



Mr. John Edward Gilliard Jr.

September 23, 1926 - October 27, 2013

John Edward Gilliard, Jr., affectionately known as Johnny, was born to John and Julia Gilliard on September 23, 1926, in Georgetown, SC. He was raised in Charleston, SC. He matriculated through the Charleston County school system, graduating from Burke Industrial High School. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the US Navy. After serving one tour of duty in the Navy, he enrolled at South Carolina State College, where he earned a B.A. degree and an ROTC commission. He rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the US Army and served two tours of duty in the Korean War. He transitioned into a civilian career, working for North Carolina Mutual Insurance Agency, the Veterans Administration Hospital and the Richland County Courthouse.

Johnny was a founding member of the Townsmen Club, Inc. and enjoyed participating in its many social functions and community service activities. He enjoyed fishing and playing solitaire on his computer. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christine Glover Gilliard; son, John Edward Gilliard, III (Maria); daughter, Tijuana Gilliard Pitt (Ray); sisters, Nevada G. Heyward and Gwendolyn Seabrook (Leroy); eleven grandchildren, Leslie Pitt, Ray Pitt, Jr., Monica Hargraves (Jeremy), Asia Williams, Jasmine Brown, Dominique Brown, Jaykerian Pittman, Julia Gilliard, Moriah Gilliard, Mary Gilliard, and John Gilliard, IV; seven great grandchildren; DeMarco Pitt, Dana

Pitt, Timothy Steady, Zoey Steady, Camille Bowser, Romello Pitt and Santana Hargraves. a special nephew, Dr. Gregory J. Glover, Esquire; adopted daughter, Ava M. Brumfield; other relatives and friends.

Services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, October 31, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel, with interment to follow in Memorial Gardens of Columbia. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM, Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

The family request that condolences and memorials be made on the wall @w www.palmermemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Edward Gilliard Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Aunt Tina, you have my deepest condolences. My prayers are with you and the family. "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2*

*Love you,
David L Gross*

David L Gross - October 31, 2013 at 07:01 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Tina,
We are sorry circumstances will not allow us to be there with the rest of the family at this time. Our condolences to you and the family we miss all of you and our prayers and thoughts are with you now and always as we in sorry also....*

*Sincerely,
Robert Lee Gross Jr.
Chicago, Illinois
901.831.9318*

Robert Lee Gross Jr. - October 30, 2013 at 01:11 PM