



## Wendolia Gilliard

February 14, 1958 - December 13, 2020

WENDOLIA (WINNIE) ENGLISH-GILLIARD was born on February 14, 1958 to the late Samuel and Cora Mae English in Baltimore, Maryland, the 7th child of 8 siblings. She transitioned to be with the Lord on Sunday morning December 13, 2020.

At a young age, Winnie was affectionately known as “Smiley” in the neighborhood. She carried that smile through her life. Winnie attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Eastern High in 1976. Winnie was employed at USF&G Insurance Company for many years at various locations. Later, she became employed with Zyrich Insurance Company. She also worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was employed at Dayspring Head Start Program at the time of her demise.

Winnie married the love of her life, Jimmy Gilliard on June 27, 1981. They were married for 39 years. Winnie was more than just a wife to Jimmy. She was his friend, lover, and riding partner. When you saw Jimmy, you knew that Winnie was close beside him.

Winnie gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ at a young age at New Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Joseph Culp. While under the leadership of the late Dr. Ralph White she served on many ministries. She was fully committed to the Youth Ministries, by

teaching the young people in Bible Study and Vacation Bible School. She was the leader of the Scholarship Ministry where she helped young people with financial assistance for college. She continued to faithfully serve the Lord at United Baptist Church under the Leadership of Dr. Carl Solomon. She was one of the new member's instructors and sang on the Women's Day Choir at United Baptist Church.

Winnie was one who loved and fellowshiped with her family and people who were genuine. She was blessed with the talent of singing. She began singing at an early age, with the "God Specializers" under the leadership of the late Joan Millburn. She also sang with the English Sisters, the Sister in Praise, and various church choirs. She also was blessed with the talent to play the tambourine. Even in churches where they did not have drums, you could count on Winnie to play the tambourine.

Winnie enjoyed cooking and coloring in coloring books. She was best known for her macaroni and cheese dishes among other foods. She was caring and loved taking care of elderly people or anyone who needed assistance. She exemplified the gift of helps. Winnie always kept you laughing and was known among her family as the mediator. She was straight forward, and her family respected her for that.

Although they did not have children, Winnie was blessed with nephews and nieces whom she loved, and they loved her as well. She was like a second mom to many of them. She also had young people from the church whom she really cared for and loved them like they were family.

Winnie leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Jimmy Gilliard; two sisters, Minister Jacqueline English and Pastor Vanessa Rollins; five brothers, Raymond English (Marietta), Willie "Bill" English (Beverly), James English (Darlene), Stanley English, and Sherman "Keith" English (Diane); three

brothers-in-law, Bishop Leroy Gilliard (Christine), Harold "Perry" Gilliard (Connie) and Nathaniel Gilliard (Agnes); three sisters-in-law, Gracie Greene, Evangelist Ynetha Plummer, and Patsy "Toni" Watley (Ernie); and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Garden of Faith Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### viewing

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

### Wake

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church \*\*  
4909 Harford Road  
Baltimore, MD

### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wendolia Gilliard*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We miss you Winnie so much. I pray for Jimmy everyday.  
Retta and Raymond*



Marietta English - April 09, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Olivia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Wendolia Gilliard*



Olivia Johnson - December 27, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Ann lit a candle in memory of Wendolia Gilliard*



Ann - December 23, 2020 at 05:03 PM

DD

“ Sending my heartfelt prayers to the English and Gilliard families. I remember us growing up at New Friendship being members of the choir and her beautiful singing voice. She was such a beautiful person and friend.

Deborah Dupree - December 23, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SW

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family. I truly enjoyed working with Wendolia at USF&G years ago. Rest in peace .  
Shequita Williams

Shequita Williams - December 22, 2020 at 10:04 PM

TC

“ Tisa Carter lit a candle in memory of  
Wendolia Gilliard



tisa carter - December 22, 2020 at 01:39 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences go out to the Gilliard family. Mrs. Winnie always displayed a gentle spirit. She will be greatly missed by all of her Ultimate Performance Beauty Salon family.



Anita Wilmore - December 22, 2020 at 11:46 AM

TC

“ my condolences go out to you and family and the sister bother go to miss her miss sing love this tisa can believe that she is go am go to miss her

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**tisa cater** - December 22, 2020 at 09:08 AM

MA

“ Sending my deepest and sincere condolences to the family of Wendolia Gillard...May you rest in eternal heaven and I know that you are rejoicing with family members that have gone before you may God forever be with your family asking God to be with your husband Jimmy a great husband to you and to your sisters and brothers may God give them strength that they are going to need and console them during this time of bereavement... You will be missed my cousin,..Love family from Mary Albert Sean and Myesha.

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**Mary Foster Allison** - December 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM

LJ

“ Winnie you are truly missed But GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES HE NEED IT A POWERFUL Alto and HE chose you HE ALWAYS GET THE BEST SO SING ON MY SISTER

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**Loretta jones** - December 21, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TS

“ So saddened at the loss of our cousin and loved one Winnie. She is now singing with the Angels and family gone before. Although we will miss her dearly we know she has been welcomed home. Our prayers are with Jimmy and all her siblings and family. God be with us til we meet again in heaven. Cousins Tami and Ted Smith

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**TSmith** - December 20, 2020 at 08:54 PM

PK

“ We the Jones Family send our deepest Condolences to our Family member Winnie Gilliard who has taken her wings. Praying for Jimmy and all of her siblings at this time. Lee, Willa, Bernice, Pat and Larry.



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**Patricia King** - December 19, 2020 at 11:05 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** - December 18, 2020 at 02:24 PM