

Honorary Pallbearers

The Deacons of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church

Flower Attendants

The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Interment

Bonaventure Cemetery - Greenwich Section

Repast

St. James AME Church - Wilson Bostic Complex, 612 E Broad St., Savannah, GA

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Dr. Lillian Reddick sincerely appreciates the prayers and many acts of kindness, comfort, concern and sympathy extended to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. We wish and pray that God will bless and keep each of you, and we ask that you continue to keep the family in your prayers and thoughts. The family will greet friends at the St. James AME Church - Wilson Bostic Complex following the interment.

God Bless You All - The Family

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Adams Funeral Services, Inc.
510 Stephenson Ave.
Savannah, GA 31405

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A Celebration of the Life for
Dr. Lillian J. Reddick



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020
2:00 PM

THANKFUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
820 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.
SAVANNAH, GA 31415

Rev. Dr. Bobby Jones, Pastor Presiding,
Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Jordan, Eulogist

Order of Service

Call to Worship and Final Glance **Rev. Dr. Bobby Jones, Pastor**
Thankful Missionary Baptist Church
Savannah, GA

Hymn.....**The Deacons of TMBC**

Scriptures

Old Testament.....**Rev. Anthony R. Scott, Sr., Senior Pastor**
St. James A.M.E. Church
Savannah, GA

New Testament.....**Rev. Dr. Darren Moore**
Morris Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Jesup, GA

Prayer of Comfort.....**Rev. Dr. Bobby Jones**

Selection.....**TMBC Mass Choir**

Reflections

As a Church Member.....**Deacon Charles Hall**

As I Knew Her.....**The Honorable Dr. Otis Johnson**
Former Mayor of Savannah, GA

As a Colleague.....**Joenelle Gordon**

As a Friend.....**Dr. Adrian Anderson**
Associate Professor
Savannah State University

Sermonic Hymn/Selection.....**Jerry Clark and the TMBC Mass Choir**

Resolution/Acknowledgements.....**Minister Tina James**

Selection.....**TMBC Mass Choir**

Words of Comfort/Eulogy.....**Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Jordan, Associate Pastor**
St. Paul C.M.E. Church
Savannah, GA

Recessional.....**TMBC Mass Choir**

Reflections from Her Daughter

*The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew. -Author Unknown*

Mom,

I mourn the loss of the world we created together: our daily phone calls, the vacations, your motherly teasing and fussing, and everything we did together in Delta Sigma Theta. I already miss your hugs, your queenly expectations, and your insightfulness, but most of all, I am going to miss spoiling you rotten. For everything you did for me, I loved doing as much for you tenfold. You deserved every ounce of it.

While my heart is shattered, my memories will carry me through when there are difficult days. I can only hope to live up to your legacy and pray that I will always make you proud.

I miss my best friend and my fiercest protector. I love you, my angel.

For Always,

Jean Jr.



Reflections from Her Siblings

IT IS HARD TO LET YOU GO

We know you were God's gift: beautiful and carefree. His to give and His to take. But it is hard to let you go. You protected, supported and encouraged us all. Unselfishly guiding us to accept our call. It is hard to let you go.

Seeing the sites in your first car. Colleges in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and DC. And trips to DQ every Sunday. It is hard to let you go.

Exposing us to new thoughts, new rhythms, and new trends. Piano lessons, trendy clothes, new experiences. The Ultimate big sister. It is hard to let you go.

You have been there through it all; First games, first jobs and first loves. It is hard to let you go.

You only asked in return that we shower you with love, Christmas presents, and smiles of joy. It is hard to let you go. A woman of conviction, you did not mince your words. Outspoken and passionate, sentimental and true. Teaching us to love our Blackness and to Him remain true. It is hard to let you go.

Our Queen Jean, our hero, our friend. Stately and strong, regal and sure. Our love for you will forever endure. It is Hard to let you go.

A Legacy of Love and Service

Dr. Lillian Jean Reddick was born September 18, 1949 in Savannah, Georgia, to Edward M. and Annie M. (Riley) Reddick, who preceded her in death. The first of six children, her gregarious nature and friendly disposition made her memorable to all who met her. She was very passionate about her family, education, community, sorority, and church. This passion, along with vigor and determination, fueled her major decisions and her desire to guide her younger siblings. Her gregarious nature and friendly disposition made her memorable to all who met her.

Lillian's passion for education was sparked by her parents and fueled by an acute awareness of the demands of society. She matriculated in Chatham County Schools and graduated from Tompkins High School where she excelled in academics, participated in extracurricular activities, served on the yearbook staff, and took advantage of every opportunity, including participating in the Upward Bound Program at Savannah State College. Her natural leadership ability and love for people emerged while at North Carolina A&T State University when she fell in love with the social sciences and pledged Gamma Sigma Sigma, a Service Sorority. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a concentration in political science. She continued her education at Virginia Commonwealth University where she earned her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in Family and Child Welfare – Planning and Administration. She continued her academic pursuit by earning a Doctor of Social Work degree with an emphasis on research methodology, mental health and family and children services from Howard University. Her dissertation focused on the dual socialization and social competence among Black middle class adults. Dr. Reddick also completed a postdoctoral

fellowship at The University of Michigan with an emphasis on Social Research Methodology and Health Research with Minority Populations.

