



## James Cecil Gillespie

May 23, 1935 - June 25, 2025

James "Cecil" Gillespie  
Norris, South Carolina

James "Cecil" Gillespie, age 90, loving husband of 66 years to Rose Marie Wardlaw Gillespie, passed away on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Born on May 23, 1935, in Pickens County, South Carolina, Cecil was the beloved son of the late Samuel Moser Gillespie and Elsie Lamelia Chastain. Cecil served as an elder at The Church of God at Rices Creek.

Cecil found great joy in growing his garden. Having grown up on a farm, he cherished the outdoors. He also loved singing and playing the guitar, and he even had the opportunity to sing on WGG5. Above all, Cecil loved his Lord Jesus.

Survivors include his children, Amanda Connell (Kenneth) of Greer, Nancy Hardy of Pickens, Mary McCall of Pickens, Mark Gillespie (Kelly) of Pickens, and John Gillespie (Jennifer) of Pickens; Twenty-one loving grandchildren and twenty-six loving and precious great-grandchildren; One wonderful great great grandchild and one on the way. Many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gillespie was predeceased by a son, Steve Gillespie; A grandson, Andy Gillespie; A granddaughter, Antonia Rose Dobbins; his brothers, Hillard Gillespie, Bud Frank Gillespie, Homer Gillespie, Cranfeard Gillespie, Odie Gillespie, Loyd Gillespie, BC Gillespie, and Lewis Gillespie, his sisters, Pauline Gillespie, Clara "Sis" Norris, Lorena "Rena" Davis. Cecil was the last surviving sibling.

A Visitation will be held on Friday June 27, 2025 from 6pm until 7:30pm in the Chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home. A funeral Service will be held on Saturday June 28, 2025, at 2pm in the Chapel of Mountain View Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Six Mile Church of God of Prophecy.

Memorials may be made in Cecil's Honor to The Church of God at Rices Creek. 396 North Freeman Rd. Liberty, SC 29657. Flowers will be accepted by the family.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Gillespie family.

# Cemetery Details

## Six Mile Church of God of Prophecy

133 Furman L Smith Memorial Hwy  
Central, SC 29630

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel  
105 Florence St  
Pickens, SC 29671  
(864) 878-4441  
mountainviewfunerals@gmail.com  
<https://www.mountainviewfunerals.com>

## Funeral

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - Pickens Chapel  
105 Florence St  
Pickens, SC 29671  
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## Burial

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JUN **28**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Six Mile Church of God of Prophecy  
133 Furman L Smith Memorial Hwy  
Central, SC 29630

# Tribute Wall

ZA

“ Dear Grandpa Cecil, I miss you so much already, if a few months it will be one whole year without you, I miss you so much Grandpa, Fly high.

Zaylie - March 06 at 09:29 AM

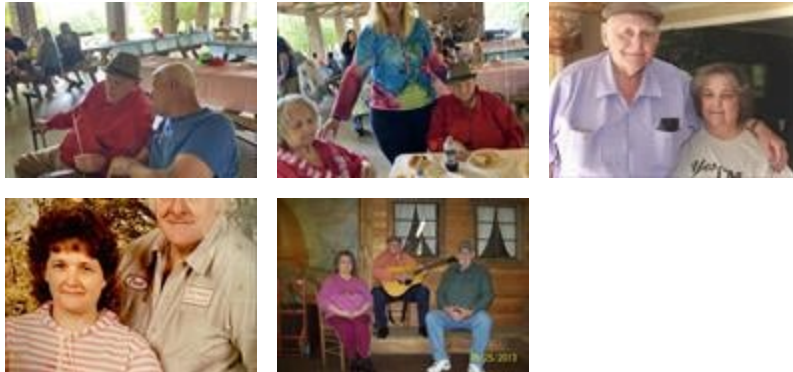
JP

“ me and him was a guitar player

jp - January 31 at 07:21 PM

MM

“ 26 files added to the tribute wall



Mary McCall - June 28, 2025 at 07:11 AM

LB

“ Lee Bowie lit a candle in memory of James Cecil Gillespie



Lee Bowie - June 27, 2025 at 04:06 PM

*MV*

“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - June 27, 2025 at 01:18 PM**

AB

“ Papa, I know you will never be able to read this but I just wanted to take a moment to express my heart!!! Words can never express how much you mean to me! It just doesn't seem right that your not here with us anymore. If I had one more opportunity to tell you how much I love you and appreciate you and am so grateful I had the honor to call you papa I truly would do it over and over again. Thank you so much for accepting me just as if I was your blood grand daughter!!!! Thank you so much that many years ago when I was a young girl that you and grandma took the time to carry me to church and tell me all about Jesus and you led me by example how to be a True Christian!!!! You taught me so much papa!!! I'll never forget what a Great man of God you were. I will sure miss all of our talks, your guidance, all your many prayers as we prayed together, and just so much about you. Papa life will not be the same without you here!! The night God called you home I know heaven gained one precious angel! I know you fought a good fight, you kept the faith and you finished your course!!! I know you are healed and not suffering anymore. I'll miss those moments the sweet Holyghost moved on you, your singing you sitting behind me in church, your hugs, your laughter and just so much about you papa!!! Our family want be the same with out you!!! Jeremiah Esther Daniel and I love you so much. Jeremiah will miss playing his guitar with you! I hope to see you papa on heavens sweet shore and I pray I can lead others and be that same example you have been to all of us. It's not Goodbye it's see you later!!!! We love you Papa and we miss already so much!!! Love always one of your many Granddaughters, Ashley



**Ashley Baldwin** - June 27, 2025 at 12:17 PM

AB

*Missing you today papa! Love you so much and lookin forward to seeing you on the other side but until then with joy I'll go on singing and until then with joy I'll carry on!!!!*

**ashley baldwin** - January 26 at 03:01 PM

VT

“ *Vicki B Taylor lit a candle in memory of James Cecil Gillespie*



**Vicki B Taylor** - June 27, 2025 at 11:15 AM

FF

“ *From : Vicki Bowie Taylor & Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Cecil Gillespie.*



**From : Vicki Bowie Taylor & Family** - June 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM

FF

“ *From : Vicki Bowie Taylor & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Cecil Gillespie.*

**From : Vicki Bowie Taylor & Family** - June 27, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Cecil Gillespie.* ”



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June 27, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Nancy Hardy** - June 27, 2025 at 08:23 AM



*Love you Daddy*

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**Nancy Hardy** - June 27, 2025 at 08:24 AM



“ *Aaron Gillespie lit a candle in memory of James Cecil Gillespie* ”



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**Aaron Gillespie** - June 27, 2025 at 07:38 AM

JA

“ *Jamie lit a candle in memory of James Cecil Gillespie*



**Jamie** - June 27, 2025 at 12:28 AM

BR

“ *BrittBrat lit a candle in memory of James Cecil Gillespie*



**BrittBrat** - June 26, 2025 at 10:40 PM

BR

*I love you papa don't worry we have grandma for you*

**BrittBrat** - June 26, 2025 at 10:58 PM

MN

“ *Brother Cecil Gillespie showed his care for everyone .He was a wonderful guitar player and singer ,he and his loving wife(Sister Rose) sang Gospel songs almost every week on The Good News Program on WGS Channel 16 as well as in church at The church Of God at Rices Creek.  
See you again one day brother*

**Mary Nix** - June 26, 2025 at 04:33 PM

MN

*Mary and Michael Nix*

**Mary Nix** - June 26, 2025 at 04:34 PM