



Sunrise
September 17, 1929

Sunset
May 27, 2022

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
Mother Lillie Hagans Graham

Wake Service

Monday, June 6, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

White Plains, New York

Reverend Erwin Lee Trollinger, Jr., M.Th., Officiating

Graveside Service

Friday, June 10, 2022 • 11:00 a.m.

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Dawson, Georgia

Rev. Lucious Mitchell, Sr., Officiating

Pastor – Macedonia Baptist Church, Parrott, GA

Reverend George Graham, Presiding

Her Story

Mother Lillie Hagans Graham “Muh”

Mother Lillie Graham was born in the Red Clay Hills of Parrott (Terrell County), Georgia September 17, 1929, to the late Deacon Raymond Hagans and the Late Ida Perry Hagans.

She attended Helen Gurr Elementary and Junior High Schools, Parrott, Georgia. She was a graduate of George Washington Carver High School, Dawson, Georgia. Her athletic skills afforded her to be hailed as one of the basketball team's star players.

Lillie always had a passion for driving. She was her father's right hand. She was always ready to assist him in whatever she could on the farm by driving tractors and pickup trucks when needed. She was the farm's bookkeeper.

On Saturday evenings during the summer months, she would load up the pickup truck and transport truckloads of young people to the “Segregated Swimming Pool” in Dawson to this date, many still remember those days. On Sunday's she was headed to Sunday school, Worship Service and Sunday Evening Baptist Training Union (BTU). She was known by many to be the first black girl in a small rural country town to own a new blue and white 1957 Bel Air Chevrolet. Her father purchased this classic automobile for his baby girl.

Lillie's early spiritual foundation (instilled by her parents), was reinforced at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (Parrott, GA). She was one in the first group to be baptized by the late Rev. J. E. Brown, in the church's first indoor baptismal pool. She served as secretary of the Sunday School, Choir Ministry, Mission Ministry and Program Committee.

She met the apple of her eye and was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Henry Graham and moved to White Plains, New York. Her life in White Plains was well spent as a self-sacrificing caregiver to one and all.

Keeping the Church's Covenant, Mother Lillie Graham united with Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in many capacities: General Mission President, Jail Ministry, Culinary Ministry, active in Sunday School and all functioning ministries of the church (Except the Deacon's, Trustee, Security, and Pastoral Ministries...She just covered them in prayer). She served under the leadership of six pastors. My God, how she loved Past – Emeritus Lester Cousin, Current Pastor, Pastor Lee Trollinger, and Her Deacon-Craig Woodward.

Her service to the community was inclusive of: White Plains Housing Authority, Founder of the Winbrook Housing Association, Founder of the Winbrook's Senior Citizen's Founders Day, and Sponsor of the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival Community Trip for the children to travel to Washington, DC.

Indeed, she was A Virtuous Woman of Strength and Power who was a fearless fighter and a pillar of strength to her family, community and Church. Being the selfless strong woman she was, she was always a proponent of those down-on-their-luck, helping out the homeless and downtrodden whenever she could, with words and/or deeds.

She peacefully transitioned into eternal rest Friday, May 27, 2022, at White Plains Hospital, White Plains, New York. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Fay Watson; brothers: John Wesley Hagans, and General Hagans; and step daughter, Viola Stafford.

She was a mother figure to not only her biological children, but to others as well.

Her legacy and memories will continue through her faithful grandson and caregiver, Darrell Watson, White Plains, NY; Daughters: Carolyn (Deacon Bennie) Williams, Dawson, Georgia, and Ida Stewart, White Plains, NY; Grandchildren: Imani Stewart, Richmond, Virginia, and Natasha Fequiere, White Plains, NY; Great Grandchildren: Karsyn Fequiere, Jackson Fequiere, Karl Patterson, All of White Plains, NY; Cousin Reared as a brother: Walter (Travis) Perry; Cousin/Son, Dr. Osie (Dr. Grace) White, Atlanta, GA; Special Goddaughter/Friend, Deacon Gertrude Coleman and Tiffany of White Plains, NY; Lifelong Childhood Friend, Mother Janie M. Hall, Parrott, GA; and a host of other caring family and friends.

***“Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart. Lean Not To Thine Own Understanding.
And, In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him... He Shall Direct Your Path.”***

Order of Celebrations of Life

**Reverend Erwin Lee Trollinger, Jr., M.Th., Officiating
Calvary Baptist Church • White Plains, New York**

Musical Prelude

Congregational Hymn #444..... “Just Over in the Glory Land”

Scripture Reading..... Rev. William Walker
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: II Timothy 4:6-8

Prayer of Comfort Evan. Jonni D. Dingle

Words of Comfort Dea. Craig Woodward

Song Alston Farley

Acknowledgements..... Toni McDougal

Legacy of Life..... Dea. Carrie Filder

Family Tribute Karl Patterson

Song Alston Farley

Words of Life..... Rev. Erwin L. Trollinger, Jr.

Closing Viewing

Recessional

***Pastor George Graham, Presiding
Springfield Baptist Church • Tifton, Georgia***

Musical Prelude

Parting Glimpse Family and Friends

Selection..... Deacon Marion and Merian Cue

Scripture Readings..... Old Testament: Reverend Joseph Moreland
New Testament: Reverend Charlie Marcus

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Christopher O’Bryant

Hymn..... Reverend Ezekiel Holley

Reflections

Selection..... Deacon Marion and Merian Cue

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Lucious Mitchell, Sr.

The Committal Ritual

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Acknowledgements..... Albritten’s Funeral Staff



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgements

No words can express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the tremendous acts of kindness. We thank you for the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, many calls, cards, food, and donations during the illness, and subsequently the transition of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. We are so grateful to have family and friends like you. Our sincere appreciation to Alesha Hanson, Darrell's girlfriend; Westchester Artificial Kidney Center, Physicians, and Staff; Roy at Sunlight Ambulette Services; Modivcare Medical Transportation; Unlimited Care Staff; White Plains Hospital Physicians, Nurses & Staff; "Her Girls" as she would affectionately refer to her caregivers, Anna, Sheriane, Janet, Jackie, Jossett and Lydia.

The Family of the late Mother Lillie Hagans Graham



OVER A CENTURY OF SERVING, CARING & EDUCATING

*160 Fisher Avenue
White Plains, NY 10606-2304
tel# = 914-949-0372*

www.LeesFuneralHome.com

www.Facebook.com/LeesFuneralHome

Albritten's Funeral Service

*395 Cedar Hill Avenue
Dawson, GA 39842*

www.AlbrittensFuneralService.com

www.honoryou.com