

## Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Gilbert Starr

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### In Memory of Gilbert Starr

Gilbert Starr

Spouse: Osmarina Starr-Rush

Children: Tamara, Tanya, Kevin, Zenas

Birthdate: September 7, 1957

Ascension Date: December 24, 2021

Blessing: July 1, 1982 with Gladys Starr (ascended on Dec. 20, 2012)

Seonghwa Ceremony: December 30, 2021

When Gilbert Starr was 17 years old, he met his spiritual father in St. Louis, Missouri and believed strongly that he needed to support True Parents and Heavenly Parents mission. Within the last few decades, Gilbert Starr was able to be a witnessing champion in New York City and was fortunate enough to have a close friendship with members of True Family. In fact, whenever you saw him

around True Family, it was as if he was a close cousin. And he always shared his blessings and experiences with True Family.

He was a trusted friend of Hyo Jin Nim and Heung Jin Nim and amongst many other missions was charged by True Parents with leading the Minority Alliance International Inc (MAI), founded by True Parents on October 22, 1981 after the Rally for Religious Freedom at Foley Square.



"I was blessed to have a close friendship with Hyo Jin nim and Heung Jin nim. I had a serious and wonderful history with both of them. My friendship with Heung Jin nim began when I was serving as a security guard under the leadership of our precious brother, Gerhard Peemoller (1945 - 2015) at the World Mission Center, in New York City, from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. I worked with East Garden security brothers whenever True Parents visited the New Yorker Hotel. He was such a loving person and a loving son of our True Parents and Heavenly Parent. He always wanted to give me something when we met.



One time he told me, Gilbert, True Father gave me this watch as a special gift and I want to give it to you. I said to him, Heung Jin, I cannot take this from you; I am not worthy. But, he insisted, and said True Parents love you very much, so please take it. He said, This is my gift from me to you. I was moved to tears and received it with two hands, because I knew that this was a gift from Heaven and from his deep heart. On many occasions, we would meet and he would embrace me, and he would always share his love for True Parents with me."

In September 1990, Hyo Jin Nim accepted Rev. Starr's request to be a part of the team at Manhattan Center. He was able to serve as Vice President and then President of the company. It was during this time that Rev. Starr was able to develop relationships with many American entertainers, including Michael Jackson and the Jackson family.

"I became an employee at the Manhattan Center and pledged to Hyo Jin nim that I would bring new business into the audio and video studios that he worked so hard to create. The first project that I brought in was the world-renowned group Kool and the Gang. I inspired them to record an entire album in the Manhattan Center. The album title was "Unite." I quickly added many new artists and projects from artists including Vincent Herbert, Toni Braxton, Joe, Color Me Badd, Mary J. Blige and many others. That I matched my words with deeds inspired Hyo Jin nim and made him very happy.

I began to report to him directly, and we became good friends from that time. I truly experienced God's heart and love through Hyo Jin nim. He really loved and cared for all of his members. He gave great love to my family. Within three months, he blessed me to the position of vice-president of the Manhattan Center, and president of a new company that we created under his leadership, Tribal Concerts International, Inc. Even, after my employment at Manhattan Center, we remained friends and communicated with each other concerning different projects."

After Manhattan Center, Rev. Starr was very involved with ACLC and ILC activities. He even was the pastor of the Delaware Family Church. But he was more excited when Rev. Miilhan Stephens invited him to work with YSP as the Vice President of Media Relations. Even though Rev. Starr has passed on, his spirit will still be here to help providence in a spiritual way....and help guide artists and entertainers to help unite this world and bring peace.

You can support the family by making a donation here: [gofund.me/f5456c79](https://gofund.me/f5456c79)



### **Seonghwa Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:30 AM Visitation

10:00 AM Service

Miller Funeral Home (3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge VA 22192)

Join by Zoom: [us02web.zoom.us/j/618147675](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618147675)

Passcode 2027

### **Wonjeon Burial**

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Ft. Lincoln Cemetery (8401 Bladensburg Rd, Brentwood, MD 20722)

**Reception to follow at 3:00 PM**

The Washington Times Building (3600 New York Ave NE Washington, DC 20002)

# Honoring Rev. Gilbert Starr



Tamara Estrella is organizing this fundraiser.

