



Yvonne Gilliam

December 4, 1954 - November 6, 2023

Legacy of Life

A “Jersey Girl”, who loved her “kaw-fee” (coffee) and tea, Yvonne Gilliam was born on December 4, 1954, in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Wyatt Tyree Gilliam Sr. and Evelyn Gilliam. The 3rd born, Yvonne was the younger sister to Kareem Abdulghani (Wyatt Tyree Jr.), Musheer Abdulghani (Lester) and “big sis” to Adrienne.

She was educated by the Elizabeth Public Schools, graduating from Edison Vocational and Technical Academy in 1972, where she took tailoring and dressmaking courses. She later pursued her post-secondary education at Union County College, while working and going to school full-time she obtained her Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science from Kean University in 1986.

She began her professional career as a Computer Operator for Harmonia Savings Bank in Elizabeth, NJ. In 1988 she gave birth to her only child and beloved daughter De'Neal Evelyn Gilliam.

Having accepted Christ at a young age, Yvonne made Liberty Baptist her home church until her departure, where she sang in the choir. Seeking a change of pace, Yvonne moved to Richmond, VA in September 1996. It was

in Richmond that Yvonne's relationship with Christ grew closer, she became a faithful member of Victory Tabernacle Church of Deliverance. She served on a variety of ministries at Victory like: Tender Love & Care (TLC) Ministry, welcoming new and prospective members, Fish and Loaves, where dinners were prepared for the community, and even sang in the church choir. A true giver, it never bothered her to dedicate her to time and energy when it came to others.

In 2000, Yvonne began her journey with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), initially starting as a Contact Representative until she eventually landed a position back in the IT Department. During her time with the Service, she joined several employee organizations, such the Association for the Improvement of Minorities (AIM-IRS), Christ Favorite Internal Revenue Employee (CFIRE), a favorite highlight of hers was singing Christmas Carols around the building during the holidays, lastly, she served as a New Employee Ambassador, helping new hires get acclimated to the public sector.

She will always be remembered as being very relentless and having strong faith, Yvonne always knew that without a shadow of a doubt "God will provide". She retired from the service in 2017 with pursuits of travel and just reclaiming her time. Her favorite hobbies were arts and crafts, she was also a participant in Sport tables, where she learned the fundamentals of sports for incapacitated individuals. She was excellent at archery, bocci ball and swimming. Traveling was also a favorite pastime of hers, she got the opportunity to visit many places during her life and was very adamant about making familial connections. Although she couldn't get everywhere at one time, with the help of De'Neal, she made it where she needed to be. She adored her family and was very intent on staying connected to them and enjoyed returning back to Richmond with wonderful stories about their events and times together.

She is preceded in death by her parents Wyatt Tyree Gilliam, Sr. and Evelyn Gilliam; and two brothers, Kareem Abdulghani and George Rush.

Yvonne leaves to mourn her daughter, De'Neal Gilliam; sister, Adrienne Gilliam; two brothers, Musheer Abdulghani and Darryl Petterway; a godson, Quadir McCrae; three goddaughters, Jamila Kennedy, Antionette McCray and LaShea Hill; the Lawrence Family and George Family; a lifetime friend, Aisha Muhummad (Denise Hopson); her adored nieces and nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

NOV 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of life with live streaming

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Yvonne Gilliam, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Yvonne Gilliam*



March Funeral Homes - November 13, 2023 at 10:06 AM

SA

“ *I love you Auntie, always and forever. The last time we talked I thanked God and thanked him for such a wonderful aunt. Couldn't ask for better.. His wisdom is infinite, and we submit to it.*

Sabriya Abdulghani - November 24, 2024 at 09:52 PM

MY

“ *Ms. Yvonne will be missed. When I first met her at work (IRS)I told her I loved her name because it was my middle name spelled the same. She would text me and keep in touch. Prayers for the family.*



Minnie Yvonne - November 17, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Yvonne Gilliam.

November 16, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one, Yvonne Gilliam. Praying God give you strength, comfort, love, and peace to sustain you at this time. Lillian Cross IRS

Lillian Cross - November 16, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to De'Neal and family. I met Yvonne when I moved to Richmond in 2014. She welcomed me with open arms, such a sweet and gentle soul. We texted often and she always stayed positive. I going to miss you. Rest in God's arms my dear friend..

Rita Perkins, IRS family

Rita Perkins - November 16, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ Delaine Lewis :My condolences to the family. 🌸🌸🌸

Delaine Lewis - November 16, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ I met Yvonne at New Jersey Bell(I am old)many years ago and she was always a sweet and loving friend to me. We reconnected here in Richmond and unfortunately did not get to spend enough time together. I will miss you, my friend.

Gayle Stanley - November 14, 2023 at 03:54 PM

DB

“ Yvonne was one of my oldest and dearest friends. We shared so much of our lives together. Although Yvonne and De’Neal moved to Richmond many years ago, our friendship remained strong. We still shared our ups and downs, our pains and sorrows, often calling each other for prayer during sickness and troubled times. We were there for one another. De’Neal, I love you and I’m praying for your strength, as well as for Adrian and the rest of the Gilliam family. I love you always.

DEBORAH BOSTIC - November 14, 2023 at 02:48 PM

LR

“ Love, Deborah Roseberry-Bostic purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Yvonne Gilliam.



Love, Deborah Roseberry-Bostic - November 14, 2023 at 12:28 PM

ST

“ Prayers of comfort to the Gilliam Family and friends during this time. Peace Be Still. R.I.P. Yvonne. I’ve known Yvonne throughout my life. Beginning with the Pioneer Homes, her family and my grandma lived in the court. Lastly, reuniting on Facebook, I’ve enjoyed reading her comments during both Happy and Sad occasions. 🙏💜
🙏, I’ll definitely miss seeing her post.

Simone Taylor - November 12, 2023 at 05:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yvonne Gilliam.*



November 11, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beloved Yvonne is a friend from way back in elementary school in Elizabeth, NJ. We kept in touch for many years but lost contact in the recent years. She was a wonderful friend, so beautiful, intelligent and fun-loving. I remember most of Yvonne's immediate family: her mom; brothers Wyatt (Kareem), and Lester; and sister, Adrienne. They were all very loving and so sweet. My deepest and most sincere condolences are sent to Yvonne's family. We were 2 of the youngest in our HS graduating class, with my birthday a week after hers. We always felt a special camaraderie because of that fact. I never had the pleasure to meet Yvonne's daughter but knew that she so loved her "little girl" Da'Neal. Yvonne leaves a legacy of warmth and love and will be remembered as a very special woman. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*

BEVERLY BELVIN - November 11, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *My condolences to the family the few conversation I had with Yvonne I could tell she was a woman of God. The Lord will comfort the family. God Bless you all.*

Ronald D Artis - November 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM

TB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family ...I pray GOD bring some peace and understanding to the family during this difficult time*
Trina Buck
IRS FAMILY

Trina Buck - November 10, 2023 at 02:46 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.*

March Funeral Homes - November 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM