



## Linda D. Gilliam-Bembury

September 13, 1956 - April 26, 2014

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brother, Derrick Gilliam (Fawn) of York, Pa.; sister, Debbie Gilliam of Baltimore, Md.; grandson, Christian Kurt Bembury of Chesapeake, Va.; eleven aunts, Janice Byrd of Upper Marlboro, Md., Marguerita Ragsdale of Washington, D.C., Yvonne Nichols (Frank) of Spotsylvania, Va., Marion Ragsdale of Woodbury, Minn., Ursula Powell (James) of Glen Allen, Va., Kathleen Byer of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., Mary Whitaker of Pikesville, Md., Grace Beard of Glen Burnie, Md., Lucille Downs (Earnest) of Bronx, N.Y., Gloria Pride (Collis) of Petersburg, Va. and Doris Gilliam of Baltimore, Md.; uncle, Joseph Gilliam (Shirley) of Cambrin Heights, N.Y.; great-aunt, Queen Ragsdale of Chevy Chase, Md.; five nieces, Ciara Gilliam of Pittsburgh, Pa., Amber Reid of Pikesville, Maryland, Brandi and Carmen Gilliam of Hagerstown, Md. and Mya Gilliam of York, Pa.; a nephew, Derek Gilliam of York, Pa.; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 5. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Wake

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MAY 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Church and Ministries  
6000 Radecke Avenue  
Balto, MD 21206

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda D. Gilliam-Bembury*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I remember when you used to babysit me. You hung out with my mom Angela (Angie) Bevans. You were always so fun and sweet. To you're family, I am so sorry. Linda was a beautiful person and now she's one of God's beautiful angels*

**Shanay Williams** - May 28, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ *Our family would like express condolences to The Gilliam-Bembury Family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures our dear loved ones the hope of a resurrection to a beautiful paradise earth. He even promises us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

**linn & family** - May 03, 2014 at 05:50 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4.*

**Carolyn** - May 03, 2014 at 06:06 AM

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“ 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 about 5yrs 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 dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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**Ms Springer** - May 02, 2014 at 08:11 AM



“ 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** - April 30, 2014 at 01:54 PM