



Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan

July 25, 1943 - March 21, 2015

Of all the beautiful things in life, the most cherished is character. She whom we celebrate today possessed admirable character and she lived a great life. Hilda was a woman blessed with a beautiful spirit of humility and a heart of meekness.

The Beginning of her Life

Hilda Howard Sullivan was born July 25, 1943 in Apopka, Florida. She was born the third daughter to Mose Sr. and Josephine Andrews Howard. Nurtured in a Christian home, Hilda accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. She was a faithful member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Apopka, Florida.

During Her Life

Hilda was a member of the former Choir #1. Under the leadership of Rev. Gerard Moss, Hilda was appointed to Stewardess Board #2, where here she served faithfully. Hilda attended the public school system of Orange County. In 1962 she graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School where she was a part of the marching band. In the same year of Hilda's graduation she met the man of her LIFE, Ernest "Sonny" Sullivan. This young handsome man from Oakland, Florida swept Hilda off her feet and in March of 1962 they united in Holy Matrimony. To this union there were three children: Ronnye, Cherie "Lynn", and Tracy "Cheronda". Feeling a need to make herself better Hilda

enrolled in the Orlando Technical School to study Nursing. Her dedication and commitment to help others, she began her lifelong career as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Throughout her career in nursing, Hilda has touched many lives. After her retirement from the Center for Drug Free Living, Hilda's heart of compassion for helping others lead her to work for Vitas Hospice Care of Central Florida until her health began to fail.

Of all of her accomplishments in life, her greatest was that of parenting. She was a wonderful and loving mother to all her children; Ronnye, Cherie "Lynn", Michael, Tracy "Cheronda", and Val creating a bond that will never be broken.

The End of Her Life

On Saturday Morning March 21, 2015 Hilda received her transfer noticed that read, Hilda Howard Sullivan is hereby transferred from Labor to reward, from bearing her cross to wearing her crown. Hilda was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ernest "Sonny" Sullivan, her parents Mose Sr. and Josephine Howard, her brothers: Mose Jr., Fredrick Lee, Melvin, and William "Billy" Howard, sisters: Mary Jane Howard, Elizabeth "Pookie" Tippins, and Carrie Bell Ivey.

Left to Cherish Her Life

Those left to cherish her memories: Son: Ronnye Sullivan, Okeechobee, Florida; Daughters: Cherie "Lynn" Thompson (Gregory), Tracy "Cheronda" Sullivan (Kevin) both of Apopka, Florida, Val Gibbions (David), Oakland, Florida; A devoted nephew she raised as her son: Michael J. Davis (Theresa) of Ocoee, Florida; a dearly devoted Sister: Marcella Davis (Jessie), Apopka, Florida; Brothers: Reverend Jimmy D. Howard Sr. (Frances), Freddie Lee Howard (Odessa), and Jerry Howard (Japlyne), all of Apopka, Florida; A Loving Sister-in-Law: Vivian "Von" Baker of Orlando, Florida; Special God-Children: Michelle Baker-Lundy (Tony), Clermont, Florida; A dear and special friend: Regina McGruder- Jones of Orlando, Florida; Grandchildren: Adrian,

Damion,

Keeyon, Arriayana, Shaquana, Tocarra, Ivory, Bernard, Willie, William, Wilna, and Kamaya; Great-Grand Child: Adrian Jr.; One Aunt: Willie Mae Howard of Apopka, Florida; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Happy Birthday Hilda. I miss you and love you very much.*



Vivian Baker - July 25, 2017 at 08:15 PM



“ *Vivian Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan*



Vivian Baker - March 27, 2017 at 08:01 PM



Hello my love, I missed the date that we lost you but here I am telling you how much I love and miss you as each day goes by. I saw you in my dreams and I know that you are one of the Angels that is watching over me and my family. Thank you for being the best Sister/Sister-in-law ever and for loving us.

Always loving you, Von

Vivian Baker - March 27, 2017 at 08:10 PM

Shadia
Anderson

“ I miss you and love you so much 💋😘



Shadia Anderson - July 12, 2016 at 08:37 PM

VB

“ Hi Hilda, Hugs and kisses to you my love I always have you on my mind and in my heart. I miss you and love you so much and I pray that you, Maxine and Sonny continue to watch over me and the family. Ask God to give Lynn the strength and the courage to say her final good-byes to each of you. I told you they wasn't going to listen to me, they do what they want to do until I have to yell at them for them to hear me...but I know they love me (<::).

Continued love to you always, Von

Vivian Baker - June 25, 2016 at 09:53 AM

VB

“ Vivian Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan



Vivian Baker - June 25, 2016 at 09:48 AM

VB

“ Hey Hilda. Sorry I'm late but I just wanted to tell you that I love you and miss you so much and I know that God is taking very good care of you in Heaven. It doesn't seem as though it's been a whole year but I will never ever forget you. I know that you, Sonny and Maxine are having a grand time in heaven with everyone that are there..

Love, Von

Vivian Sullivan Baker - March 31, 2016 at 04:10 PM

VB

“ Vivian Sullivan Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan



Vivian Sullivan Baker - March 31, 2016 at 04:03 PM

VB

“ Vivian Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan



Vivian Baker - September 27, 2015 at 03:18 PM

VB

“ Hey Hilda, sitting here at work and you came across my mind. Thank you for loving me and being my other big sister. Thank you for just being you and I hope that you will continue to wrap your loving arms around me with all that I go through. God brought all of my Angels home almost at once and I Praise Him for having you all in heaven. I love you Hilda and keep that beautiful smile always.

Von

Vivian Baker - September 27, 2015 at 03:17 PM

TS

“ Ma i miss u so much no more suffering no more pain your in a better place

tracy Sullivan - April 03, 2015 at 08:39 AM

VB

“ Vivian Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan



Vivian Baker - April 02, 2015 at 10:08 AM

VB

Hilda I miss your beautiful smile and spirit so much that words cannot begin to express. I'm doing what you told me and I know that you are looking down from Heaven at each of us and that you and Sonny are running things as usual. I love you with all my heart and I know that All God's children are together and what a time, what a time, what a time you all are having and I know that there's a seat in Heaven waiting for me someday.

Much Love, Von

Vivian Baker - April 02, 2015 at 10:17 AM

MA

“ *Missing u dearly ,live Annette*

Marian - April 02, 2015 at 08:13 AM

TB

“ *Teika Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan*



Teika Baker - March 27, 2015 at 09:27 PM

EA

“ *"My neighbor, my sister my friend I will forever miss you*

Earma



Earma - March 27, 2015 at 03:49 PM

RS

“ *Alright home girl - Will always remember our years of growing up in South APOPKA " Gooo Wheatley Panthers " Our Nursing Career and of course - We both grew up in large earthly families; but you are now with The Heavenly Family - Rest in Peace will remmember your smile and peaceful demeanor ! In prayer with and for Howard's and Sullivan Family !*



Rev. Dr Gloria Louise H. Stephens - March 26, 2015 at 09:05 AM

TI

“ I really thank God that you able to receive the promise of God, 70 years.

I will always remember the strong effort of trying to keep the family together. I know now that your earthly work is done you will join Pookie and Momma in continuing the work from the windows of Heaven.

Rest in Peace, Your work is finish, Your Reward is earned



Timmy - March 25, 2015 at 01:33 PM

MA

“ I ♥ you missing you deeply

Marian - March 25, 2015 at 06:33 AM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hilda Howard Sullivan*



Marian - March 25, 2015 at 06:31 AM