

*In Loving Memory of*



*Helen Gilliam*

*Sunrise*

*December 7, 1930*

*Sunset*

*November 21, 2014*

*Service*

*Friday, November 28, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.*

***Perry Funeral Home***

*34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103*

# *Obituary*

**Helen Gilliam** was born December 7, 1930 in Newark, NJ to the late Frank Gilliam and Helen Watson Byrd. Helen passed on to Eternal Life on Friday, November 21, 2014 at the Center for Hope – Father Hudson House in Elizabeth, NJ.

**Helen** was a lifelong resident of the city of Newark. She never married nor had any biological children. However, she helped to raise the children in the family and community. She embraced them all.

**Helen**, unfortunately, became physically and intellectually disabled due to a traumatic brain injury around the age of two or three years old. Even though Helen had to learn how to walk and talk again and had permanent leg contractions, she was never angry. She never stopped trying and always had a beautiful disposition.

**Helen** was great for giving everyone she met and knew a “nick name”. This was her way of dealing with permanent short term memory loss. Helen learned to adjust and cope with her disabilities instead of complaining and being angry at the world.

**Helen** loved good food, music, parties and socializing with friends and family.

**Helen** was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Gilliam and Helen Watson Byrd; her stepfather, Andrew Byrd, Sr.; her sisters, Marian Gilliam and Evelyn Byrd; and her brother, Andrew Byrd, Jr.

**Helen** leaves to cherish her memory: two brothers, Joseph E. Byrd (Claudine) and Basier (Edward) Byrd; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Final Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Evergreen Cemetery*

*Hillside, New Jersey*

# Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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