

GILBERT EASTLYN RYNER

August 28, 1933 - January 7, 2010



**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5421 Germantown Avenue
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Mass of the Resurrection
for Gilbert Eastlyn Ryner

Wednesday, 13 January 2010, 1 p.m.

Opening Sentences	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 491</i>
Hymn <i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	<i>Hymnal 1982 #660</i>
Collect for the Departed	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 493</i>

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Lesson	Wisdom 3:1-5, 9
Psalm 23 (<i>King James Version</i>)	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 476</i>
Epistle	Revelation 7:9-17
The Holy Gospel	John 14:1-6
Homily	Father Chris
Apostles' Creed	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 496</i>
The Prayers of the People	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 497</i>

The Liturgy of the Altar

Offertory Hymn	<i>Abide with Me Hymnal 1982 #662</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 361</i>
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 364</i>
The Holy Communion	<i>All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, who share with us the belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the blessed Bread and Wine, are invited to receive communion, following the family to the altar rail, and kneeling.</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 498</i>
Commendation	<i>Book of Common Prayer p. 499</i>
Recessional Hymn	<i>Christ the Victorious Hymnal 1982 # 358</i>

The family cordially invites everyone to a repast in St. Barnabas Hall immediately following this service. St. Barnabas Hall can be reached by turning right immediately upon exiting the church and walking through the cemetery.

The family also wishes to thank all those whose compassion, generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness have made this difficult time a little easier.

The Rev. Canon H. Gregory Smith, Rector
The Rev. Christopher V. Pyles, Curate;
Nile Weber, Organist

Obituary

Gilbert Eastlyn Ryner was the youngest of seven children born to George David Ryner of Trinidad (1882-1959) and Margaret Victoria Langston Ryner of Gouldtown, New Jersey (1894-1981). He was born on August 28, 1933 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died on January 7, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania while receiving care at the Germantown Nursing Home where he was treated for complications from a severe stroke. Nurses called him playful.

Gilbert's middle name of Eastlyn was in memory and honor of an uncle from Trinidad and Manchester, England. Eastlyn Ryner and Gilbert Ryner never met, but each was aware of the other's existence.

As a young lad growing up in Philadelphia, he was known to his friends and peers as "The Kid". Bicycle riding and roller skating became his favorite past times, even as an adult. He enjoyed riding his bike to work during the long PTC and SEPTA transportation strikes. He transformed his bike so the front wheel was not properly bolted to the bike's frame so that he could avoid the jolt and bump of going over a curb while riding. Roller skating was his passion; as an adult he would travel from Washington, DC to New York with friends to go skating. While skating with a performing group for holiday shows, he would dress up as a clown ("Rubber Legs Ryner") and perform comedy skits while skating. We can envision him dressed as a woman pushing a baby carriage with a female friend dressed as a baby and together they ended up dancing and waltzing around the rink. Gilbert even tried out for a roller derby team.

Young children would bring their bikes to Gilbert so that he could repair or modify them as he matured in age.

He worked hard and held many jobs. For many years he was employed in the cafeteria for Horn and Hardart's Restaurant. Later he worked at the VA Hospital Annex cafeteria at 30th and Walnut Streets.

Gilbert Attended St. Augustine's and St. Luke's Churches with his family. He was able to escort his sisters to the airport or train station when they traveled alone.

Gilbert Eastlyn Ryner leaves to mourn his passing two older sisters: Elizabeth Ryner Polk and Hortense Ryner Baker; five nieces: Donna Baker Henry, Mary Baker Mitchell, Brenda Copeland Thomas, Wanda Polk Peyton and Linda Polk Carter; five nephews: LaValle Baker, Erwin Polk, Eugene Copeland, Bruce Copeland and Kevin Baker. He has many great nieces and nephews, cousins in the US, Trinidad, Canada and England as well as a host of friends and neighbors. Gilbert will be missed by young and old alike! He was the Peter Pan of the Ryner family.