



Tillie Oneida Seay

November 11, 1926 - June 19, 2022

Tillie Oneida Seay, 95, departed this life on Sunday, June 19, 2022, surrounded by family members at a local hospital. She was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on November 11, 1926, to Oneida Haliburton. The death of Tillie's mother at an early age left her and Melvin Millard Haliburton, her only sibling, to be adopted and raised by their Aunt Pressie and Uncle Butler. In a loving and religious household, they, along with fourteen cousins, whom they affectionately referred to as their brothers and sisters were taught values and dignity.

She joined Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church in New Tyner at a tender age and remained a faithful member until her death. She served as a Sunday School and Bible School teacher, usher, and a member of the senior choir.

She was an active and intelligent young woman who excelled in academics and basketball, at Booker T. Washington High School and attended Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, on an educational scholarship.

Tillie found her soulmate in her childhood friend, the late Leonard (Willie) Seay Jr. Willie – tall, dark, and handsome, married Tillie in 1947; the union lasted twenty-two years and produced four beautiful children.

In her adult life, Tillie's passion was her children and family. She enjoyed playing softball on the co-ed team of the Tyner Cubs. She loved playing dominos, teaching her friends to drive, traveling with the church choir, diet

cokes, crossword puzzles, and was an avid reader. Tillie also spent many years as a housekeeper for the Farr, Hedges, and Patton families. Her earlier employment was with Memorial Hospital and the Sportsman.

Friends and family describe Tillie as a "character," an affectionate term meaning funny and feisty. She was always ready to give you a piece of her mind but would also give you her last of anything, making her a friend to all. Tillie's free spirit and love of life amassed many friends and extended family she nurtured.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Oneida, her son Maurice, and her brother Millard.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her children, Brenda Seay Shelton of Chattanooga, Sharon Seay of Kennesaw, GA, and Kevin Seay (Deidre) of Gardena, CA; grandchildren: Randall Pickett of Chattanooga, Kectia Shelton of Chattanooga, Camillia "Lady" Stewart (Eric) of Knoxville, TN, Duval Seay of Roanoke, VA, and Joshua Daniels of Phoenix, AZ; great-grandchildren, Brewen Welcher of Chattanooga, TaMaurice "Tee" Higgins of Cincinnati, OH, and Shakia "Keke" Stewart of Oak Ridge, TN; great-great-grandchildren, Ze' Yana Stewart and LaRez Dendy, both of Oak Ridge, TN; nieces, Deborah Kyles-Williams, Port St Lucie, FL, and Michelle Kyles Dawson, Belleville, MI; nephew, Heath Haliburton Sr. of Chattanooga; great-great-niece, Jalissa Haliburton-Reeves of Dayton OH and great-great-nephew, Heath Haliburton Jr. of Las Vegas, NV; special cousins, Rosetta Strickland of Chattanooga, Patricia Broadnax of Jackson, TN, Harvey Broadnax of Chattanooga, and Pressie Wasson of Stockton, CA; best friend forever, Mrs. Emma Jean Broadnax; surrogate daughters, Wilma McClure Brown, Loretta Lofton, and Shirley Davenport; her longtime caregiver, Dorothy Wiley Reed; and a host of loving cousins, family, and friends, which Tillie called "My Kinfolks."

Tillie, indeed, a phenomenal woman, was a devoted mother, grandmother,

aunt, and friend who will be missed but never forgotten. In honor of "Tillie," we ask that you consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association. P.O. Box 41428, Nashville, TN 37204.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUL 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church
7463 Pinewood Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NT

“ *Neva Hunter Thurman lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay*



Neva Hunter Thurman - July 07, 2022 at 05:12 PM

EB

“ *To Brenda, Sharon and family, I extend my condolences. May you find peace and comfort through and in HIM. I will always remember your feisty and determined love one during her rehab at PACE. Her laugh was infectious and brought joy to many hearts. She was loved by many and will Be missed. Elouise and the PACE Rehab family*



Elouise Busby - July 02, 2022 at 06:56 AM

JC

My prayers and condolences to Sharon, Brenda, and the Seay Family. May God continue to hold each of you in the hollow of his hands.

