

Celebrating The Life of
Mother
Frances (Richardson) Gilliam
March 3, 1926 - March 7, 2017





Funeral Service

Monday, March 13, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.

MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

163 Autumn Street • Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. W.L. McDowell, Pastor



Organ Prelude Dr. Mark Exum

Opening Hymn “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”
Hymn No. 340

Scripture Reading
Old Testament (Psalm 27:1-7)
New Testament (John 14:1-6)

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Words of Comfort

Remarks Trustee Dave Johnson, Chairman
Trustee Board
Deaconess Donna Hansford, Leader
Deaconess Board
Deacon Michael Veal, Chairman
Deacon Board
Rev. Pamela D. Sallie, Assistant Pastor
Church and Women’s Ministry

Family Tribute..... Yvonne Gordon
(On Behalf of the Grandchildren)
Candice Jones

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Acknowledgements & Resolution,
and Reflections of Life Rita L. Sallie
Church Administrator

Saxophone Selection Keith Lee

Selection.....Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor W. Louis McDowell
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ

Recessional.....The Family

Interment
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 - 10:00 am
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey

ORDER OF SERVICE




Frances (Richardson) Gilliam was born March 3, 1926 in Greenwood, SC, the only child of Anna Mae Beeks and John Thomas Ritchie. After the death of her Mother and Grandmother Louella Beeks, Frances moved to Shelby, NC with her uncle Nathaniel Beeks. Nathaniel later married Lizzie Mae Lett and they took Frances under their care, educating her in the Shelby, NC Public School system and building a strong foundation based on faith, perseverance, independence and respect that has been passed on to her children.

Frances was proud of her spiritual journey that started at an early age when she joined Marsh Chapel Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC. After moving to Shelby, NC she became a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Frances joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Passaic under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Napier and later joined Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Passaic under the leadership of Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell. Frances attended Mt Pilgrim regularly until her illness would no longer allow her but she kept the faith and would read her bible daily and listen to gospel music. During her hospital stays you would always see her Bible by the bedside.

On April 2, 1947, Frances joined in holy matrimony with Jay Rue Gilliam and together they were blessed with 9 children. In 1952 Frances and Jay moved their family to Passaic, NJ where she remained until her transition.

Frances loved her family and she labored hard to support, nurture and build a strong foundation for her children. Frances was a role model for her children and she lead by example by never losing faith even in the hardest of times. She was a self-teacher of sewing, laying flooring, wallpapering and would take on any task to sustain the household with her children in tow.





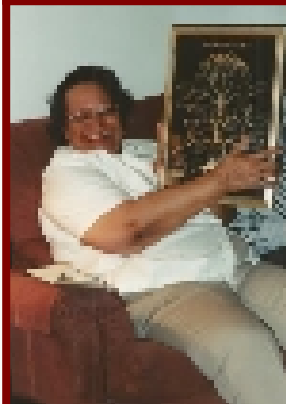
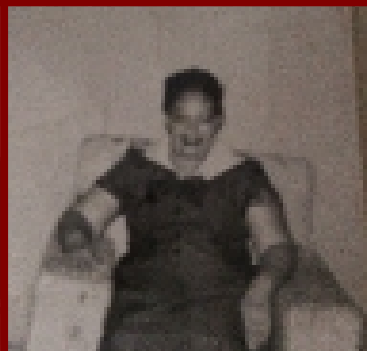
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PRECIOUS MEMORIES



Carry On My Children

*Carry on my children
And do not weep.
For today is not the end
But instead the beginning.
Carry on my children
You must be strong
For I am home with the Lord
And I am free from all that ails me.
Carry on my children
And keep my memory alive
Remember our laughter
And all the joys we shared.
So until we meet again
Carry on my dear children
For one day we will all be free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of the late **Mother Frances (Richardson) Gilliam** wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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