



Bessie E. Gillyard

May 19, 1934 - September 2, 2022

OBITUARY

BESSIE E. GILLYARD was born May 19, 1934 in Richmond, Virginia, to the Late Ella and Frank Williams.

She entered into eternal life after a long illness on September 2, 2022.

Sister Bessie was educated in the Richmond Public School System and retired from MCV Medical Center after twenty-one (21) years of service.

Sister Bessie accepted Christ at an early age, was baptised and joined the Trinity Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the Late Rev K. D. Turner. She was a very dedicated, faithful, and loyal member of the church family, having served on the Choir and Senior Fellowship Ministry. She was always ready to lend a helping hand whenever called upon.

She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter, Kimberly Lee; son, Fabian Gillyard, Sr.; grandchildren, Chandrell Lee, Fabian Gillyard, Jr., Porsha Gillyard, Jenae Gillyard, Keyon Brown(Keondra Brown); ten great-grandchildren; two nieces, twelve great nieces/nephew, a host of great, great nieces and nephews, among them, devoted niece, Fernanda Welton and devoted nephew, Brian Evans; a host of other relatives and friends, among

them, devoted friend, Marguerite Moran.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
2811 Fendall Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall

GG

“ Dear Grandma,

I miss you so much. I'm sure you're up there still watching over me, probably wondering what I've been up to and still worrying about me like you always did. I just wanted to say how much I miss you. Life hasn't been the same without you, but your love and presence still carry me through.

I love you always from your Great Grandson

GREAT GRANDSON - April 07, 2025 at 01:03 AM

JE

“ Grandma as days and nights pass by I miss you more and more every day, the first birthday since you've been gone and you didn't call to sing to me ...so unreal but I know you are in a better place no more pain, please watch over me and kids we all Love you so much!! 39 years was not enough, I never really thought how much it would hurt without you... always in my heart forever!! Love you B-Luv

Jenae - February 01, 2023 at 10:33 PM

JE

“ Still can't believe you are gone... it's so surreal! Trying to stay strong...I MISS YOU SOOOOO MUCH GRANDMA...I'm so glad you taught me and showed me how to maneuver in this CRAZY WORLD...Praying daily for strength. Love you forever!

*LOVE YOU,
Jenae'*

Jenae - December 02, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *Bessie E. Gillyard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the Bruce family offer our sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Sister Gillyard! I will always treasure the way she made sure her grandchildren were on the TBC van to go to Youth Bible Study! Much love and many prayers,
(Rev) Dorothy H Bruce*

Dorothy H. Bruce - September 13, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ *Margie Moran purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bessie E. Gillyard.*



Margie Moran - September 12, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bessie E. Gillyard.*



September 11, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Aunt Bessie You were definitely a strong soldier and will be missed !!! Love you* 💜

Rochelle - September 09, 2022 at 04:58 PM

RH

“ My dear Bessie, memories of you bring me memories of my childhood, precious memories. You've earned your wings, rest peacefully. Fabian and Kim, always know that Bessie loved you. Sending prayers for comfort and peace to the family 💜

Robin Henley - September 08, 2022 at 12:05 PM

JG

“ Grandma, I love you forever and beyond! I'm gonna miss you soooooo much... words, tears, nothing can express how much I love you and how much I'm gonna miss you, I thank GOD for allowing you to be my grandma, the strongest, feistiest woman I know.... sleep in peace until we meet again.



Jenae Gillyard - September 07, 2022 at 08:31 AM

DE

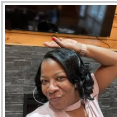
Senior Fellowship Ministry members will miss Ms.Bessie she always had a pleasant smile on her face; attended the events we had at church love being around people that loved one another blessing be upon the family the ministry will miss her dearly, angels watching over you peace.Trinity members.

Deborah - September 07, 2022 at 10:54 AM

NJ

BG BOUT TO TURN HEAVEN ALL THE WAY UP . ILL MISS YOUR SWEET FACE LOVE U LIKE A SECOND GMA

NIKKI L JOHNSON - September 07, 2022 at 02:45 PM



Jenae and family, my deepest condolences 🌸 I pray for strength and peace at this time of sorrow. Ms Bessie aka Grandma will be missed. Love y'all always ❤️👍

Lisa Harris - September 07, 2022 at 04:16 PM

CE

May God continue to be the family As long as she in your heart she will not be forgotten love you all

Charlene Eddleton - September 07, 2022 at 07:26 PM

FG

To My mother, you are going to be missed by now you are at rest, your journey has come to a close. Your dream of see your great grandkids came to pass, and you wanted to rest. I Thank God for the Time of having you in my life. Love your son

Fabian Gillyard - September 08, 2022 at 12:41 AM

VI

Kim and family my thoughts and Prayers to you all ..R.I.P beautiful lady..

Virginia - September 11, 2022 at 07:14 PM

PV

Ma'am, I believe I served with your son in the Army in Germany and what a great man you raised. His desire to expand, learn and thrive came from you, his great mother. Though I never met you, I knew you through Fabian. Rest with the pride you deserve because of how you gave us a part of you and that part is Fabian.

Phillip Viersen - December 04, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - September 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM