



## Jessie Bell Hill

January 17, 1928 - August 25, 2025

Jessie Bell Kineard Hill, 97, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, August 25, 2025, at her residence. She was a proud graduate of Howard High School where she earned the honor of Salutatorian of the Class of 1946. She continued on to Zion College where she majored in Business. She was employed by Dupont and retired after many years of service.

Jessie was a long-term member of New Monumental Baptist Church and remained involved until her health prevented further participation. She faithfully served the church in various roles. She was an active member of the Evergreen Club, a member of the Usher Board, and a gracious hostess for countless special occasions. A significant distinction was conferred upon her when she was entrusted with the responsibility of furnishing and decorating a church room in honor of her late mother, who had also served the congregation with dedication.

Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, Lum W. and Jessie Lee Johnson Kineard; and grandmother, Rossie Davis.

Survivors include her daughter, Lennis (Oliver) Tarvin of Chattanooga; granddaughters, Yolanda D. Winston, Valencia D. Winston, Kennedy U. Ainsworth, Shelby J. Tarvin, and Nikoel J. Smith; grandson, Oliver Tarvin, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Marcus D. Talley, Valencia B. Reynolds, Jontae A.

Jemison, JaNay L. Stafford, Calvin W. Stafford Jr, Jalen D. Tarvin, Jordan A. Seitz, JaKyilah N. Knight, and JaNiyah B. Taylor; her devoted cousin, Kathleen M. Custard; along with a host of other loving family members and friends.

Jessie will lie-in-state on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. in Forest Hills Cemetery with Pastor Alonzo Noble giving words of comfort.

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

SEP **3**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

## Funeral Service

SEP **3**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery  
4016 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *My condolences to the family and friends.*



Pamela Crutcher - September 03, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn Brown lit a candle in memory of Jessie Bell Hill*



Marilyn Brown - September 02, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie Bell Hill.*



September 02, 2025 at 01:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jessie Bell Hill.*

September 02, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DM

“ Donna Morris lit a candle in memory of Jessie Bell Hill



Donna Morris - September 02, 2025 at 11:37 AM

GM

“ Gloria McClendon lit a candle in memory of Jessie Bell Hill



Gloria McClendon - September 01, 2025 at 08:00 PM

CC

“ Cardella F Cummings lit a candle in memory of Jessie Bell Hill



Cardella F Cummings - August 30, 2025 at 01:03 PM

PT

“ Jessie Bell was my Mom first cousin Willie Dean Jackson sister and brother children I am very sorry for the passing of her Jessie and Dean was like two peas in a pot love dressing and please don't forget she loved shoes of all kind Family from my Family to your we give our Condolences and prayers to u all Love u all Diane keep your head up I no the feeling hold on to God unchanged Hand 🙏

pamela Todd - August 29, 2025 at 10:12 PM

KC

*Counsins Jessie Bell was a second Mother to me after my mother died Fannie Lou Custard which was first cousin. Cousin Jessie Bell Hill open her heart and home for 30 years or more. I love her so much and she was my angel 🙏 on earth.*

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**Kathleen Custard** - August 30, 2025 at 08:41 AM

VB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Jessie's family at this time. She was a very classy lady. May peace and comfort be with each of you, is our prayer.*

*Vincinetta Brown and family.*

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**Vincinetta Brown** - September 01, 2025 at 07:55 AM