



Hilda Beryl Thomas

August 12, 1956 - April 14, 2019

On Sunday, April 14, 2019, Hilda Beryl Thomas passed peacefully at her home surrounded by family. Hilda was born and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia to the late Leon Edward III and Arthur Mae Lawson.. Following completion of First Colonial High School, she attended and graduated from St. Augustine University in Raleigh, NC.. Hilda was employed by the Virginia Beach Public School system for 32 years. She was a faithful member of St. Marks AME Church where she served as President for Daughters of St. Mark, Christian Education Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Youth Camp Director, Children's Church Director and Teacher, a member of Women in Red, and a member of the Lay Organization. She taught young people the significance of Holy Communion, organized the annual Black History Month Program, the annual Trunk or Treat Event, and planned the annual observance of Advent during the Christmas season. Hilda will be remembered for her giving spirit and contagious laughter.

Hilda leaves to cherish her fondest memories, her husband of 30 years, Converse Thomas, children: AL -Malik Cook (Kenda) Chesapeake, VA, AL-Mustafa Cook (Tyra) Waldorf, MD, Rashad Cook (Lashaun) Fredericksburg, VA, Ramona E. Thomas, Washington, DC, Joyel Thomas (Joe) and Converse Thomas Jr. (Rashawnda) both of Winston-Salem, NC. Five siblings: Aprileona King (Ralph) Upper Marlboro, MD, Fonda Waddell (Joe (deceased)) Norfolk, VA, Leon Lawson (Sylvia) Mechanicsville, MD, James Lawson (Debra) Mitchellville, MD, and Finis Lawson Pittsburg, PA. A mother in law, Ruth Thomas Chesapeake, VA; two sister in laws, Juanetta Jones Orlando, FL and Dorothy Branch (Donald) Henderson, NC; one brother in law, Elbert Jeffries (Sharon) Winston-Salem, NC; 19 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, neighbors, and dear friends.

The family has requested that flowers be sent to the home address: 1322 Keaton Way Chesapeake, VA 23321

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church
1740 Potters Road
Virginia Beach, VA

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Brenda Pullen lit a candle in memory of Hilda Beryl Thomas*



Brenda Pullen - April 20, 2019 at 02:00 PM

WT

“ *Forever Peace & Love.*

Wilton Taylor - April 20, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hilda Beryl Thomas.*



April 19, 2019 at 02:41 PM

RC

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Thomas Family*

Renita Cherry-Thomas - April 19, 2019 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ *Mama, Thank you for being so unselfish I. This journey. You have touched so many internally and externally. We are forever grateful for God blessing us with your beautiful soul. No judgement, no condemnation, nothing but love. We love you and will celebrate you forever. Rest well beautiful 🙏🙏🙏💙. Love always, your son at heart, Kuta and family 🥰. To the Cook and Thomas family. Pop, brothers and sister... cherish every memory, make every moment that ma had and everything she stood for be noticed outwardly. Show the next generation that it's God and family over everything. Love you all to life!!!*

Jakuta Williams - April 19, 2019 at 07:47 AM

MS

“ *May the peace of the Holy Spirit be upon the Lawson/Thomas family. We extend our love and sorrow to our sister Aprileona for her sister Hilda. The Lynch Family*



Mr. Kim/Mrs. Deloris Lynch and Sons - April 19, 2019 at 12:44 AM

DL

“ *Deloris Lynch lit a candle in memory of Hilda Beryl Thomas*



Deloris Lynch - April 19, 2019 at 12:36 AM

MW

“ *The Macedonia AME Church, Carrollton, sends our condolences to Hilda's family. We feel like we have lost a family member. If you need us Converse, we are here for you and your family. May the peace of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit help you through this difficult time. Macedonia AME, Rev. Gwendolyn C. Minor, Pastor*

Marcia Whitley - April 18, 2019 at 10:30 PM

MW

“ *Marcia Whitley lit a candle in memory of Hilda Beryl Thomas*



Marcia Whitley - April 18, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilda Beryl Thomas.*



April 18, 2019 at 04:01 PM

KE

“ I've been blessed with Mother's showing kindness and favor towards me since God called mine home... Mrs. Hilda was one of those Mother's. Always remembering me even in the smallest gestures. I remember leaving a beach track practice where The Thomas' we're going to make sure I got home safely. Randomly Mona yells up to me on the bus.. my Mom ordered you a pizza for dinner. I was alone that weekend so it took me by surprise that she went the extra mile when all I needed was a ride home. Random story but it has stuck with me all these years for a reason. Also, growing up AME I would see her at different church events with that warm smile. Thank God for memories and pictures. May She Rest In Peace!

