



## Willie H. Francis

September 3, 1923 - September 7, 2009

Finding themselves expecting their 7th child, Paul and Rosa Hodges promised a relative to give this baby their name. On September 3, 1923, a baby girl was born and given the name William Henry Hodges. She departed this earthly life on September 7, 2009. After completing high school in North Carolina she moved to New York where she attended college at the Pratt Institute of Fashion Design. There she studied Fashion Design. While in New York, she met and married James Malone. He preceded her death. From this union, three children were born, Jadeam, James and William. Willie moved to Houston, Texas from New York in the late 70's where she met and married Charles Francis. Willie lived a very vibrant life. Her passion for bowling began in the early 50's and continued until her day of rest. This passion took her to many cities throughout the U.S. She acquired many plaques and trophies along the way. Another one of her many talents was sewing. She was an extraordinary seamstress and tailor. A number of Postal workers in Houston have Willie to thank for their great uniforms. Willie had an incredible heart and was filled with so much love. All of the many friends and business associates that knew her often mentioned her warm spirit. She also enjoyed traveling as she visited almost every state in the U.S. as well as South Africa and the Caribbean. Willie was a member of Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church and served on the usher board. She participated on countless bowling teams and she was a very proud member of the "Red Hats Divas" Willie is survived by; her daughter JaDean Merritt and her son William Malone; her many

grandchildren include; Tyeast, Alan, Shanta, Shanton, Amin, Clara, Jameel, Qadeera (Charlene), Melchi, Ancient, Aaliyah, Maiya, James, William, Diane, Elizabeth, Gina and Pam; daughters-in-law, Karen, Brenda and Mahweeah, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her son, James "Jabril" Malone and grandson, Dana. She is also survived by her long-term companion, Willie Howard.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willie H. Francis*

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“ *Death is something that we will never get use to because God's Word refers to it as 'the last enemy.' May you find comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, he will by means of his son Christ Jesus, bring our 'enemy to nothing' (1Corinthians 15:26). What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##*

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