



Mr. John Henry Gillery

September 1, 1919 - October 1, 2014

Celebrating The Life Of John Henry Gillery:

John Henry Gillery, known to everyone as Johnny, was the ninth child born to the late William and Katherine Gillery on September 1, 1919. Siblings Irene, Leora, Willie Ann, William, Lena, and Joseph preceded him in death.

Johnny was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system.

He served in the United States Navy and was a veteran of World War II. While enlisted he worked as a sign painter and stencil cutter.

After serving in the Navy he was later employed at Kelsey Hayes. He worked there for thirty years and retired in 1976.

He met the love of his life, Yvonne Dennis, and they were united in holy matrimony on October 24, 1953. They would have celebrated sixty one years of marriage on their anniversary. To this union three children were born.

At the age of ninety one Johnny gave his heart to the Lord and became a member of Joseph Campau Ave. Church of God under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. David Lunn.

Throughout his life Johnny was an avid reader and enjoyed listening to music.

He was also known as a jack of all trades with an exceptional talent in art. Being the artist that he was he had aspirations of being an architect. However, at that time it was not a career choice allotted to blacks.

Johnny also had a passion for photography. He loved taking pictures of everybody and everything. He even started his own business video taping special events. But if you have ever visited his home he is well known for the collages on the basement walls. These were just a small example of the love he had for his family and friends. Another way he expressed his love was through many acts of kindness.

His kind hearted soul departed this life on October 1, 2014.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Oct. **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Joseph Campau Avenue Church of God
17401 Jos Campau
Detroit, MI 48212

Funeral Service

Saturday, Oct. **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Henry Gillery*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Jewell A. Oconnor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. John Henry Gillery.*



Jewell A. Oconnor - October 08, 2014 at 09:28 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to The Gillery family. May God co you in your loss of a husband, father, grandfather and friend. Rosalind Y. Brown on behalf of Lannie J. Johnson and children.*

Rosalind Y Brown - October 06, 2014 at 05:53 PM



Thank you so much my Aunt and our family appreciate your kind words at this time. Kaja (DeeDee's niece)

Kaja Ashonte - October 07, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Rosalind Y Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Henry Gillery*



Rosalind Y Brown - October 06, 2014 at 05:50 PM