



Kenneth Gilliam
04/25/1944 - 05/16/2023

Kenneth Gilliam, beloved father, brother, uncle, companion, and friend departed this life peacefully in his home with loved ones by his side on Tuesday May 16, 2023, at the age of 79.

Kenneth was born on April 25, 1944, to John and Ethel Gilliam in Cumberland County Virginia. A man of faith, he became a member of the Sharon Baptist Church at a young age. After graduating from Luther P Jackson High School in 1962, he attended Howard University for a few semesters before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1964. Kenneth served in France, Pennsylvania, and Thailand during the Vietnam War. His other assignments included duty in Iran, Japan, Texas, and a tour at the Pentagon. While stationed in Tehran, Iran he married and had two children.

While in the military, Kenneth continued his education and earned his bachelor's degree from Texas State University in 1984. He retired from the Air Force in 1984 after 20 years of active duty and continued to work for our nation as a civil servant at Kelly Air Force Base in Logistics Management for 15 years. After his second retirement he continued to keep busy as a medicine delivery driver for many years.

In his free time Kenneth loved traveling/driving around to see all kinds of people, places, and things, like family and friends, live concerts and festivals (especially Jazz), sporting events (especially soccer), and random attractions along his way wherever he was headed. A quiet man, he very rarely had a lot to say and thought about every word

before he spoke it. He had a good heart, friendly smile, a joyful little chuckle, and love for all.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents John and Ethel, his brothers George Gilliam, Rudy Gilliam and Claude Gilliam, and his sisters Joan Berryman, Marian Gibson. He leaves to cherish his memories his children David and Bitia (T.Ward), his friend Sheila Hernandez, Pari Gilliam, siblings Roland Gilliam, Conrad Gilliam, and Rosalind Gilliam, many cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as his many friends from throughout his years.

Visitation/Viewing will be Wednesday June 14 at Alamo City Church (Funeral Caring USA 6500 IH 35) from 10am-12pm followed by a 1:30pm committal service with military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery (1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd; Shelter 3). In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Edgewood District Veterans (5332 Blackberry Drive, San Antonio, TX 78238)