



## Melvin Edward Gilbert

November 2, 1943 - December 22, 2024

Melvin Edward Gilbert, 81, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2024. Born on November 2, 1943, in Haskell, Oklahoma, he was the beloved son of Edward Eugene Gilbert and Elsie Irine (Bledsoe) Gilbert.

Melvin is preceded in death by his devoted parents, Edward and Elsie; his brother, Keith Gilbert; and his dear grandson, Keith Massey Jr., who held a special place in his heart.

He is survived by his ex-wife and lifelong friend, Ruthie Burnett, who remained a constant source of love and support throughout his life. He is also survived by his cherished daughter, Leticia (Chris A.) Parks; his sister, Cheryl Gilbert-Mitchell; his beloved grandchildren, Orion Parks and Leneisa Parks; and his great-grandchild, Arielle Massey.