



## Mr. Phillip Gilyard

December 24, 1962 - September 7, 2022

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville, LA for Mr. Phillip Gilyard, 59, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Park Cemetery. Pastor, Rev. Darren Eldridge will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Phillip leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy, his loving wife Mary Lavenia Thomas Gilyard of Leonville, LA, his sons: Travis James Gilyard, Sr. of Lafayette, LA, Joseph Dameon Gilyard (Jade) of Sunset, LA, Terrence Terrill Gilyard (Robin) of Opelousas, LA; sisters, Shirley Mayon of Opelousas, LA and Patricia Thomas (Lawrence) of Opelousas, LA; aunt, Minnie Johnson of Denham Springs, LA godbrother, Lawrence Pickney, Jr. of Opelousas, LA; god-sister Linda Gail Prudhomme of Opelousas, LA, (10) grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Phillip was preceded in death by his parents, Boady Gair Gilyard and Dolly Mae Pickney Gilyard, a sister, Georgia Andrus, Grandmother, Mary T. Pickney, godfather, Lawrence Pickney, Sr., godmother, Ehtel Lee Taylor Pickney, godbrother, Kerry Paul (Boo) Pickney, godbrother, Terry Peter Pickney, aunt, Anna Lee Pickney; one uncle, John Pickney of Opelousas, LA; father-in-law, Robert (Bob) Thomas, mother-in-law, Dorothy Mae Thomas, brothers-in-law, August Mayon and Arthur Prudhomme.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Saturday, September 17,

2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. at Williams Funeral Home Chapel, 817 E. South Street, Opelousas, LA, 337-942-2037.

Share words of comfort with the family of Phillip Gilyard on his Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Phillip. Show your support by sharing a personal message or story, meaningful photo or video, or record a video message using your webcam. On behalf of the family, we encourage you share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Phillip Gilyard for future generations to come.

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## Serenity Memorial Park

7231 Hwy. 31  
Opelousas, LA  
jacquelyn\_a@yahoo.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
126 Church Road  
Leonville, LA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Javonte Tunson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard*



Javonte Tunson - April 09, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Will be missed*

Javonte Tunson - April 09, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ *Mr. Phillip Gilyard*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy*

Anderson Family - September 18, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ *Christal Knox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard*



Christal Knox - September 17, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *Everytime I would see Philip he always had the biggest smile. He was always happy and would tell me funny jokes and sometimes talked about coworker Barbara. It was always in good fun. He would stop at Billy Bobs on the way to work and get boudin and cracklins. Those were the days at Zone 23. He was a super nice guy. My heartfelt condolences to the family. Peace and Love!* ”

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**Christal Knox** - September 17, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *With sympathy and sorrow for the Gilyard Family. May God be with you.*  
*The Sam Family*  
*Port Barre* ”

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**Rose** - September 17, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ *May Almighty God be with the Gilyard family during the time of their grief and sorrow. Phillip was a such a nice person. May God accept Phillip into His presence with love as he enters eternal life.*  
*M. Rose Sam*  
*Opelousas, La* ”

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**Rose** - September 17, 2022 at 07:07 AM



“ *George Gradnigo sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard* ”



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**George Gradnigo** - September 16, 2022 at 03:36 PM

CF

“ Our condolences to this very kind family. Our memories include seeing Mr. Gilyard with his lovely family and wonderful smile in church. May he rest in peace and may his family be comforted by beautiful thoughts and memories of him. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.



Clyde and Lolita Lemelle and family - September 16, 2022 at 02:38 PM

LB

“ Lateef and Bola purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.



Lateef and Bola - September 16, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.



September 16, 2022 at 08:44 AM

DJ

“ From Dustin Joseph: Sending prayers and condolences to the Gilyard family! I'm really sorry for you all's loss. Phillip was one of the nicest and most joyous people I have ever met. He was always smiling and would make you smile also. He will truly be missed.

Dustin Joseph - September 16, 2022 at 08:02 AM

GC

“ *Deepest condolences to the family.*



**Gloria Chevis-Smith** - September 15, 2022 at 06:07 PM

PF

“ *Sorry for ya'lls lost,praying that God wrap his loving arms around you all during this difficult time. Stay Encouraged in the Lord..☐🙏*



**Paula Fuselier** - September 15, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.*



September 15, 2022 at 01:51 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Mayon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard*



**Shirley Mayon** - September 15, 2022 at 01:50 PM

LL

“ I, Retired Master Sergeant Landor, want to send our deepest condolence to the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard. He was a good Soldier and friend. He is a "special" credit to his military service and his untiring dedication to Dow Chemical Plant with selfless service in current leadership position and a team player to all. He will be greatly missed! RIP brother!

Leroy Landor - September 15, 2022 at 11:32 AM

TM

“ Thawanna Mayon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard



Thawanna Mayon - September 14, 2022 at 11:07 PM

SS

“ Shirlane Sam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard



shirlane sam - September 14, 2022 at 10:14 PM

TM

“ Tyrone, SiSi and MeeMee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.



Tyrone, SiSi and MeeMee - September 14, 2022 at 04:59 PM

FB

“ *from your work family - all of Brock purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.*



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**from your work family - all of Brock** - September 14, 2022 at 01:40 PM

JN

“ *So sorry for y'all loss!! He was always smiling and such a happy person. You will be missed.*

*The Nevills Family*

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**Jo Ann Nevills** - September 14, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JF

*I am so sorry for your loss Queenie. May God grant Phillip eternal rest and strengthen your family as you go through this time of sadness*

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**Jean Fontenot** - September 15, 2022 at 07:04 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.*



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September 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Phillip..he worked for us from time to time..he was definitely a good man 🙏🙏 for the family. I know you will be missed.  
Johnny & Tammy Fontenot



Johnny & Tammy Fontenot - September 14, 2022 at 10:14 AM

HE

“ Mr.phillip and Qweeny would come party with us at our home in our bar.I will all ways remember him sitting at the end of the bar on his stool laughing and playing pool telling jokes with everyone. He surely knew how to make us laugh he was a big gentle crazy Giant we love and will miss you Mr.phillip  
Donnie and Cameron and Taunti and DeeDee

Helena - September 14, 2022 at 12:47 AM

SP

“ Shala Rene Pickney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard



Shala Rene Pickney - September 14, 2022 at 12:19 AM

GA

“ Phillip was always smiling and would always see the best in any situation ,he will be dearly misted,Thank god for such a kind soul

GREGORY ANDERSON - September 13, 2022 at 10:17 PM

GA

“ Gregory Sinbad Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.



Gregory Sinbad Anderson - September 13, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Phillip Gilyard.



September 13, 2022 at 05:58 PM

MZ

“ Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. So sorry for your lost 🙏



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Zachery - September 13, 2022 at 05:57 PM

MS

“ Michael Sylvester lit a candle in memory of Mr. Phillip Gilyard



Michael Sylvester - September 13, 2022 at 04:48 PM

SS

“ *Prayers to the Gilyard and Thomas family may God give you peace, comfort and understanding through this difficult time sending love from the Savoy and Schexnayder family*

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**Shawndell Savoy** - September 13, 2022 at 03:27 PM