



Willie Mae Gilliam

May 21, 1952 - March 25, 2022

Willie Mae Gilliam, 69, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, March 25, 2022, at her residence. She was a 1970 graduate of Howard High School and received her Associate degree from Chattanooga State Community College. She was a member of Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Women's Ministry. She was employed by Tennessee Valley Authority for 36 years. Willie Mae was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Mae Bryant; father, Walter Bryant; grandparents, Carrie Harris and James Harris, Sr.; uncles, Charles Harris, Joseph Harris, and James Melvin Harris, Jr.; aunts, Lilly Harris, Josephine Harris, and Elizabeth Jeffries; sister, Brenda Young. Survivors include her son, Corey Gilliam of Chattanooga; brother, Edward (Katherine) Bryant of Murfreesboro, TN; sisters, Danita (Winfred) Moore and Diane Bryant, both of Chattanooga; aunts, Novella Harris of El Paso, TX and Carrie Harris of Chattanooga; cousins, Betty Hawkings and Alice Brady; devoted classmate and friend, Zabra Kirksey; special friend, Annie Lee Borkman, all of Chattanooga. Reverend Robert Rice will be the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

MAR **31**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

MAR **31**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Sledge * Hampton Siblings lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Sledge * Hampton Siblings - April 08, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ *Vanessa Sewell lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Vanessa Sewell - March 31, 2022 at 05:54 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Daniel Melbert lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Sharon Daniel Melbert - March 31, 2022 at 01:44 PM

LC

Willie Mae was a beautiful spirit and blessing for me when we worked at Sears. She loved her family. deepest sympathy to the family L Carter

Linda Carter - April 06, 2022 at 11:42 AM

NH

“ Sending my love and sympathy from San Antonio Tx to Corey and the rest of the family. I am not there in person but I am paying my respect in spirit. I will miss our phone calls throughout the years enabling us to remain close...especially this past year...I am grateful to God that I was able to see and talk to her and Corey while I was there in Chattanooga a few weeks ago...I especially send prayers of comfort to Corey who has been outstanding in the care of his mother...Rest In Peace my Beloved Niece, you fought a good fight and in your name I will be making a donation to the organization that will continue to fight in lieu of flowers...Love you Wille Mae . Aunt TeeTee

Novella Harris - March 31, 2022 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ Condolences to Corey and the family. May God bless and keep you. Classmate in Howard Class of 70 🌸



Brenda Bowles - March 31, 2022 at 06:41 AM

M(

“ Long time Washington Hills' friend. Until we met again.



Mary Jane Johnson (Smith) - March 30, 2022 at 07:07 PM

JP

May God bless you and your family love you your mother classmate

Josephine (McDonald) Prater - March 31, 2022 at 12:15 PM

PS

“ *Patricia S. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Willie Mae Gilliam.*



Patricia S. - March 30, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Willie Mae Gilliam.*



March 30, 2022 at 03:10 PM

YM

“ *Yvonne R Mcdowell lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Yvonne R Mcdowell - March 30, 2022 at 01:06 PM

KM

“ *Karen Carter Mcghee lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Karen Carter Mcghee - March 29, 2022 at 10:22 PM

RS

“ *Renee Sharp lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Renee Sharp - March 29, 2022 at 07:57 PM

KM

“ *The void I feel is indescribable. I will miss the hours of phone conversations. I will miss your smile and laughter. Rest In Peace Willie Mae. God called and you answered. Love you .*



Kimberly Morgan - March 29, 2022 at 07:28 PM

MR

“ *Howard Class of 1970 send our sincere condolences to Corey and family. Willie Mae will be truly missed by our class.*



Mrs. Christy Rashed - March 29, 2022 at 07:05 PM

MG

“ *To Corey and the family:
My heart is with you, although heavy as well. This was my TVA/Chattanooga Auntie. She adopted many of us as her "nieces and nephews", always checking on us. To say I will miss her is an understatement. She meant a lot to me and my family. Praying for you all that God will continue to comfort and keep you. 🙏❤️*

Marshalia Green - March 29, 2022 at 04:25 PM

LF

“ *Lillie Sampson-Roshell and Family purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Willie Mae Gilliam.*



Lillie Sampson-Roshell and Family - March 29, 2022 at 01:54 PM

GH

“ *Gwen Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Gwen Hudgins - March 29, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DH

“ *Dianne Brown Hicks lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Dianne Brown Hicks - March 29, 2022 at 11:34 AM

WB

“ *Wava Raymond Brooks lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Wava Raymond Brooks - March 29, 2022 at 11:31 AM

TT

“ *Ms Willie was a beautiful person inside and out. Always pleasant and had a nice word to say...she will be missed. RIP Ms Willie Mae*



Tonya Taylor - March 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM

AS

“ *Alyce Scott lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Alyce Scott - March 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Jackie Johnson - March 29, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JJ

To The Family of Willie Mae Gilliam - My condolences are with you. I met Willie Mae at Chattanooga State in 1971. She was the most friendly person I met. May God Bless you Corey and protect you during your loss.

