

Alvin Ross  
Travis Ross  
Brandon Ross

*Pallbearers*

Charles Watson, II  
Johnny Hill  
Lenard Hill

*A Mother's Love*

*A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,*

*It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .*

*It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .*

*It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .*

*It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .*

*A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.*

— HELEN STEINER RICE



*Celebration of Life  
for*

*Mrs. Mattie Emma Harris Hill Williams*

*May 7, 1930 – April 1, 2020*



11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
Fort Valley, Georgia

*Minister Ezekiel Harvey, Officiating*



## *Obituary*

Mattie Emma Harris Hill Williams was born in Houston County on May 7, 1930, to the late Willie Harris, Sr., and Lucile Gilbert Harris. She transitioned to her heavenly home peacefully surrounded by her family at the home of her daughter Nadine. She was educated in the schools of Peach County and after high school became a licensed cosmetologist graduating from the Walker Beauty Academy.

As a hairdresser, she made sure many women were adorned with beautiful tresses. She also served as a clerk for ASKA's Beauty Supply downtown advising many people about their hair problems.

Mrs. Williams was a quiet spirit known to everybody on Griffinline where she resided as Miss Mat Emma. She baked many blackberry pies once her children and nieces picked them and presented them to her. She also shared her talents by serving as an usher at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, at the Ushers Union and as a member of the Prince Hall Chapter O.E.S. Jurisdiction of Georgia, Pride of Fort Valley No. 480.

She began her Christian education at an early age by walking to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church to attend Sunday School and church. She served faithfully on the Ushers Ministry until her health declined and she relocated to Warner Robins to reside with her daughter, Gloria.

Mrs. Williams married Elijah Hill and to the union five children were born—Johnny, Gloria, Lenard, Nadine and Venie. Later she wed Daniel Charles Williams, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, both husbands, her brother, Willie Harris Jr., a cousin her mother raised as a brother, Charles Cobb, and grandson Kenton Crawford, II.

Celebrating her life are her children: Johnny Richard Hill, Gloria Hill Watson Wright, Lenard Hill (Norma), Nadine Hill Ross Stephens (Grover) and Venie Hill Crawford (Kenton/Cricket). Stepchildren: Ernestine Williams, Josephine Williams, and Eddie Williams. Sister: Elizabeth Harris White. Grandchildren: Tiffany Hill Dickson; Charles Watson, II; Gita Wright; Alvin Ross, Jr.; Travis Ross; and her beloved Brandon Ross. Also left to celebrate her life is four nieces, one nephew, other grandchildren, great grandchildren and great nieces and nephews.

## *Order of Service*

*Minister Ezekiel Harvey, Officiating*

Prayer

Scripture

Eulogy / Committal Ceremony

Benediction



## *Acknowledgment*

*The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness. We know it is challenging during this coronavirus pandemic. We also thank the Kindred Hospice nurses and staff and Tranquillity Home Care staff for their dedicated service. We pray God's richest blessings upon you and that you remain safe during this time. Thank you from the depths of our hearts.*