

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Pall Bearers

Grandsons & Nephews



Flowers

The flowers that grow in heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my grandmother's arms,
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her so abundantly.
When she turns to laugh and smile
Give her a kiss on the cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I will do it everyday,
But there is now an ache within my heart,
That will never go away.

With Love,
Felicia



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"An Eternal Flame of Remembrance"

Celebration of Life

for

Birdie Gilliard



Thursday, May 4, 2023

12:00 p.m.

***Mt. Able Baptist Church
Pendleton, SC***

***Rev. Tiko Thurman, Pastor/Presiding
Rev. Odell Burns, Officiating***

Order of Service

Prelude.....	Soft Music
Processional.....	Ministers & Family.....Soft Music
Musical Prelude.....	Rev. Tiko Thurman
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Rev. Tony Taylor
New Testament.....	Rev. Tony Taylor
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Tiko Thurman
Musical Selection.....	Rev. Odell Burns
Obituary Read Silently.....	Soft Music
Words of Comfort.....	Rev. Odell Burns
Recessional.....	Soft Music
Interment.....	Mt. Able Baptist Church Cemetery
Committal & Closing Prayer.....	Ministers
Final Acknowledgments.....	Mr. Marcus D. Brown



Acknowledgments

The family would like to thank you for your expression of love and kindness during our bereavement. A Significant thanks to her daughter Pamela Gilliard of the home for her consistent and compassionate daily care for our mother, Gentiva Hospice for coming in and assisting us with their skilled care and compassion. A Special thanks to her nieces and nephews who assisted with her needs and showed compassion during mom's time of need and care.

Honoring Her Life's Journey

Birdie Gilliard was born on July 21, 1931 in Anderson County to the late W.H. Gilliard and Rosa Lee Owen Gilliard. Birdie worked for 30 years as a nurse with Dr's. Gaillard and Hinnant on South Fant Street in Anderson, South Carolina. She entered eternal rest Thursday, April 27, 2023 at home surrounded by loved ones.

She was a member at Mt. Able Baptist Church in Pendleton, South Carolina where she was active until her health started to decline. Birdie was affectionately called Mom, Aunt Birdie, Auntie, Bert, and by her grandchildren, Grandmama & "GG" for Great Grandmother. Birdie leaves to cherish many fond and loving memories to three devoted children, Yvonne Gilliard Paulding (Todd) of Charlotte, NC, Pamela Doreen Gilliard of the home Anderson, SC and Michael Darnel Gilliard (Angela) of Seneca, SC; one nephew who grew up like a son, Bernard Shell (Karrie-Jo) of Decatur, GA; one granddaughter, Felicia Paulding of Charlotte, NC; three grandsons, Airman Abrahm Paulding of Las Vegas, NV, Joshua Gilliard of Charlotte, NC and Deputy Sherriff Steven Gilliard of Seneca, SC; two great-grandchildren, Dion Martez Hart Jr. and Donyae Maurice Hart; along with a host of nieces and nephews as well as other relatives and friends.

Birdie was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Walter Maurice Gilliard; seven sisters, Mamie Gilliard, Ethel Mae Gilliard, Essie Lee Wilson, Katie Dean, Mader Jackson, Thelma Shell, Catherine McClendon; three brothers, Leroy Gilliard, Adele Gilliard, and H Jr.

Gone But Not Forgotten

We sat beside your bedside, our hearts were crushed and sore;
we did our best to the end, Til' we could do no more.
In tears we watched you drifting, we knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts, that love you most sincere.
We never shall and never will forget you MOTHER dear.