Stream
<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1141173>

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Webcast in memory of Gilbert Mack Pride*



Morris Funeral Home - May 31, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Gilbert Mack Pride*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I was passing through the obituaries and saw Gilbert's. Gilbert was a loving and gentle soul. He always had a smile and would bring Jesus into any conversation. My husband Paul attended BSF with Gilbert. He always found time to a talks about Jesus. Paul and Gilbert enjoyed talking about the Bible. I just stood back in amazement of how much knowledge they both had. Now you and Paul can continue discussing the Bible. God Bless You! Loretta Reynolds*

Loretta Reynolds - September 06, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DE

“ *Mr. Pride was mine and my husbands high school English teacher. We were just talking about him today and what a very nice man he was. I googled him and was sorry to find that he recently passed away. He was only 7 years older than we are. Remembering Mr. P-Dale and Peggy Horton Everhart*

Dale and Peggy Everhart - June 18, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.*



May 31, 2021 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ *God bless you at this difficult time. Thinking of you with sympathy, with love, and with a prayer that God will bless you everyday and keep you in His care. May His promise of eternal life be a comfort to you in the loss of one so dear. A cousin from Cherokee, Alabama. Margaret Goodloe and Family!*



Margaret Goodloe - May 31, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LB

“ Rev. Gilbert Pride has been a shining example of the love of God as far back as I can remember him. One of the most indelible teachings of the Word of God he gave was about the redemptive names of God! He obviously knew his personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and exemplified that in his daily walk. I will miss his presence here but will rejoice when we meet again!

Linda S Boyd - May 31, 2021 at 03:22 PM

AM

“ <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1141173>

Amber B. Marsden - May 31, 2021 at 01:29 PM

SS

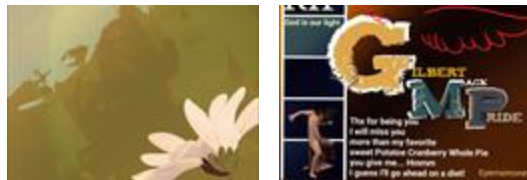
“ Simone Stewart lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Mack Pride



Simone Stewart - May 31, 2021 at 01:21 PM

SS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Simone Stewart - May 31, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *Dear Mary Cathy & Family,*

I am thinking of and praying for your family during this difficult time. Gilbert was always so kind and giving to my family. I know he was such a blessing to all who knew him.

*With Love,
Courtney Hitchcock Filiss & Family*

Courtney Filiss - May 31, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Mary Cathy and family, We will keep you in our prayers Jimmy Lee Horton , Sinora Lewis and Families*

Jimmy Lee Horton - May 30, 2021 at 09:21 PM

RB

“ I was saddened to here today of Gilberts Passing but there is no one I have ever known that will probably receive more of a greeting and overwhelming welcoming home celebration than that of Gilbert. He touched 1,000s of lives with his deep devotion and public expressions of worship toward our Lord Jesus as well as individual encouragement and prayer for so many he met. I never knew anyone more humble and unafraid to share their faith as Gilbert. In one my hardest times of life Gilbert came over to my house while I was in my sick bed and as only he could do prayed me totally out of that within minutes. He had an extraordinary ability to discern the Heat of God and when free to express it through payer or prophetic utterance ushered in the presence of God.

I thank God for the times I was able to work with and be around my brother Gilbert. I will never be the same from his relationship and encouragement to me!!!

May we all learn a little something more about Christ and service to him through the life of Gilbert Pride

Love you brother Rick Bussey

Rick Bussey - May 30, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Prides passing. I had him for a teacher at church Hill High he was such a gentle nice man

connie brown - May 30, 2021 at 02:03 PM

SP

“ I had the greatest respect for Gilbert. He and Mary Kathy were living at HQ in Ohio during my interim year in The Way Corps (1983-84). Prayers and condolences for your loss of this kind and loving man.

Susan Propst
Morganton, North Carolina

Susan Propst - May 30, 2021 at 02:00 PM

AL

Wow Gilbert is walking in Glory Land doing one one the things he loved best worshipping with majestic flags and sounding the shofar the sound of the Lord with the heavenly band at the Thrown of our Most High Elohiym Farewell for now see you soon

Anne Lefebvre - May 30, 2021 at 04:24 PM

MW

“ Michael Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Gilbert Mack Pride



Michael Washington - May 28, 2021 at 10:32 PM



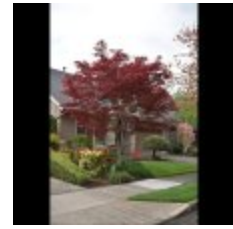
“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.



