



## Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen

February 15, 1931 - January 1, 2019

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Times & Location Listed Below\*

Douglas Ray Gilleylen was born February 15, 1931 in Monroe County, Mississippi to the late Ozell Jack and Rosetta Gilleylen. While in Mississippi, Douglas attended Athens School in Monroe Co. Later in life, he united in marriage to Ocelia Dobbs in 1951, and to this union three children were born: Marvin Gilleylen, Patricia (Gilleylen) Moore, and Dennis Gilleylen.

He accepted Christ at Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and served as a deacon under the leadership of the late Bishop Robert Hill. He had several employers, one of which was Brunswick Corporation where he became a Job Instructor in 1967. He was an excellent mechanic surprising many with his skill and knowledge. In his leisure, he enjoyed tending to his garden, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family at their many get-togethers. Later in life Douglas especially enjoyed story-telling about his childhood and daily trips to Meijer.

Douglas was preceded in death by his wife Ocelia; father Ozell Jack and mother Rosetta; brothers, Robert Lee, Herbert, Edgar, Fred Jr., Willie, and Ezel Gilland; sisters Virginia and Marie; and granddaughter Latoya Gilleylen.

He leaves to cherish his memory sons Marvin (Barbara) Gilleylen Sr. of

Kalamazoo, Michigan and Dennis Gilleylen of Kalamazoo, Michigan; daughter Patricia (Kelvin) Moore of Kalamazoo, Michigan; grandchildren Troy (Michelle) Gilleylen of Battle Creek, Michigan, Marvin Gilleylen Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, Darien Gilleylen of Kalamazoo, MI, Dennis (Giovanna) Gilleylen Jr. of California, Sharayl and Jaylin Moore of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Andrew and Jaxson Gilleylen of Three Rivers, Michigan; eleven great grandchildren; sister Alice (Gilleylen) Dobbs of Amory Mississippi; a host of special nieces and nephews. Douglas was truly loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends!

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Church Of God In Christ  
3210 Virginia Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Harper Funeral Home - January 09, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Barbara Phillips - January 13, 2019 at 04:21 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Edith Gardner** - January 13, 2019 at 01:46 PM

MS

“ *We are going to truly miss you pops. Duane.*

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**Marvin D Gilleylen Sr** - January 12, 2019 at 07:57 AM

TP

“ *Theresa Prude lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Theresa Prude** - January 11, 2019 at 08:29 AM

MC

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Gilleylen family - Love you all.*

*Myron Cobbs*

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**Myron Cobbs** - January 10, 2019 at 02:47 PM

YK

*Sending our Heartfelt condolences to The Gilleylen family. May God comfort and keep you in this difficult time of grief. PAUL & YOLANDA KIRK*

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**Yolanda Kirk** - January 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *Karest Willis Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Karest Willis Brown** - January 10, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen.*



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January 09, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ *ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**ArleneBuchanan** - January 09, 2019 at 05:22 AM



“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Modean Reeves** - January 08, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JH

“ Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Jerry Harris - January 08, 2019 at 12:55 AM

PT

“ Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Patricia Thomas - January 07, 2019 at 11:36 AM

PT

“ Patricia Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Patricia Thomas - January 05, 2019 at 02:29 PM

PH

“ Pearlie Hawkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen



Pearlie Hawkins - January 05, 2019 at 11:04 AM

NH

“ *Nanette Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Nanette Hickman** - January 04, 2019 at 11:19 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Ray Gilleylen*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - January 04, 2019 at 10:50 AM