

## PALLBEARERS

Breandre Marquee Hinton  
Jamaree Malik Gilyard  
Zachary Antowan Edward, Jr.  
Kevin Curry  
Theotis Wright

## FLOWER BEARERS

Class of 1962

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Dora Mae Curry Gilyard*

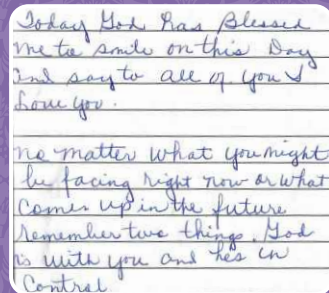
September 16, 1944 ~ February 10, 2022

## A LETTER TO MOMMA

Dear Momma,

God called you home that day, and I wasn't ready to let you go. I know you were probably tired. I didn't mean to be selfish, but I love you dearly. In time, I know it should get easier, but, right now, it's hard to accept that you're gone. I want you to know you were the BEST mother and grandmother. You introduced me to God, and I'm forever grateful for that. You instilled morals, values and supported me. I know when you reach Heaven's Gate, he'll say, "Well Done!" Momma, I love you. Until we see each other again, fly high and soar like an eagle.

Love, Yolanda



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family is deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and prayers. We would like to give a special thank you to Kim McBrewer, Fernando Sergarra and all of Dora's healthcare teams at Dale Medical Center in Ozark, Alabama; Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery, Alabama; and Dothan Hematology and Oncology in Dothan, Alabama.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

1:00 PM

ST. ROSE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
County Road 33 ~ Skipperville, Alabama

Services Entrusted to:

*Newman Mortuary*



114 Harper Dr ~ Ozark, AL  
(334) 774-1064

## OBITUARY

Dora Mae Curry Gilyard was born on September 16, 1944 to the late LC and LVersie Curry in Skipperville, Alabama. While attending D.A. Smith High School, she was a majorette in the band and graduated in 1962. In 1967, Dora married Clarence Gilyard, Jr. They were blessed with two girls, Yolanda and Cindy. Dora went on to further her education in Key punching and worked for McKesson for over 20 years.

Dora accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of St. Rose Missionary Baptist Church in Skipperville, Alabama. Active in the church, she served a part of many ministries, including the missionary, matron, and the choir. Many will also remember her as the church secretary. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the New Era #2 Association.

Beautiful and charming, Dora was truly blessed. You would always find a bright smile on her face. Three words to describe Dora are humble, kind, and loving. Always thinking of others, she made it a priority to send thoughtful cards and acknowledge birthdays. She also loved cooking and had a natural talent for crafting.

Cherishing her memories, Dora leaves behind two daughters, Yolanda (Zachary) Edwards of Troy, Alabama and Cindy Gilyard of Birmingham, Alabama; four grandchildren, Jaleesa Renee Gilyard of Birmingham, Alabama, Breandre Marqee Hinton of Ozark, Alabama, Jamaree Malik Gilyard of Ozark, Alabama, and Zachary Antowan Edwards, Jr. of Troy, Alabama; one great-grandson, Akihry Jasiah Hinton of Ozark, Alabama; two sisters, Betty Denby of Ozark, Alabama and Lula (Arnold) Burnett of Austintown, Ohio; one brother, James (Reba) Curry of Pennington, Alabama; one aunt, Victoria Calhoun of Ozark, Alabama; two honorary daughters, Shawn Crittenden-Allen of Atlanta, Georgia and Zevia White of Birmingham, Alabama; one honorary grandson, Zakari White of Birmingham, Alabama; an honorary sister and friend, Marie "Mama Marie" Brown of Ozark, Alabama. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## THE SOUL NEVER DIES

*The soul never dies,*

*we just realized that you are looking at us with different eyes.*

*We may cry, 'cause the devil lies.*

*But your time never ceased; it just flies and until we meet again, rest easy.*

*So when the hand strikes 10, all of your sins will be washed away,*

*So that your next heavenly journey with us shall begin.*

*~ Breandre Hinton*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Processional*

*Music.....St. Rose Baptist Church Choir*

*Prayer.....Reverend Lewis Beachum*

*Solo.....Arthur Griffin*

*Scripture*

*Old Testament.....Reverend Nelson*

*New Testament.....Reverend Artez Jones*

*Solo.....Shawn Crittendon*

*Order of the Eastern Star*

*Solo.....Bethel Terry*

*As I Knew Her.....Lula Burnett*

*As a Friend.....Sherolean Ruffin*

*Solo.....Charlotte Pennington*

*Eulogy.....Reverend Jerry Bennett*

*Recessional*

*Interment.....St. Rose Cemetery*

