



Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis

August 16, 1961 - March 22, 2022

The Life of Elder Kenneth J. Gillis

The loved and beloved Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis, determined to live life on God's terms, entered this world on August 16, 1961. His parents, Wesley and Katheryn Gillis, brought him home, as the baby of the family, to adoring siblings, Gregory, Cindra, Mike, and Rocky. Knowing that Ken was indeed a gift from God, he was baptized and accepted Christ at Bethel AME church, where he attended and worshiped.

Against any odds, Ken graduated from Pompano Beach High School, class of 1979, leaving a litany of lives he touched, people he inspired. Ken began his career at the Broward County Library. His dedication to service allowed him to be an inspiration at the library for 30 years. Additionally, Ken served as the Assistant Clerk and Clerk at the election poll precinct 6 (six) housed at the Thomas D Stephanis Boys and Girls Club for many years.

Kenneth's Pompano Beach community has loved him his entire life and helped to shape him into the man we all came to love. It's also his community that gave him his nickname. As he played on the basketball courts across from his childhood home, or as he walked home, it wasn't uncommon to hear the playful greeting, "PUDDIN!" from a passing car. Puddin' became a hometown legend with big hopes and dreams for not only himself, but for his loved ones.

His love for people, service and his community could only be matched by his love for the word of God. It's this love that took him to New Life Apostolic

Church of Jesus Christ, where he worked in God's vineyard for 26 years. The title of Elder Gillis was bestowed upon him and he proudly served, dutifully, and with beaming pride, alongside his dearly departed grandmother, Mother Ella Mae Thomas, who proceeds him in death. He ministered with his mother, Katheryn, providing praise and prayers for senior citizens. When he wasn't working or at church, he could be found next to his loving father, Wesley, covering the day's sports and news.

Ken was truly the star of his family. As much as he was loved, he loved. His siblings, Gregory (Wanda), Cindra "Pinky", Michael (Theil), Roderick "Rocky" (Kim) will celebrate his life and all the laughter he brought. He loved his nieces and nephews and his face would light up at the sight of any of them. Keith (Dana), Starla (Malachi), Tandakwa "Tan" (Marlo, Taylor, Taniya, Tahj, Taraji, Nehemiah), Gregory, II "Bubba", (Siobhan), Kristen, Ashley, Lace, Roderick, II (Natassia, Sire, Adonis), Sherrell, Rodney (Kennedi), will cherish his hugs and genuine love, forever. His extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins are committed to keeping his memory alive.

God saw fit for Ken to leave his earthly home on March 22, 2022. For every moment we shared, for every life he touched, for every kind word he extended..... Lord, we thank you

Cemetery Details

Pompano Beach Cemetery

400 SE 23rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New Life Apostolic Church of Jesus
131 NE 9th st
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
800 NW 8th Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Tribute Wall



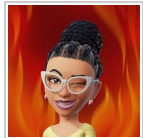
“ *Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*

September 27, 2023 at 05:27 AM



“ *Missing You!*

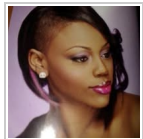
Dr. Latrina - May 27, 2022 at 06:37 PM



“ *Lola Ba lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Lola Ba - March 30, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *I remember Mr. Giles, from the Apollo Park Library. He was the most friendliest and nicest person you can ever meet. Sleep on Solider you 🥺🥺.*

Erykah Brown - March 30, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 28, 2022 at 07:06 PM



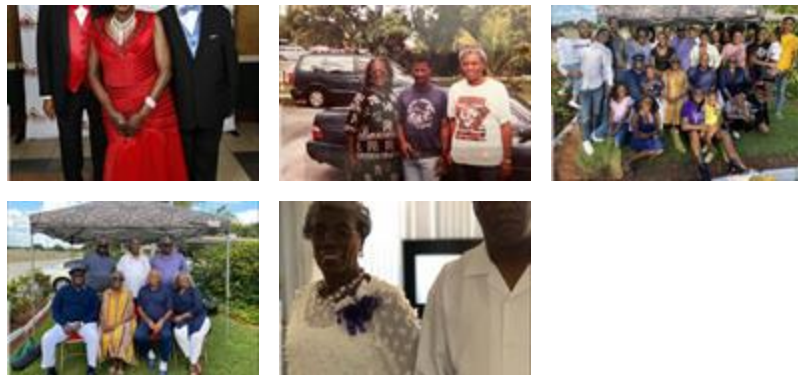
“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 28, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Memories Album*



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 28, 2022 at 04:47 PM

BH

“ *Bishop Jimmy Hicks purchased the Lovely One S pathiphyllum Plant for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