The Savannah community was extremely important to Dr. Reddick, and she was dedicated to using her knowledge, research and negotiation skills, and public relations aptitude to improve the effectiveness of delivery of human services programs in Savannah. During her tenure with multiple agencies in Georgia and South Carolina, she engaged in clinical counseling, coordinated mental health services for juveniles and adults, increased access to leisure/recreational activities at a minimum cost for Savannah citizens; and initiated a program with the Savannah Police Department designed to help drug abusers become sober. It was these types of efforts that improved the lives of so many in her hometown, and it gave Lillian the foundation for the academic career that would define her influence.

She was passionate about and participated in social action, civics and local political awareness efforts. From voter registration, rides to the polls, calls to the electorate, and donations to preferred candidates to supporting Operation PUSH, NAACP, and other advocacy groups. Dr. Reddick was connected to the pulse of Savannah.

She was passionate about Social Work education and she was very serious about the accreditation of social work programs. Students at St. Leo University, Hunter Army-Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia and Savannah State University benefitted from the rigorous and relevant curriculum she designed to ensure students were prepared to thrive in the profession.



During her distinguished career at SSU, she served as department head in the undergraduate and graduate programs in the Department of Social Work, Assistant Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Director of the Center for the Study of the Black Male. She held leadership roles on several committees, including parliamentarian for the Faculty Senate. She coordinated activities related to student services and academic programs. She never stopped advocating for the integrity of Savannah State College.

Beyond the campus, she was a Certified Site Visitor who served on the accreditation teams for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, (SACS) Regional Accreditation Association, where she participated in reviews of private and state colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Dr. Reddick published several articles and organized, conducted, and served as a panelist in many workshops throughout the nation. She developed staff development training and workshops, designed seminars in family dynamics, cultural diversity, and conducted sessions on racial and ethnic relations for social, civic and professional organizations. Dr. Reddick was a sought-after guest lecturer on topics dealing with the strengths of the Black family, Afro-centricity, and Black pioneers in Social Work.

Over the course of her career, Lillian remained committed to increasing the scholarly research of issues that impact African Americans. She conducted Service Learning on Afro-centricity for in-service training at Memorial Medical Center and other agencies, and delivered presentations at the Original Gullah Festival of South Carolina held in Beaufort each Memorial Day weekend.

She received numerous awards and honors including NASW Social Worker of the Year, Regional Award for Outstanding Contribution to the North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association, and Outstanding Young Women of America. She received a Fulbright Fellowship to Study the Environment and Health Issues in Brazil and a Fellowship for Doctoral Studies from the National Institute of Mental Health. She turned her accomplishments into additional tools in her arsenal to help others.

Lillian's impact on the community extended beyond academe. She was a member of Advisory Boards for

several organizations including West Broad Street Y.M.C.A., Child Advocacy Coalition, Y.W.C.A., and Girl Scout Council of Savannah.

She was a passionate and proud member of the Savannah Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She held many leadership roles in the sorority and concentrated her efforts to the social action and physical and mental health initiatives that are a part of the programmatic thrust of this sisterhood dedicated to service to the community.

Above everything, Lillian was a servant of God. She was very astute in Biblical studies and cherished the opportunities to teach Sunday School or Vacation Bible School. Her faith and devotion to Thankful Missionary Baptist Church was sparked by the example of her father who served as a deacon, trustee, Sunday School, and other ministries. When she joined TMBC as a child, she emulated Dea. Reddick and served in several including choirs and history preservation. She attended classes at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and offered social service seminars at the church. She loved TMBC, but above all, she loved Jesus, accepted Him as her Lord and Savior, and allowed him to guide her throughout her life.

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, Dr. Lillian Jean Reddick went home to be with the Lord. Ever the social butterfly, Dr. Reddick loved to talk and laugh. She was passionate and deliberate in each endeavor, which she faced fearlessly and competently. Her spirit lives on through the professionals she has recruited encouraged and mentored through the years and through her family who will forever carry her light in our hearts.

Her memory will be cherished by her daughter Joanna Reddick of Chicago, IL, and six siblings: Edward Reddick, Jr. of Lithonia, GA, Sandra Davis of Beaufort, SC, Savannah Reddick of Savannah, GA, Grady Reddick of Savannah, GA, Michael Reddick of Atlanta, GA, and Eddie Mae Reddick of Hiltonia, GA. Her memory will also live on in one brother-in-law, Willie Davis (Sandra); one sister-in-law, Deborah Reddick (Michael); nieces and nephews Marissa Davis, Terreshia Smalls, Teona Smalls, and Grady Smalls; devoted cousins Sadie Williams and Evelyn Mitchell, and many relatives and friends.

