



Blonnie M. Gilliam

December 4, 1935 - March 24, 2015

Blonnie Mae Yelverton Gilliam was born to the late Clinton and Mertie Yelverton on December 4, 1935, in Green County, North Carolina. On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, she peacefully transitioned from this life to her eternal home in glory. Blonnie Mae received her formal education in Green County Public Schools. She attended church and accepted Christ at a young age while in Green County. She married John Frank Gilliam in 1959 and they relocated to Baltimore, Maryland in 1961. Blonnie Mae was a homemaker, enjoyed cooking, taking care of her home and family. She knew the importance of a relationship with Christ and after her move to Baltimore, joined the Second Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop Leo K. Caesar. She later joined the St. John Christian Community Church and served on the Missionary Board where the pastor was the late Reverend Tommie Jenkins Sr. She remained in service there until her health began to fail. God's grace raised her up to spend her last years at God's Will Apostolic Ministries, led by Pastor Charles Bennett; where she served on the Church's Mothers' Board. Blonnie Mae was caring, nurturing and hospitable. She never met anyone that was a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Her house was filled with her children and the children of many others. She devoted her life and love to the 10 children she called her own: Earl, Joyce, Ann, Mary, John (June), Paul (Koddie), Sabrina (Toto) and Lamont. Children Cheryl and Frankie preceded her in death. Cooking was a favorite past time and she was known for her chicken and

dumplings. Her home was her pride and joy and each holiday she changed her décor to reflect the season. She looked forward to spending time with her children for holidays and on her birthday, but everyone knew they had better not forget the gift. She loved to entertain, get dressed to the nine's and she never forgot to add the red lipstick that matched her flaming red hair. She loved the Motown sound, with her favorites being, Al Green, Otis Redding and the Righteous Brothers. Her faithful friends and hanging buddies were her niece, Fennie, Margaret, Willie and the late Mary Ross. As her health began to fail, she never complained and would always say, "Thank God and Thank you". When she could no longer come and go as she pleased, she still held onto the things that were sacred to her – her love for the Lord, her love for her children and her beautiful red hair, which she entrusted to her son in law, Joseph Payton, to maintain. Blonnie Mae was cared for by all, but her grandchildren, Connie and Marvin Randall, along with daughter and son in law, Mary and Joseph Payton devoted their lives to making sure she was comfortable and that she enjoyed her "golden years". Connie and Marvin shared their home with "Grandma", and partnered with Mary and Joseph to allow her to want for nothing, loving and caring for her dearly until the end. During the later years of her life, she became an avid traveler. She traveled to Mexico, Jamaica, Bahamas and Florida with her family. She took her last trip on Tuesday, when she went to her eternal rest - home to see her Savior and Lord. Preceding her in death are: Husband, John Frank Gilliam; Children, Cheryl and Frankie Gilliam; Sisters, Marjorie Wade and Virginia Mae Joyner; brothers: Clinton Jr., Roy Lee and Brodous Yelverton. She leaves to cherish her memory: children, Earl (Deborah), Joyce, Patricia Ann, Mary (Joseph), John, Paul, Sabrina and Lamont; goddaughter, Temmera Ross; sisters, Sarah Yelverton of Baltimore, MD, Eloise Sneed of Snow Hill, NC., Minnie Hardy (Melvin) of Goldsboro, NC; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Speight of Standtonsburg, NC, Tinie Yelverton of Newark, NJ and Barbara Gilliam of Washington, DC; brothers-in-law, Andrew Gilliam of Standtonsburg, NC and Milton Hill of Newark, NJ; aunt, Bessie Mae Yelverton of NC and twenty-nine grandchildren,

forty great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friend

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

APR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

APR 4. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Apostolic Church
5501 Liberty Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Apostolic Faith Church
5501 Liberty Heights
Balto, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Blonnie M. Gilliam*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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“ Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dear Lady Mary Payton and The Reverend Joseph Payton,

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We, the Officers and Members of the Greater Church of The Risen Savior and Ministries wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to your family in the transition of Mother Blonnie M. Gilliam. We remember her as a great inspiration to your pastorate in Randallstown some years ago. She was always present and full of life and love. She encouraged your vision forward and energized the work.

Mary, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We know that this is a very difficult time for you, however know that you are in our prayers. You were a great example of a loving daughter caring for her Mom. You gave your earnest best.

May the love and sweet communion of the Holy Spirit continue to lighten your way.

Yours because of Calvary,

*+Bishop Dr. Victor Folks
Pastor Denise L. Folks, PhD., D.Min.
Greater Church of The Risen Savior
Baltimore, Maryland*

+Bis Victor Folks - April 09, 2015 at 09:10 AM

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“ Dear Mom you will forever be in our Hearts you fought a good fight you are now resting in the arms of Jesusyou fought a good fight now a crown of righteousness is laid up for you Love you Your children Earl , Joyce , Ann, Mary , John, Shirley , Frankie , Paul , Lamont , Sabrina . RIP mom love you !!!!

mary - April 09, 2015 at 06:53 AM

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“ Dearest LaMont,
We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. May Blonnie Mae rest in peace and all of you be comforted in knowing that she's in a better place. A place without pain and suffering. We wish you the strength you will need to carry on in her absence.
Your cousin, Loretta Brunson Jamal and family

Loretta - March 29, 2015 at 12:35 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 - March 28, 2015 at 02:39 PM