



## Hilda Grace Speaks

January 21, 1924 - June 12, 2009

Hilda Grace Speaks was the youngest of eleven children, nine of whom survived, born to Mary Ann [nee Kellam] and Alfred Louis Speaks in Nassawadox, Virginia, on the Delmarva Peninsula. She made her transition on Friday, June 12, 2009, while a resident of Future Care Nursing Home in Sandtown where she had lived for the past nine years. Hilda was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System and graduated from the Frederick Douglass High School and the Cortez Peters Business School. Some of the jobs Hilda worked included nurse's aide at the now defunct Lutheran Hospital and concession stand attendant at Memorial Stadium. Hilda retired from the Federal Government after working many years for the Social Security Administration and subsequently the Health Care Finance Administration (now the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare) at the Headquarters in Woodlawn, MD. Hilda was a member of the Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church where she taught in the Primary Department of the Sunday School from the mid 1960s to the late 1980s. While she had no children of her own, Hilda was instrumental in the lives of her nieces, nephews, and their children. Reading, travel, and photography were some of Hilda's favorite pastimes. Hilda was also an accomplished seamstress and made clothes for everyone, including wedding attire. For many years, Hilda served as a Popular Club Secretary, helping her family, friends and coworkers to furnish their apartments and homes and wear stylish clothes—all on an easy payment plan. Hilda was truly one of a kind, and she will be missed. Seven of her siblings preceded her in death, including

one brother, Alfred Louis Speaks, and six sisters—Rosina Wiggins, Margaret Russell, Julia Young, Dorothy Henson-Mayes, Armenella Morris, and her twin, Thelma White. Hilda leaves to mourn our loss one sister, Mary McGuire, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members. The family will remember her kind smile and her generous spirit. We thank God for granting Hilda rest and peace.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hilda Grace Speaks*

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“ *I offer my sympathy to the family and friends of Hilda G Speaks. It seems unfair that death has the power to take away someone we love. The Bible is comforting in this regard. It promises that our loved ones now dead will live again. You can read these words at John 11:20-27. May you continue to rely and find comfort in reading the Bible.##imported-begin##P Land##imported-end##*

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