



## Mr. Gilbert Vereen

June 5, 1944 - March 31, 2022

Gilbert Levern Vereen was born to the late James and Mary Catherine Vereen, a carpenter and a maid, in Mullins, SC on June 5, 1944. He was immersed in a Christian household that would be his lifelong support from an early age. He graduated from Hayswood High School in 1963. He then served honorably in the US Army—the Vietnam War—from 1967 to 1969 as a Dental Technician. Afterward, he enrolled and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Following which, he graduated from East Carolina University in 1981 with a master's degree in counseling. As an ardent social worker employed by the Robeson County Department of Social Services for 25 years, he received numerous awards for stellar community service. He was also a National Guardsman for 20 years. Lastly, he taught sociology at Robeson Community College, Bladen Community College, and Fayetteville Technical Community College, off and on, for nearly three decades.

Gilbert was blessed with a loving and devoted family, both immediate and extended. He met his church sweetheart Marie Singletary in 1969, they married in August 1979. With his wife by his side, Gilbert helped raise his three children with patience, discipline, humility, and love. He taught them to read and write; to always say “thank you;” and to dream of possibilities. To foster his children's dreams, he took them on family vacations every year to

see the natural beauty of every state in the USA. In addition to being a fervent social worker and an astute sociology instructor, Gilbert was a mentor and volunteer who serviced

his community by working with autistic adults for ten years. He was an avid sports fan, even having coached recreational league basketball for ten years during the 1980s. He attended games regularly—basketball, football, baseball—both in Robeson County and throughout the state of North Carolina, and he was a three-time finalist in the North Carolina Senior Olympics Track & Field events for four consecutive years.

Gilbert was kind, articulate, and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem—no matter how big, or small. His acts of daily service were as warm as his infectious smile and are a testament to the kind of man he was—a good man, who will be dearly missed by his loved ones.

Gilbert is preceded in death by his son Andre L. Vereen.

He leaves to cherish his sweet memories his wife, Marie Vereen, Lumberton, NC, daughter, Beverly L. Vereen, Arlington, VA, son, Cory L. Vereen, Raleigh, NC, grandson, Brandon Vereen Poole, Raleigh, NC, granddaughter Aniyah Vereen, Raeford, NC, brother Jimmy Vereen (Betty Vereen), Bladenboro, NC, nephew, Antonio Hammonds (Ann Hammonds) Fayetteville, NC, his best friend Clinton (Nikki) Evans, Lumberton, NC, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, and friends who thought the world of him.

Professional Services entrusted to - Colvin Funeral Home, Lumberton, NC.

# Cemetery Details

## Elizabeth Heights Cemetery

Lumberton, NC 28358

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home  
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Lumberton, NC 28348  
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## Service

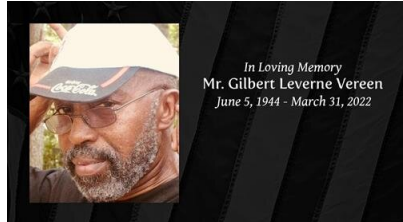
APR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Holy Bible Church of God  
69 Chambers Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gilbert Vereen*



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**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - April 09, 2022 at 11:36 AM

ML

“ *I would like to extend my deepest and sincerest condolences to the “Family “ of Mr. Gilbert Vereen. I worked with Gilbert at Robeson County DSS in the 80’s and I can say with all sincerity, He Was A True Gentleman.....Rest In Peace Former Co-Worker.....*

*Mildred Leggett*

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**Mildred Leggett** - April 08, 2022 at 05:14 PM

AM

“ *Aliete McKellar & Dondi McKellar purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Gilbert Vereen.*



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**Aliete McKellar & Dondi McKellar** - April 06, 2022 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ My heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Gilbert Vereen during this most difficult time. I pray that Gods caring and comforting presence will help ease the pain of your loss.

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - April 06, 2022 at 08:11 AM

HW

“ Mr. Gilbert was always a very kind and respectful person, we worked together for many years in SEANC (state employees association of North Carolina), He always had something funny to say to keep you laughing, he will truly be missed. My prayers to his family, a great man have gone home. Helen R. White



Helen R. White - April 05, 2022 at 01:48 PM

CG

“ From the officers and members of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #7, Lumberton, our sincere condolences and prayers are with the family and extended families of Mr. Gilbert Vereen, during this time of grief and bereavement. We pray you find comfort and peace in the arms of the Holy Spirit.

CMDR William B. Grissett - April 04, 2022 at 10:50 AM

BW

“ Mr. GILBERT WAS A GREAT PERSON. HE WAS VERY SMART AND INTELLEAGENT. I WORKED WITH HIM FOR MANY YEARS, GLAD I GOT TO KNOW HIM. He Will BE MISSED.

Betty WEATHERS Wilds - April 03, 2022 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ *A good friend and warrior gone home.*



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**The Kidd (Jim Smith)** - April 02, 2022 at 08:41 AM

SW

“ *My heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Gilbert Vereen during this most difficult time. I pray that Gods caring and comforting presence will help ease the pain of your loss.*

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**Sheriff Burnis Wilkins** - April 01, 2022 at 10:08 AM

RG

*Sorry for your loss, he was a friend and classmate of mine, class of 1963. He was very studious and enjoyed sports. I will miss him dearly, and cherish memories of him. Family, you lost a great soldier. R I P Gilbert*

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**Rebecca Genus** - April 01, 2022 at 08:15 PM