

Dear Daddy

You set the bar so high that no man could ever compare! You were so wise, generous and kind. Thank you for the love, the time we spent together, and the jokes! Every time we hung out was so precious! Every phone call ended the same with, "I love you pumpkin." As time passed, I became a mother and the same love you showed me was poured onto my little one. She became pumpkin. You gave words of wisdom and advice. You always tied everything back to the Lord. You taught me so many things-how to drive, financial literacy, relationship advice, parenting tips, how to get stronger in my faith. These things I will remember, Daddy, you meant more to me than you'll ever know! I'm excited that I'll see you again in Heaven! You were more than my dad. You were my best friend.

I love you so much.

Toiya

A Tribute To John

(Daddy, Brother, Grandfather, Friend)

**Always loving, always giving, heart made of pure gold.
Jokes and laughter, fun and games, and the stories that you told.
Always sacrificing, you were strong and wise.
Lending a helping hand, with a smile created solid family ties.
You loved all others, and Jesus too,
John-Daddy, Brother, Grandfather, Friend-we were blessed to
know you!**

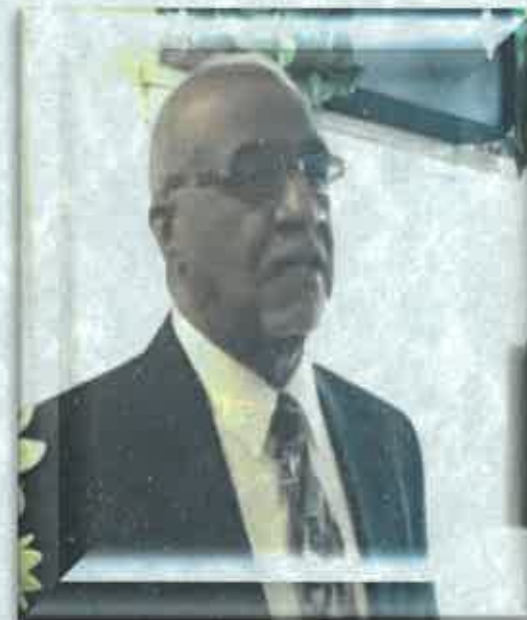
**Pallbearers
Family and Friends**

Acknowledgement

The family of Loles Jonathan Gulley, wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

**Arrangements Entrusted To:
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
16222 Broadway Avenue ♦ Maple Heights, Ohio 44137
Phone: 216-518-1777 ♦ Fax: 216-518-1975
raprince.com**

*In Loving Memory
Of
Loles Jonathan Gulley*



**Sunrise
April 1, 1943**

**Sunset
December 29, 2020**

Saturday, January 2, 2021

Wake: 10:30 AM

Funeral: 11:00 AM

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Maple Heights, OH 44137**

**Bishop Stephen Gulley,
Officiating Minister**

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....
Processional.....Minister & Family
Scripture.....Old & New Testament.....Minister
Prayer.....Minister
Selection.....
Acknowledgement/Resolutions.....
Reflections.....(Limit to two minutes please)
Obituary.....(Read silently)
Selection.....
Eulogy.....Bishop Stephen Gulley
Recessional.....
Benediction.....

Interment:

Cleveland Memorial Garden Cemetery
Highland Hills, OH 44122

(Those driving in the funeral procession turn your headlights on, then off before entering the cemetery gates).

Obituary

Les Jonathan Gulley (John), the fifth of eleven children born to the late Stewart and Susie Gulley, was born April 1, 1943, in Westville, Alabama. He moved with the family to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1944. He was educated at the Cleveland Public Schools, and graduated from Max Hayes in 1960.

John was always very industrious, and worked hard all his life. His first job was at A & P, where he rose from the position of stocker to store manager (one of the first young, black men to accomplish this feat.) Always successful in employment, John shortly obtained a position with United Parcel Services (UPS), where he again rose to a top position as supervisor over a number of managers.

He met Marjorie Thornton in 1962, and they were married in 1963. Four children were born to this union one of whom preceded John in death. He later met Tommye Nix, and on June 11, 1979 they were married. One daughter was the result of this union. He was most recently married to Legendia Cloud.

John was raised in Holiness growing up at Williams Temple Church of God in Christ, where he met and accepted Christ at an early age. Like so many young people, he wandered from the faith. But at age fifty, he returned to the fold, where he remained until his death.

During his lifetime he had a heart of sharing and received many commendations for his volunteer work, including numerous years at the American Red Cross. Between his family, church, and community, he found time to cut hair for the homeless. He even learned to cut all types of hair to enable him to service all of the homeless.

After a lengthy illness, John departed this life, Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at Hillcrest Hospital. He leaves to cherish his life: Sons, Marcus Jonathan and Leonard Dale; daughters, Annette Savanne and Toiya Latrice; daughter Becky Ester preceded him in death; two brothers, Joel (Sharon), and Bishop Stephen Gulley; two sisters, Audrey Rice and Dawn Grayer (James); grandchildren, Marcus Jonathan, Honesty L' chelle, Jonathan Leonard, and baby Thompsen Lynn; great-granddaughter, Samiyah Kharyieh and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord (Revelation 14:13)"