May 28, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.*



May 28, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Melody and I were taken aback to hear the news of Gilbert's passing. After recalling many wonderful times shared with him I looked in my old Soteria files to see if I had captured any of his many appearances @ Soteria. This is the only one I found from August 2004 at the old Minico Cleaners building where we started our ministry. Gilbert attended many times through the years and supported us in many ways. He will be missed until we all get to Heaven!*



Pastors Ernest & Melody Hays - May 28, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, but I know he is a heavily gain, whiteout no doubt. His legacy shows . Touched so many life's. I loved to hear his stories.*



Amber - May 27, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.*



May 27, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Dear Mary Cathy, Toya, Mathew and family, We are saddened to hear of Gibert's passing. He was a lovely human being and made a huge impact on all who knew him. We wish you all comfort and love as you journey on, carrying his love and legacy with you in the days ahead. We're thinking of you, sending hugs and much love.*

*Love Always,
Myrna and Angelo
North Tonawanda, NY. 💜*

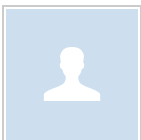
Myrna Magliulo - May 26, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.*



May 26, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Mack Pride.*



May 26, 2021 at 07:02 AM

JS

“ So sorry over the loss of Gilbert, he was such a wonderful man. He was a great man of joy and peace and he shined with the love of Christ. My prayers are with the family. Blessings, John Schoenheit Keep blowing the shophar!:)

john Schoenheit - May 25, 2021 at 10:59 PM

RB

Praying for comfort for the family. At Gilbert's house in Knoxville TN in early 90's, he had a book that changed my life. It was Practicing the Presence of God. Gilbert had a peace and joy that showed all the fruit of the spirit.

Ray and Sandy Beets - May 26, 2021 at 08:08 AM

SM

Gilbert was just like Jesus Christ. He had the love and the time. We look forward to seeing him at the return of Christ. Love and prayers to the family

Steve and Veta Miller - May 26, 2021 at 03:14 PM

SS

This great Man of God has crossed over! It was an honor to have had the privilege to worship with him. He was our featured guest several times at our Midnight Oil worship gatherings in Charlotte, NC. His humility and adoration for God was so apparent. Many prayers for his wife and family. This giant of a saint has gone home.

Sheila Sherrod-Robinson - May 30, 2021 at 06:19 PM

Y(

“ When my mom past I could not talk to my aunt Cathy for almost 2 years because she sounded so much like my mom. Uncle Gilbert and his soothing voice had to become her voice and he comforted me for those almost 2 years until I was able to talk to my aunt. I love you both. And he will be greatly missed.

Pebbles

Yvonne Stewart (Pebbles) - May 25, 2021 at 10:04 PM

MW

“ Loved his passion for Christ. He was genuine. Made a mark for Christ. Congrats to him. I pray for comfort for his family. He is leading the flag worship.

Micheal Woods - May 25, 2021 at 10:03 PM

BT

“ Gilbert was an incredible man of worship and dedication unto the Lord Jesus Christ.
Loved how he lived his life out loud and unapologetically to his King. He's now dancing and worshipping in the Fathers presence.
Until we meet again Gilbert. RIP ❤️

Beckey Turchi - May 25, 2021 at 09:42 PM

KA

“ Gilbert was an amazing man who loved the Lord and worshipped Him with every fiber of his being. I treasure the times we spent in worship. He will be greatly missed but Heaven has gained a treasure!! My prayers are with his family.

Karen - May 25, 2021 at 08:29 PM

CA

Gilbert was such a blessing. I worked with him in the National Day of Prayer. The way he would do the flags and blow the shofar. Such a true worshipper.

Carol Angell - May 25, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CR

Gilbert was a gentle soul who loved God with his whole heart. I'm honored to have spent time in his presence.

Carol Adamy Rundle - May 25, 2021 at 09:41 PM

LZ

When I think of Gilbert, I think of joy, love and quiet, unwavering trust in God. Love and prayers to Mary Cathy and all of Gilbert's family and friends.