Joe Cutchins - July 02, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tillie Oneida Seay.*



July 01, 2022 at 06:44 PM

AE

“ Love and condolences to Sharon Seay and family. ❤️



Alex Emm - July 01, 2022 at 04:52 PM

LD

“ Linda Davis lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay



Linda Davis - July 01, 2022 at 03:41 PM

LH

“ To the family of the late Queenstar Tullie Seay, my condolences 🙏! Queenstars Sharon and Brenda, you were wonderful ❤️ as you took loving care of your Mom! Rest on Queenstar! Laverne Hughey 7.1.22!

Laverne Hughey - July 01, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RB

“ My heart embraces the fondest memories of Tillie. Her picture warms my soul. The Farris notified me of her passing. Bravo to 95 years and much love to her entire family! Rosalie Basten (Hedges)

Rosalie Basten - July 01, 2022 at 10:45 AM

MT

“ Will long hold the memories of our breakfast meals at Wally's McCallie Ave while you and mama kept me informed. Oh my the beautiful nails matched your beautiful spirit.



Marva Brown Taylor - July 01, 2022 at 03:26 AM

MB

“ Mickey Battle lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay



Mickey Battle - June 30, 2022 at 10:24 PM

ES

“ May God Bless this
FAMILY....EDIE(WADLEY)
STARKEY&FAMILY



Edie Starkey - June 30, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SC

“ My condolences to my classmate, Sharon Seay, and family. May God give you strength during this time if grief.



Shirley A Chapman - June 30, 2022 at 02:59 PM

CH

“ *Carver & Earnestine Holdip purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Tillie Oneida Seay.*



Carver & Earnestine Holdip - June 28, 2022 at 01:56 PM

AR

“ *Armenious purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Tillie Oneida Seay.*



Armenious - June 28, 2022 at 11:18 AM

MD

“ *Ms. San Drake lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay*



Ms. San Drake - June 28, 2022 at 10:35 AM

MD

My condolences to the family of "Ms. Tillie." My late mother, Mrs. Roberta King Drake, went to school with and was a very dear friend to Ms. Tillie. I remember her beautiful, uplifting, and fun spirit during the days of my childhood. Sharon and the rest of you are in my prayers. Just understand that God knows best and Ms. Tillie's journey here on Earth has been completed.
San Drake Brown

Ms. San Drake - June 28, 2022 at 10:39 AM

KS

“ *KATRINA STRICKLAND lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay*



KATRINA STRICKLAND - June 27, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tillie Oneida Seay.*



June 27, 2022 at 12:09 PM

DJ

“ *Deacon And Ms. Edward Jones lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay*



Deacon and Ms. Edward Jones - June 25, 2022 at 09:35 PM

DJ

To be absent from the body is to present with the Lord II Corinthians 5:8 God Bless

Deacon and Ms. Edward Jones - June 25, 2022 at 09:42 PM

DJ

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord II Corinthians 5:8. God Blessings

Deacon and Ms. Edward Jones - June 25, 2022 at 09:45 PM

GM

“ *Condolences to the Seay family. May God grant you the strength to carry on without the presence of your dear family member but keeping the everlasting memories that she showed and taught you all.*



Gracelia Moore - June 25, 2022 at 02:58 PM

KG

My condolences are to the family. Brenda, I will remember you all in my prayers. I was remembering Tillie as I looked at the smile on her picture. Remember GOD is a comforter, loving, and gives strength when needed. Always remember you can pray and talk to God when no one else is there. Katherine Gibbs Garth

Katherine Gibbs Garth - June 27, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tillie Oneida Seay.*



June 25, 2022 at 11:01 AM

CV

“ *Caroline Vaught lit a candle in memory of Tillie Oneida Seay*



Caroline Vaught - June 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM

GB

“ *Condolences to the family. Sharon was a friend of mine at RHS.*

Gertrude A. Bailey - June 25, 2022 at 09:55 AM

MC

“ *Prayers and love to Miss Tillie's family.*

Melanie Carter - June 21, 2022 at 03:43 PM