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When Gilbert Starr was 17 years old, he met his spiritual father in St. Louis, Missouri and believed strongly that he needed to support Heavenly Parent. Within the last few decades, Gilbert Starr was able to develop professional connections within arts and culture, because he felt that sector was the key to sharing a culture of peace and empathy. We will be soon honoring Rev. Starr on Thursday, December 30th at 10 am in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Miller Funeral Home  
3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Then his burial will take place at Fort Lincoln in Washington D.C. at 2pm.

Fort Lincoln  
3401 Bladensburg RD  
Brentwood, MD 20722

For those who are unable to make it, you can attend virtually through zoom starting at 9:30am- 12pm:

**Rev. Gilbert Starr Seonghwa Zoom Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/618147675>

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Rev. Starr leaves behind his wife, Osmarina Rush-Starr, his daughters Tamara Amelivia Starr-Perry, Tanya Elizabeth Starr, and Jungsun Joy Evette Starr, his sons Kevin Starr and Zenas Rush, and his grandchildren Jacob Felix Perry, Chelsea Amelivia Perry, and Isabella Valentina Perry.

All proceeds will go towards his funeral and burial costs.

The family thanks each and every one of you for your help. This has been very overwhelming for us, but we are grateful that there are amazing people who are helping us to honor a man that only wanted to work for God.

Thank you so much and God bless...



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## Updates (1)

**December 27, 2021** by Tamara Starr, Organizer

...I can't even put into words how grateful our family is for every dollar... Seriously thank you. This whole experience has been very overwhelming... It's weird that I can't see him...because I still feel him. But I will be posting details of the ceremony and burial later today..

And a little PSA: PLEASE write a will and let access to your things be simple for the family. And also look into full-term life insurance. Your family will thank you.



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## Organizer



Tamara Estrella  
Organizer  
Delmar, NY

Contact

## Comments (12)



Gloria Laurent donated **\$120**

You are loved by many. Thank you very much for your beautiful heart

7 hrs



Thomas & Alexa Ward donated **\$300**

God bless our dear brother Gilbert and his family. Thank you for the live you lived, Rev. Starr, and for your attendance to True Family. Surely a great mission awaits you with your Ascension. God bless Osmarina who accompanied you on this journey... [Read more](#)

9 hrs



Nancy Makowski donated **\$80**

Gilbert, thank you sooo much for your constant giving of your heart everywhere you went while here on earth. We will miss you but will keep you in our lives. Enjoy your new life!!

21 hrs



Ten-Seng Guh donated **\$80**

My sincere condolences, I heard many legendary stories of his witnessing exploits in the music industry. A true pioneer. Wishing for a peaceful ascension to spirit world! May God's love comfort your family during this difficult time

23 hrs



Susan Bouachri donated **\$40**



I didn't know Gilbert well-- but here's my memory. I work at the church HQ office. During the period leading up to the 2019 Peace Starts with Me Program in Newark, Gilbert and others were doing outreach to leaders in the entertainment industry.... [Read more](#)

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Natascha Phillips donated **\$20**

I'm so sorry for your loss

3 d



Andrew Wilson donated **\$70**

Blessings to all the States at this challenging time.

4 d



Dorothy Hill donated **\$100**

Dearest Tamara, I am sending you my love and prayers. May God be with your father and the whole family. ❤️

4 d



Randall Francis donated **\$200**

Gilbert's jovial and determined heart of love and service made our Heavenly Parent, Jesus and victorious True Parents so happy in all that he accomplished. Godspeed dear brother.

4 d



Ernest Patton donated **\$200**

A great visionary with a giant heart and pure motivation! Your work on earth has concluded and we pray for your family here. We are confident that God's great love and freedom is the air that you are breathing in the eternal realm.

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