Linda Zinn - May 28, 2021 at 09:40 PM

BL

Cathy, I was so sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. I do know that he will continue to live in the lives of those that he touched....which were so many. May your many memories and unwavering love continue to sustain you. Gilbert will be truly missed because he was so loved. I love you, my friend. Bert

Bert Lanauze - May 30, 2021 at 12:58 PM

PB

“ *He showed us a heart of abandoned pure love and worship. He will be missed*

pat banks - May 25, 2021 at 05:37 PM

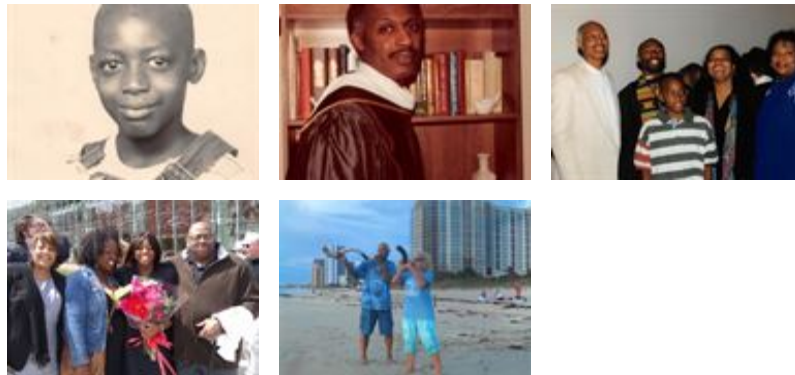
FH

“ *To Kathy and the Pride family
My heart goes out to you, Gilbert has always a part of my family’s
life since my beginning in Stonega. My grandmother(Mrs Ella Neal,
and my mother(Barbara Neal Horton) always adored him and
welcomed him when ever they saw him. I’ve always been “Frank Jr.
to Gilbert and us Virginians always respected our family roots.
Farewell to a dear brother in Christ.
Frank Horton Jr and Dee Dee*

Frank Horton - May 25, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morris Funeral Home - May 25, 2021 at 04:04 PM

MC

“ *Oh how we’ve missed Gilbert at King of Glory Church - his smile,
shofar, and the colorful flags. He brought and taught passion and
power in our worship. I also had the privilege of doing children’s
ministry with him. His gentle demeanor and love blessed me as well
as the children. I’m sure he has now heard the Father say, “Well
done, good and faithful servant.”
With love and prayers for comfort and joy, Marilyn and Jim Caro*

Marilyn Caro - May 25, 2021 at 02:14 PM

AB

*Such a great example of letting the peace of God rule your heart!
Thanks so very much for his life and Ministry!*

Angie Buckley-Gieszl - May 25, 2021 at 04:03 PM

AB

He was a shining example of letting the peace of God rule our hearts! I am so very thankful for his life and Ministry!

Angie Buckley-Gieszl - May 25, 2021 at 04:06 PM

TP

*“ Gilbert was a true and fully engaged worshipper of Jesus Christ, Father God and Holy Spirit. His life touched me so much, I will never forget him, or his testimony and the images in my heart of him worshipping in full regalia and color with flags of every size and shape. Unique, tender hearted, without guile, hard worker, and a man who knew His Savior. May God comfort Mary and his family for earth's loss and Heaven's gain. He's now worshipping the Lord, face to face and beaming with joy dressed in Jesus and loving every second. One day we will see you again Gilbert, in God's Kingdom and celebrate the joy of God together. Our hearts will truly miss this man. What a pleasure to know him.
Terry & Howard Peace*

Terry Peace - May 25, 2021 at 01:20 PM

KM

“ Gilbert spread the gospel of the kingdom of God in so many areas with his worship flags, banners and blowing the shofar. May hundreds be raised up for his work is complete. We honor this worshipping warrior of King Jesus.

Kathy Maqsood - May 25, 2021 at 12:19 PM

DM

To Sister Mary Kathy the children and grand children, Brother Gilbert was such a wonderful man his life was driven to do the will of God. Even in times of rejection he kept persevering he kept the faith it's been such a pleasure knowing him worshipping with him now he has reached the pinnacle of his journey he is now in the very presence of the King.

Diana Mills - May 26, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DM

To Sister Mary Kathy, the children and grand children, brother Gilbert was a wonderful person he touched many lives and he will not be forgotten. He fought a good fight and he kept the faith, he has reached the pinnacle of his journey he is now in the presence of the Most High King!

Diana Mills - May 26, 2021 at 09:19 AM

MP

Very sorry to hear about the passing of our brother in Christ Gilbert. Every time I had the pleasure of being in Gilbert's presence were a joy. In fact that is what his life reflected to me most clearly, the joy of the Lord. Michael Patten
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Michael Patten - June 06, 2021 at 02:12 PM