FLOWER ATTENDANTS Nieces & Family

ACKNOWILED GEMIENTS

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.



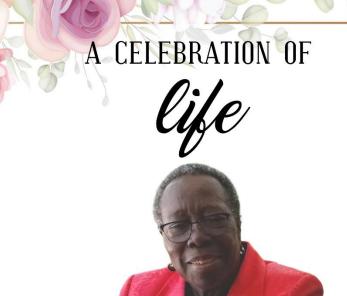
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Lillie Mae Howard

December 2, 1934 - August 8, 2022

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 AT 1.00PM

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 greatgrandchildren, 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	



Willow Lake Memorial Gardens Cemetery

1578 Willow Lake Road Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

REPAST

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