



Lodia Mae Hilliard

November 30, 1926 - April 6, 2025

Ms. Lodia Hilliard was born November 30th 1926 in Fitzgerald, GA. She was the youngest child of Leonard and Lodia Stewart. She was named after her mother. After leaving Fitzgerald she moved to Mullins South Carolina where she met and married her beloved husband Reverend George Hilliard. They had a beautiful loving marriage until his death in 1998. The older family members have fond memories of when she would visit us and bring us 1 piece of Russell Stover candy where she worked for 10 years. Maybe that's why she had the family nickname of Sweet-thang that later turned into "Wee-Shane". Aunt Lodia was not only a devoted wife, but a loving and supportive caregiver for basically all of her siblings. She never had children of her own but Uncle George children and grandchildren loved and respected her . She was a faithful member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church for many years where she sung in the choir and later came to be the Mother and Matriarch of the church. She really loved her church family and enjoyed all the activities of church. She was known for her class, style, and love of "Hats". She is survived by (1) Granddaughter Sharon Ferguson (2) Nephews Mr. Jack Stewart and Mr. Eddie Gilbert Sr. 2 Great-Nieces Ms. Martha Hamilton and Ms. Kathie Hill (3) Great-Nephews Mr. Eddie Gilbert Jr. Mr. Raford Bryant Jr. Mr. Mark Gilbert (4)Great-Great Nieces Mrs. Shonda Weir Ms. Katrina Hamilton Ms. Sabrina Craddock Ms. Samantha Hill(3) Great-Great Nephews Mr. Michael Hill Mr. Justin Hill Mr. Sammie Craddock(2) Great-Great-Great Nieces Amya Hill(Tootsie) Malaysia Hill(Teddy Bear) And a host of nieces,

nephews, God-children, family and friends.

Pallbearers Mr. Andre' Weir Mr. Mark Gilbert Mr. John Baker Mr. Michael Hill
Mr. Justin Hill Mr. Eddie Gilbert Jr.

We the family would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for the countless ways you've shown your love and support towards the family in our time of need. We are so grateful for friends like you. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Repast Dinner will immediately follow the service in Salem Annex.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Salem Baptist Church
816 E Palm St, Fitzgerald, GA 31750

Service

APR 13. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AW

“ *My last visit to Auntie.*



Andre Weir - April 10, 2025 at 08:56 AM

LA

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Latoya(Gilbert) Adepoju - April 09, 2025 at 11:58 AM

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Latoya(Gilbert) Adepoju - April 09, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MG

I am deeply sorry for the lost of your family member. I'm remembering her for the beautiful smile and friendly ways. Also remembering cleaning her beautiful home, which was a pleasure to do. Also as the mother of our church. Rest in Him Mother Hillard

Michelle Green - April 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

OW

“ I will never forget her smile and how she greeted everyone in a pleasant manner. My sympathy goes out to the family of Mother Hilliard at this time. I know that God will give this family the strength to endure such a loss.

May you find comfort in the strength of your love, the solace of your memories, and the knowledge that many care and mourn with you today. With Deepest Sympathy, Oliver Winkfield



Oliver Winkfield - April 09, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MM

I'm so sorry that I missed Mother Hilliard services, I will never forget the sound of her sweet laughter. I pray that God will continue to bless her family and give them the strength to lift up their eyes unto the hills,whence cometh all our help. With Deepest condolences Min.Gregory Mahone.

Min. Gregory Mahone - April 16, 2025 at 02:28 PM

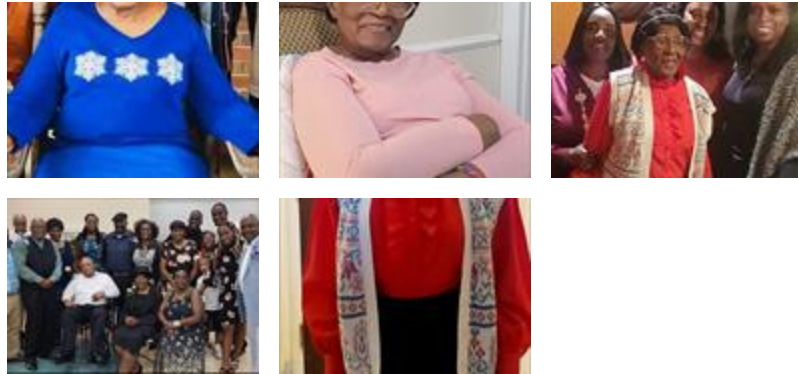


“ *May the Lord give you comfort and peace in your time of bereavement. Mother Hilliard was a true blessing to Salem First Missionary Baptist Church and the Fitzgerald community. She was a wonderful example of faith and love and her legacy will live on. In this difficult time, may the Lord's promise of eternal life bring you solace.*

Isom B. Harmon, III - April 08, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ *13 files added to the album Memories Album*



Reflection Cremation & Funeral Service - April 08, 2025 at 02:14 PM