

## *Life is But A Stopping Place*

*Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the lord*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to their many friends and neighbors who have been so very helpful, thoughtful and kind during the time of our bereavement.  
May God continue to richly bless each of you.*

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY OF



# *Naomi Pilgrim*

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# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER OF COMFORT

*Pastor Willie Robinson*

MUSIC

READING OF SCRIPTURE

*Paula*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

READING OF CONDOLENCE CARDS

*Erin Murray*

RESOLUTIONS & OBITUARY

*First Lady Mataya Robinson*

EULOGY

*Pastor Willie Robinson*

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

CAROLINA BIBLICAL GARDENS

## Obituary

Naomi was born in Harlem Hospital in New York on October 9, 1927 to Mabel Allen Mason and Joseph Daniel Mason. She was raised in Harlem and Queens NY. She attended primary school in Manhattan and graduated from Flushing High School in Queens.

As a child, growing up during the depression, Naomi lived in a shared family brownstone owned by her entrepreneur grandmother, Estella Allen, lovingly known as Mama Essie. She owned a vegetable market and a restaurant where the Pullman porters would enjoy meals throughout the day. Naomi, being the oldest of the granddaughters, loved to help out at the restaurant. In addition to living with Mama Essie, she also lived with her mother, Uncle Arthur and his wife, Hester, and their daughter, Elaine. Naomi did not live with her father because her parents divorced early in her life.

Naomi was married to Holman Hamilton 1944-1953. Together they had one son, Holman Thomas Hamilton. Naomi later married Frank Glover 1954-1967. During their marriage they had two children, Paula Estella Hansard nee Glover and Frank Mark Glover. Finally, Naomi married Eustace “Duke” Pilgrim in 1968 until his death in 1970.

Though Tommy didn’t live with Naomi, she always looked forward to seeing him for the summers and holiday’s. After leaving the city to move to VA, she returned numerous times to spend time with her first-born and his lovely wife, Valerie. They always had such fun exploring the city and revisiting old memories.

Naomi and Frankie used to spend time together going to auto shows in Manhattan and the circus when it was in town. They shared a love for hot tamales and corned beef hash that they only would eat together.

Naomi worked as a lab technician for a short time at Elmhurst General Hospital. Naomi used her love for fashion to become a buyer for Bonwit Teller and Bergdorf Goodman, exclusive clothing stores in Manhattan, NY. While working for these companies she also modeled with a traveling local troupe as a hobby called “The Lois Bell Models”. She glowed when she twirled as she walked the stage on the runway of various shows. Paula was often with her backstage helping where she could before shows. Though this was a short chapter in Naomi’s life her eye for fashion and decor continued through life. She loved to decorate her home with stylish furnishing and DIY objects. It was nothing to come to her home to see her latest project like styrofoam box inserts spray-painted in gold on the wall. Her ideas were always authentic and inspiring. She later worked as a repair clerk and was eventually promoted to a secretary position for upper management at the New York Telephone Company. Naomi and Paula moved from Queens to Co-Op City in the Bronx where they lived until Naomi retired after 25 years with the company in 1990. Naomi moved to Hampton, VA after retirement in 1991 with her Granddaughter Kelli. Paula and her second husband James followed in 1992.

Naomi was diagnosed with colon cancer and survived in 1992, Naomi vowed to go to church as soon as she was able and attended Queen Street Baptist Church in Downtown Hampton, VA. Naomi and Paula attended New Mount Olive Baptist Church and later served at Soteria Christian Center in Smithfield, VA.

Naomi moved from Hampton, VA in 2016 with her daughter and son-in-law to Clayton, NC. Due to Dementia Naomi went to live at the Zebulon Nursing home in 2017 where she received excellent love and care. Paula and Tommy visited her often and attended events put on by the nursing home. They also took her out for meals and brought her home for holidays to spend with family.

Naomi, affectionately called NaNa, leaves her loving children Thomas Hamilton (Valerie)-NY, Paula Hansard (Thomas)-NC, and Frank Glover (Ashley)-VA. Grandchildren Kelli Faison (Louis)-NC, Precia Graves-Adkinson (Kenneth)-VA, Tylar Glover-FL, JaMarion, Janiyah, and Londyn Glover-VA. Great grandchildren Erin Murray-NC, Vincent Murray Jr.-VA, Brandon Faison-NC, Jaden, ZayQuan, Jordan, and Chance Adkinson-VA and her loving first cousin Marcia Behar-CA.

She will be missed by her family, friends and caretakers. We love you Mom, and NaNa!