Jackie Johnson - March 29, 2022 at 09:39 AM

VF

“ *Vickie Fielder lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Vickie Fielder - March 29, 2022 at 08:55 AM


Charles
Finney

“ *Charles Finney lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Charles Finney - March 29, 2022 at 08:31 AM

CD

“ *Cleo Downer*



Cleo Downer - March 29, 2022 at 07:06 AM

EM

“ *Eloise Merritt lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Eloise Merritt - March 28, 2022 at 03:07 PM

JC

“ *In memory of my classmate Ms. Willie Mae Gilliam. She always was a beautiful soul.*



Jackylon Clark - March 28, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Maxie Benton lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Maxie Benton - March 28, 2022 at 12:56 PM

VS

“ *So sorry to the entire family for the homegoing of Willie Mae. I worked with her many years at TVA and have great memories. Just know that she is resting in the arms of our Heavenly father. Continuous prayers.*

Veronica (Ronnie) Sanders - March 28, 2022 at 12:48 PM

DE

“ *Corey, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother and my dear friend. I'm glad I had the opportunity to talk to her a couple of times before her passing. I'm deeply saddened for your loss but she's with the Lord now with no more suffering. I'll miss calling her to say Merry Christmas and Happy new year. You are in my prayers.*

Delores Readus Elder - March 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CS

“ Calvin Smith lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Calvin Smith - March 27, 2022 at 10:47 PM

CS

Praying for the Family, RIP Willie Mae

Calvin Smith - March 27, 2022 at 10:48 PM

MT

“ Marcell Tipton lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Marcell Tipton - March 27, 2022 at 09:33 PM

ES

“ Edie Starkey lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Edie Starkey - March 27, 2022 at 09:18 PM

ES

“ May GOD Bless the FAMILY of WILLIE MAE WITH ALL LOVE AN CARE..THE WADLEY,SHROPSHIRE,&STARKEY FAMILIES. PRAYING(EDIE)



Edie Starkey - March 27, 2022 at 09:18 PM

DR

“ Delores Readus-Elder lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Delores Readus-Elder - March 27, 2022 at 08:16 PM

KA

“ Kay Ashley lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Kay Ashley - March 27, 2022 at 12:16 PM

CS

“ Caron Shelton lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Caron Shelton - March 27, 2022 at 10:43 AM

WC

“ *Winifred Careathers lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Winifred Careathers - March 27, 2022 at 01:43 AM

WC

My Condolences to the family !

Winifred Careathers - March 27, 2022 at 01:48 AM

EJ

“ *Erleen Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Erleen Johnson - March 26, 2022 at 08:46 PM

TI

“ *Wonderful memories from our Howard High School 45th class reunion! I will always remember my dear friend.*

Trevor Ingram



Trevor Ingram - March 26, 2022 at 03:05 PM

EJ

Rest in peace. ERLEEN JOHNSON

Erleen Johnson - March 26, 2022 at 08:55 PM

TI

“ Corey,

Your mother has been one of my dearest friend since childhood. We met in church during our elementary school years and she has been a genuine & faithful friend to me ever since. My heart is truly broken but I have so many fond memories of her to cherish always. I still remember the fun sleepovers we had at her house and Ms. Clara Mae telling us to “stop that giggling and go to sleep!” Our friendship has never waned. And every time we spoke, she always talked so proudly about you and never failed to ask about my children. She loved you so very much and she knew how much you loved her too. My prayers are with you and the entire Gilliam Family and I ask God to comfort you all as only He can during this difficult time.

*My sincerest condolences,
Trevor (Hamilton) Ingram*



Trevor Ingram - March 26, 2022 at 12:59 PM

LS

“ Corey, I extend my deep and sincere condolences to you for the loss your mother and my dearest friend, so for the both of us, it is a sad moment. I pray that you will take some comfort in knowing that your mother was loved by many, and she will never be forgotten. My wonderful memories, fun times, our laughter, and the phone conversations we shared will be cherished. I will continue to keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Love you Corey,

Garry and Lillie Roshell

Lillie Sampson-Roshell - March 26, 2022 at 11:22 AM

LA

“ Sorry to hear of Willie Mae's death. I have known her since we attended the same church. She was such a nice person. Praying for the family to have peace and comfort. Keep trusting and believing in God's love.

Laurel - March 26, 2022 at 09:37 AM

SK

“ Sharon Kennard lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam



Sharon Kennard - March 26, 2022 at 08:47 AM

MS

“ *Marcia Smith lit a candle in memory of Willie Mae Gilliam*



Marcia Smith - March 26, 2022 at 08:25 AM