Bishop Jimmy Hicks - March 28, 2022 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Howell CDC Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



Minnie Howell CDC Staff - March 28, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 28, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 28, 2022 at 10:40 AM

HH

“ *Harry Haeseker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



Harry Haeseker - March 28, 2022 at 10:19 AM

BP

“ *Bobbi Palat lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Bobbi Palat - March 28, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PR

“ *Premier Academy, Renaissance purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



Premier Academy, Renaissance - March 28, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 27, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM

SW

“ Stuck by God and He will stick by you, thanks Elder G for all the talks, thoughts, and prayers you have shared with me at the Broward County Library. Welcoming into the Apostolic New Life Church. I will definitely miss you and rest well with our Lord and Saviour.
Syrano

SYRANO WINTERS - March 27, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DT

“ I'm going to Truly miss my Cousin's smiling Face 😊 and hearing him say, "Cuz Let me get that suit you're wearing." Ken Had such a BIG HEART. My God Continue to Strengthen each of us. 💔🙏



Darryl D. Thomas - March 27, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DT

May God Continue to Strengthen each of us.
Darryl D Thomas

Darryl D. Thomas - March 27, 2022 at 01:18 PM

AD

“ We the Class of 1979 Pompano Beach High School, extend our sincere condolences to the Gillis family. Kenny will forever be in our hearts and memories as a part of the Class of 79. Golden Tornadoes. Alan Dixon (President) Ruthcella Brown (Vice President)

Alan Dixon - March 27, 2022 at 10:17 AM

LR

My condolences to the family Kenneth Gillis. I remember him from Pompano High. Me his brother Micheal graduated in 1976. And yes when you walk in the Library he would always has that heart warming smile he so very helpful making sure you find what you're looking for. The last time I seen him was a year ago at the library inside BCC Library. I just wanted to thank God for allowing me to get to see and feel his heart and the uplifted encouraging words about life and not to carry hate in your heart just forgive them and let god handle it. To the Gillis family God angel has big plans for Ken. And he might be gone for this cold world. But he'll forever be in your hearts. In spirit he's looking down on you smiling. I'll never forget and truly miss his smiling face rest on Ken I'm going to miss you greeting me when I go the library. get your rest. We all must do what you done you just have to be ready.

Laurestine Robinson - April 23, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.



March 26, 2022 at 06:16 PM

RR

“ From the depth of our hearts we extend our prayers and condolences to the Wesley family during this time. May God show his tender mercies and grace to you all.

Blessings

The Russell Family (Pompano Beach)



Rosa Russell - March 26, 2022 at 03:52 PM

DH

“ *Our hearts are filled with love and support for you in this time of loss. Debbie Hillman (BCDI-ATLANTA)*



Debbie R Hillman - March 25, 2022 at 10:57 PM

ET

My heart is very sadden and filled love and support for the family in their time loss. May God sustain and give you comfort is my prayer. EthelMWooten Tallahassee FL

EthelMWooten - March 26, 2022 at 03:24 PM

CH

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Gillis Family*



Cheryl - March 25, 2022 at 08:00 PM

CH

Our condolences to the Gillis Family from the Harris Family in Margate.

Clyde & Martha Harris - March 26, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



March 25, 2022 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ *Mary Myrick Saddler lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Mary Myrick Saddler - March 25, 2022 at 06:17 PM

AM

“ *Sending our Condolences to Dr. Gillis and Familyon behalf of the South Conference CDMC family. We love you!!! Angela Mitchell, Conference Commissioner.*



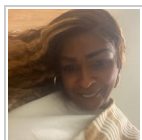
Angela Mitchell - March 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

FC

“ *Francenna Carter-West lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Francenna Carter-West - March 25, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Loretta White lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Loretta White - March 25, 2022 at 03:06 PM

AB

“ *Adrienne Black lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Adrienne Black - March 25, 2022 at 02:40 PM

DF

“ *Dr. Cabral & Family purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis.*



Dr. Cabral & Family - March 25, 2022 at 12:26 PM

TR

“ *Tammy Jackson Rogers lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Tammy Jackson Rogers - March 25, 2022 at 10:51 AM

DN

“ *Dianne Nelson lit a candle in memory of Elder Kenneth Jerome Gillis*



Dianne Nelson - March 23, 2022 at 09:25 PM

LG

You will be greatly missed thank you for all your help at the library and to the family my love and prayers are with you all ❤️🙏❤️

Lydia Gamble - March 25, 2022 at 04:01 PM