

# FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Nieces & Family

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many acts of kindness and support shown during this time of bereavement. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless and keep each of you.



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# A CELEBRATION OF

# *Life*



## *Lillie Mae Howard*

December 2, 1934 - August 8, 2022

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 AT 1.00PM

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**EDWARDS SMALL MORTUARY**

1011 Martin Luther King, Jr, Drive  
Fort Valley, GA, 31030

**Eulogist, Elder Ray Sales**

# OBITUARY

Mrs. Lillie Mae Gibson Howard was born on December 2, 1934, in Roberta, Georgia to the late Dolphus and Ida Gibson. She, along with her three brothers and one sister grew up in a very loving home. Her parents raised their children with Christian values. They taught their children the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She attended the public schools in Roberta, Georgia.

She was united in holy matrimony to the late James Howard on August 27, 1955, and they enjoyed many years of marital bliss.

Lillie Mae was employed for many years by the Peach County Board of Education as a cafeteria worker at Fort Valley Middle School.

She accepted the Lord as her personal savior and made it her business to tell anyone she met about Jesus Christ. She attended New Hope Church of God in Christ where she served as Mother of the Church and faithfully fulfilled her duties until her health began to fail.

Mrs. Howard was committed to family. She always opened her door to gatherings for family and friends. She supported others in their time of need and was eagerly ready to praise the Lord. Lillie's hobbies included singing gospel songs, shopping, and going out to eat.

Mrs. Lillie Mae was preceded in death by her mother, Ida Gibson; her father, Dolphus Gibson; son, Robert Howard; three brothers: Johnny Gibson, Clifford Gibson, Robert Gibson and one sister, Arlene Woodson.

On Monday, August 8, 2022, God called Mrs. Lillie Mae home following an extended illness. She leaves to cherish her sweet memories three sons: Johnny (Catherine) Howard of Stone Mountain, GA, James (Tammie) Howard, Jr. of Forsyth, GA, Carl (Lisa) Perry of Powder Springs, GA and two daughters: Lorraine (Henry) Preston of Fort Valley, GA and Flavia Perry of Powder Springs, GA; two brothers: Arthur Gibson and Lloyd Gibson both of Fort Valley, GA and one sister, Ida Warren of Byron, GA; fifteen grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren, twenty great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Elder Ray Sales, Officiating

Processional

Prayer.....Elder Sylvester Turner

Scriptures

New & Old Testament.....Minister Peggy Seracy

Solo.....Bro. James Howard, Jr.

Poem.....Sis. Louiza Willis

Reflections As I Knew Her

Solo.....Bro. Dexter Davis

Eulogy.....Elder Ray Sales

Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary

Recessional



## INTERMENT

**Willow Lake Memorial  
Gardens Cemetery**  
1578 Willow Lake Road  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

## REPAST

**New Hope Church of  
God in Christ**  
505 N. Miller Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia