

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Acknowledgements:

The family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
The Hill-Howard Family

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Celebrating Her Spirit



Mary E. Howard

November 6, 1939 – January 18, 2021

Service

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
2:00 PM

Campground Cemetery
1309 Highway 701 Bypass North
Whiteville, North Carolina

Reverend David A. Flowers, Eulogist



Order of Service

Seating of the Family

Prayer

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading:Reverend David A. Flowers

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

Selection

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Eulogy..... Reverend David A. Flowers
*Central Missionary Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina*



Service of Committal and Interment

Obituary

*Lord, it is so easy to focus only on my needs, but I ask that You also bless those around me. Please help my loved ones see, feel, and experience Your love. I thank you for the wonderful people I have in my life. I humbly ask You to guide their paths and to bring them closer to You.
Amen.*

Mary Howard was born November 6, 1939 to Mary Lee and Richard Gore in Whiteville North Carolina. She entered peacefully to rest on Monday January 18, 2021 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Mary moved to Newark at the age of 16 and graduated from Southside High School. She worked several jobs before settled in her life's career at the VA Medical Center in East Orange, NJ. She worked there as a Spinal Cord Health Technician for 25 years before retiring in 1999. Mary's dream was to have a home where all of her children and grandchildren could visit. She relocated to St. Pauls NC after retiring and spent her final years welcoming all into her home.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Lee. She leaves to cherish her memory children, Gregory Hill (Dorothy) of St. Pauls, NC; Gloria Benson (Brian) of North Plainfield, NJ; Kenneth Hill (Shonda) of Orange, NJ; Tichan Howard of St. Pauls, NC and Talj Howard of Newark, NJ; brother, Cornelius Shipman (Delores) of Whiteville, NC; a "special" sister Helen Patterson of East Orange, NJ; aunt, Etta Mae Williams of Newark, NJ; granddaughters, Natalia Benson of North Plainfield, NJ; Yasmin Hill of Chapel Hill, NC; grandsons, Qadir Hill of St. Pauls, NC; Malcom Hill of Jacksonville, Georgia; Jahaad Hill of Newark, NJ; Glenn Benson of North Plainfield, NJ; Gregory Hill, Jr. of Japan; Brian Benson Jr. of North Plainfield, NJ; Jayden White of Seattle, Washington. Very special daughters Latoya Rowell and Eulisa Thomas of Charleston, South Carolina and special grandchildren Tamyra Rowell of Charleston, SC and Sariyah LeGrand of Winston-Salem, NC; nieces Sharon Brunson, Tondra Shipman and Crystal Shipman all of Raleigh, NC. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, step-children, relatives, and special friends. She was a mother of many.