



## Deaconess Lillian Pearl Howard

July 10, 1925 - March 18, 2012

Our beloved Deaconess Lillian W. Howard completed her journey on earth Sunday March 18, 2012. She was born July 10, 1925, the oldest daughter of the late Percy and Alice C. White. Lillian is preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda.

She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Studley, Virginia. She later moved her membership to First Union Baptist Church where she was a Deaconess. Lillian was also a member of the O.E.S. Carey Wheaton Lodge #204.

She attended John M. Gandy Training School. On July 21, 1941, she married the late Deacon Walter B. Howard and from that union eight children were born. She worked for the Moorman, Simpson and Long Families for forty-six years helping to raise Mary Cornelia and Sewall Simpson. They and their children affectionately called her "LeeLee".

Her children's friends affectionately called her Ms. Lillian, Nanny or Nanny Howard. Lillian's home was a gathering place for many of her children's friends after church on Sunday. There was always plenty of food and fellowship; this has become an on-going tradition which now includes grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Lillian leaves a void in the hearts of many relatives and friends who loved and admired her. Cherishing her memories are her six loving daughters, Phyllis Brooks (Junious), DeLois Baker, Christine Taylor (George Sr.), Carolyn Hopson, Jackie Lee (Robert Jr.) and Jewel Benjamin (Johnny); one caring son, Jesse Howard (Cynthia); one sister, Edith Williams; one brother-in-law, Orion Laney; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Lillian also leaves many long-time friends, among them Pearl Hunter and extended family, Olyn and Mary Long and family, Sewall Simpson and family. We will cherish her memory and she will be dearly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

Mechanicsville, VA 23116

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

MAR 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Union Baptist Church  
6231 Pole Green Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deaconess Lillian Pearl Howard*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Hello Family and Friends,

*I would like to send my deepest condolences to you and your family. I too have lost 4 family members in 1 week just this month and it has been hard to cope with. One thing that helps comfort me is the love of Jehovah God. Reading the Bible to draw strength, I found comfort in the scripture at, 2 Corinthians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort." This Bible verse indicates that God can help greiving ones endure any problem or challenge that they may face. One way he does this is through comfort from a friend or loved one. Today, I would like to be such a friend.*

*Something else that gives me great comfort is the promise that Jesus will bring dead loved ones back to a perfect life! Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11:25) The Bible teaches that the dead will live again. While Jesus was on earth, he showed that he is able to resurrect the dead. On one occasion, he resurrected a 12-year-old girl. How did her parents react? They "were beside themselves with great ecstasy." (Mark 5:42) I'm sure that you would have the same reaction!*

*In the Lords Prayer, many pray for "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven". Under the rule of his Kingdom, the heavenly King Jesus Christ will resurrect untold numbers of people to life here on earth—but under peaceful and righteous conditions. (Acts 24:15; 2 Peter 3:13) Imagine the great ecstasy when the dead come back to life and are reunited with their loved ones!*

*May you and your family find much comfort in the scriptures and through God's love.*

*Sincerely,  
A Friend~*

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**A Friend** - March 24, 2012 at 07:34 AM

PL

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in family and friends at this difficult time. The Bible gives hope that soon our Creator Jehovah God will end all suffering, pain, and death. And we have the hope of being reunited with our loved ones that have passed away. Rev 21:4, John 5:28-29. There will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up to indefinitely everlasting life.*

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**Peggy Land** - March 22, 2012 at 10:56 PM

FC

“ *It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, and the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again. May your strength prevail to help you through this difficult time.*



*Fanena*

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**Fanena Carter** - March 22, 2012 at 06:32 AM

MH

“ *My condolences to the family. May you take comfort in the scriptures at Rev 21:3,4 where Almighty God promises to remove our enemy death. Then we will be able to live forever on earth and enjoy peaceful conditions. I hope this will encourage you during your time of bereavement.*

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**Mrs. Howard** - March 21, 2012 at 04:35 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - March 21, 2012 at 03:51 PM

LT

“ Lakeshia Tinsley sent a virtual gift in memory of Deaconess Lillian Pearl Howard



Lakeshia Tinsley - March 20, 2012 at 01:48 PM

LS

“ I'm free, praise the Lord, I'm free.  
No longer bound, no more chains holding me.  
My soul is resting, it's just a blessing.  
Praise the Lord, hallelujah I'm free!

-LaTanya Shelley



LaTanya B. Shelley - March 19, 2012 at 06:16 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 19, 2012 at 03:40 PM