



## Gilbert "Gil" Gregory, Sr.

March 29, 2023

Gilbert "Gil" Gregory, Sr., 93, of Calvary Fellowship Homes, was freed from his earthly body when he met Jesus face to face on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the husband of the late Nancy (Schaeffer) Gregory who passed away on March 7, 2017. He was the son of the late Amos James Gregory, Sr. and Elsie Dinsmore Brewer Gregory.

Gil graduated from The King's College with a Bachelor's Degree. He worked with the High School Evangelistic Fellowship as Club Director from 1955-1967 and started his career at Lancaster Bible College in 1972. He held several roles at LBC including Admissions Counselor and Registrar. As a member of Calvary Church, he served in various roles which included Elder, Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher. He enjoyed reading, Baltimore sports, and "any" desserts. He could often be found in the LBC kitchen when his wife Nancy was cooking! He will be fondly remembered at Lancaster Bible College for finding "where the party was."

He is lovingly survived by four children, Deborah (John) Riddell, Quarryville, PA, Nancy Lynn (Robb) Davis, Davis, CA, Gilbert Gordon Jr. (Elizabeth), Lancaster, PA, and Jeffrey (Lisa) Gregory, Shiremanstown, PA; 12 grandchildren, Timothy, Joshua, Rachel, and Daniel Riddell; Kara and Dylan Davis; Gordon Gregory III, Eric, Laura (McAllister), Jessica (Jones), Seth Gregory and Sarah Herr and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in

death by his siblings, Amos James, Claude Alvin, Phillip Rowland, Howard Wilbur, and Ruth Bruce and two grandchildren, Gregory John Riddell and Thomas Wilson Riddell.

A private graveside service will be held at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Gil's Memorial Service at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at Calvary Church from 5:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Calvary Church, Attn: Calvary Church Global Ministries Fund, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, Caring Hospice, 101 Good Drive, 1st Floor, Lancaster, PA 17603, or Calvary Fellowship Home, Attn: Benevolent Fund, 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Church  
1051 Landis Valley Road  
Lancaster, PA 17601

## Memorial Service

APR 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert "Gil" Gregory, Sr.*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

“ When I was about 7 years old (c1959) Uncle Gil was the weeklong speaker for the Halethorpe Community Church’s summer children’s camp at Mountain View Bible Camp. I realize that memories from so long ago and from when one was so young, are notoriously unreliable. However, I think I have this story pretty accurate as I’ve been telling for at least 50 years and it has been a part of my testimony as a follower of Jesus Christ all that time.

On a night near the end of the week at camp, after sharing God’s Word with us, Uncle Gil gave a unique invitation to all of us campers. He challenged us to make a commitment that if, as we grew up, God so lead us to serve Him in vocational service as a minister or missionary, that we would be obedient to that call. I went forward that evening.

Years later, as I was finishing my first year as a public school teacher, my pastor asked me to come on board as a part-time youth pastor and, as it turned out, to serve as part-time teacher/administrator in our christian school.

I didn’t want to do it. I was pretty sure I would be more secure financially pursuing a career in public education (that turned out to be correct). I wasn’t excited about the inevitability that I would eventually need to seminary if I took the steps my pastor was proposing.

But I remembered the step of faith and the commitment that my Uncle Gil had led me to make some 18 years before. However, I thought I might have an out. During a few years from 9th through 11th grade I had aborted/suspended my commitment to follow Jesus in favor of trying my hardest to be cool, an effort at which I failed miserably but not for lack of trying.

I reasoned that my rebellion invalidated the commitment I made as a mere 7 year old and disqualified me from vocational service. But I did pray about it and God wasn’t having any of it .

*God used Uncle Gil in many ways in my life even though I only saw him a few times a year. He was an amazing example of a servant and follower of Christ. He showed me a lot of attention and his unique brand of love as I grew up. He gave me some pretty good advice over the years. But most importantly, God used my Uncle Gil to plant the seed that God desired to plant so as to prepare me to accept the call on my life that He had foreordained before the foundation of the world.*

*Thanks Uncle Gil for committing a whole week of your summer to take a few dozen little elementary kids seriously and to teach us concerning the important things of God.*

*I'm praying for my cousins and their families just now, because if he had this impact on me, how much more has he influenced each of them? And how much more will they miss this quiet, funny, sincere, uniquely compassionate, wise man that they call Dad, or Granddad or whatever their unique relationship suggested, and whom I called Uncle Gil.*

*Gregory GILBERT Bruce, 4/4/23  
Soli Deo Gloria*

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**gregory bruce** - April 04, 2023 at 11:32 PM

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*Greg-Thank you so much for sharing that wonderful testimony of Dad's impact on your life. Deb*

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**Deb Riddell** - April 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM

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*This is a beautiful account of the Holy Spirit prompting your uncle, cute little you, and your pastor and each of you were listening and obedient. That incident at Mountain View, perhaps in the old barn, was tucked away in your soul for the day you would put other considerations aside to say, "Here am I". I hope Mom Mom and Aunt Ruth knew of the unique connection between you and the baby of the family, Uncle Gil. It is especially meaningful that none of this was an accident or a coincidence but the relationship between you and Gil was, as you say, "foreordained before the foundation of the world". As for your youthful indiscretions, dear cousin, that part makes me smile. You are in fine company such as Jonah, Saul/Paul and King David who famously wrote, "He restoreth my soul". Love you, Greggje.*

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**Sharon Hetherington** - July 29, 2023 at 05:27 PM