Kelia - April 18, 2019 at 01:38 PM

SS

“ I would first like to extend my thoughts and prayers to the family of Mrs. Hilda. I knew her as Ms. Cook years ago when she was my gymnastics coach at Brandon Middle School. She was always a lively, fun, and encouraging woman. I was truly saddened when I received the news of her passing. But I try to hold on to the scripture that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and she was definitely a child of God. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful loving woman with me. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Samiya "Stallings" Sanderson

Samiya "Stallings " Sanderson - April 17, 2019 at 09:52 PM

SW

“ To the family of my dear neighbor. These past 27 years that we have shared conversation, smiles, and bible discussion that was conducive to life, will always reign in my heart as Hilda was the vital link to a happy husband and well-raised children. Thank you for the peace and assurance that you are waiting for all of us who are willing to join you in our Father's house. Much prayer to you family!

Steven A. White - April 17, 2019 at 04:45 PM

SW

“ Steven A. White lit a candle in memory of Hilda Beryl Thomas



Steven A. White - April 17, 2019 at 04:33 PM

TO

“ •When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. I extend my most sincere condolences to you. God Bless



Tonette, Marquin, Kisha, Brittany & Omar - April 17, 2019 at 01:18 PM

MH

“ My condolences to the Lawson and Thomas Family. Growing up with the Lawsons was a memory to be treasured for a lifetime. The Lawsons lived two houses down from my family and they always welcomed everyone with open arms. Hilda was a year apart from my brother Nino who we lost last April and Hilda gained her wings on April 14th which is the same date My Mom gained hers 14yrs ago. The community was one big family and our two homes were the best landscaped on the street. Hilda is amongst all the other beautiful Angels of Ocean Garden Street. Rest in Peace Angel. April, Fonda, Leon, Lamont (James) and Finese may God be with each of you and give you the strength to overcome the pain of losing a dear Sister.

Love

Marilyn Woodhouse Harvey and Family

Marilyn Harvey - April 17, 2019 at 08:45 AM

CB

You have my deepest sympathy. God took a angel and she is resting with the others that has gone on. As well a neighbor behind my mom house for years in the same neighbor. Always Family was so cordial to us and the neighborhood. RIH Hilda I know your family love you but God loved you more.

claudine Burrus - April 17, 2019 at 05:59 PM

DW

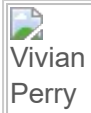
Heartfelt condolences to the Lawson and Thomas family. Another angel has gained theirs wings from the old neighborhood. I will always remember her infectious smile, her beautiful dimples and her warm and friendly personality. RIH Hilda.

Delia Woodhouse - April 17, 2019 at 07:36 PM

CP

This was a shock. To the Lawson and Thomas family. I grew up with Hilda. We went to St. Mark AME when we were children. She was a beautiful young lady. My prayers are with you. Charlome Robbins Pierce

Charlome Pierce - April 19, 2019 at 05:04 AM



May God continue to be with the Thomas family and friends.

The Perry family was one that Hilda truly touched.

Oh, how we will miss this women of God so much!

Your love, your kindness, your beauty that glowed from the inside out.

How it molded my children and more in God and their studies and lives about.

Your life was truly a living testimony that will stand the test of time.

I'm so glad God allowed your life to impact mine's.

Working with you in vacation bible school, Easter, Christmas plays, and black history programs.

I just know you're in heaven painting the town.

Now to you I say, so long my beautiful friend !

You were one who stayed committed until the end.

The Perry Family

Vivian Perry - April 20, 2019 at 08:30 AM