



Mr. Millage Gilbert

May 24, 1938 - January 16, 2022

Obituary

Millage Gilbert, passed away on January 16, 2022, at University of Kansas Medical Center.

Millage Gilbert Sr known as “The King of blues” passed on Sunday January 16,2022 at 2:50am at KU medical Center. Born on May 24th 1938 on a farm in Jackson, Mississippi from the union of Walter & Dora Gilbert. Millage started playing the guitar at an early age which abled him to leave a legacy and mark on the Blues in Kansas City. Once he was able to retire, he decided to embark on his music career full time and travel and see the world and sing his down-home blues. Grand emporium, Knuckleheads, B. B’s Lawn side BBQ, Danny’s Big Easy are just a few places to name where fans, family, and friends would enjoy listening to him sing and play song after song as if he never got tired. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and fans. He leaves to cherish his 8 sons,1 Sister Mary Murrell-Harris and a host of grandchildren ,great-grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 11:00am at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. Highland Park Cemetery, KS. visitation will be from 9am-11am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Mr. Millage Gilbert, please visit our floral store.

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Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Millage Gilbert by Rob & Tresa Thornhill. Send Flowers With deepest sympathy Rob & Tresa Thornhill

Rob & Tresa Thornhill - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

ML

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Mr. Millage Gilbert by Marva Alexander, Liz Broils, Chrystal Brim, and Alice Lee. Plant a Tree Your blues lovin' friends from Topeka, KS. Marva Alexander, Liz Broils, Chrystal Brim, and Alice Lee

Marva Alexander, Liz Broils, Chrystal Brim, and Alice Lee - May 25, 2023 at 12:17 PM

CB

“ I remember the first time I heard Millage. It was the late afternoon gig on Sat. at The Grand Emporium !! I was hooked !! Over the years, this kind & humble Man became my friend. I felt honored !. We saw him at " Faces " in Topeka, Club 42 in KCMO & many other times. The last time My friend & I got to hear he & his sons, William & James was Sat. Sept. 25, 2021 at BB's Lawnside BBQ in KCMO at the Blues Fest celebrating the 40th Anniversary of THE Kansas City Blues Society. I cherish my visit with Millage, that morning, before he played & sang !! I'm SO sad. I just found out today, Feb. 7th, That that Millage & Kool-Aide had both passed & went to heaven on the same day, together, I pray. My sympathy to all his FAMILY, other friends & fans. May God be with you.

Chrystal Brim - February 07, 2022 at 09:42 PM

SA

“ I'm Uncle Millage Niece Arleen. He loved his music, especially playing down on 3rd street Kansas City Kansas at the Blues and Jazz Festival, he enjoy everything when it came to his music. The Blues and Jazz Festivals will never be the same. RIP uncle millage.

Sonya Arleen Alberty-Ekee - January 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM

BB

“ What a huge loss to the Kansas City blues community! The matinees at the Grand Emporium were the best. His music provided so much pleasure and wonderful memories for so many. The sky is crying.

Brenda Boyd - January 25, 2022 at 03:39 PM

MB

“ Gilbert I will truly miss your shows

Marva Brown - January 25, 2022 at 03:01 PM

JS

“ I have been a dancer for nearly thirty years, but have enjoyed blues since long before. My dance partner and i enjoyed many nights listening and dancing to Millage's music at Danny's big easy. We enjoyed visiting with him on those occasions. Not only was he a very talented musician but a good man as well. I considered him a friend and he will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family.
Jim Seeman

Jim Seeman - January 25, 2022 at 02:42 PM

PE

“ I send condolences to the Gilbert Family. This is also a great loss to blues lovers and the human family. Not only was Millage a wonderful blues musician and band leader, he was a "down to earth brother " who was open when approached by his audience. I miss his Saturday afternoon performances at Club 42 already. Pearl, MN

Pearl - January 25, 2022 at 12:38 PM

CA

“ There is a void in Kansas City. No more blues matinee, your voice and guitar are now silent. I will always cherish the memories. Rest in Peace.

Carmen L. Austin - January 21, 2022 at 09:52 PM