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PALL BEARERS

*Carlos King
Chris Hilliard
Kevin Whitmore*

*Jeffrey Ball
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Nieces

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*St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Following Interment*

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CELEBRATION

Honoring the Life of



*Sunset
April 19, 2023*



*Sunrise
July 21, 1945*

Sylvia
J. PEOPLES

Sunday, April 30, 2023 • 1:00 PM

ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

392 Cairo Loop
Ecru, Mississippi 38841

Rev. David High, Officiating

Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional Clergy and Family
- Call to Worship Pastor Charles Reaves
- Scriptures *Old Testament & New Testament*
Rev. Terry Baber
- Prayer of Comfort Pastor Charles Reaves
- Musical Selection Choir
- Reflections Please Limit to 2 Minutes
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions Sister Jean Finley
- Obituary Read Silently
- Musical Selection Choir
- Eulogy Rev. David High
- Musical Section Rev. Marvin McWhorter
- Benediction
- Recessional



INTERMENT

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
392 Cairo Loop • Ecrú, Mississippi 38841

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express thanks for the love and kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

Sylvia's Life...

SYLVIA J. PEOPLES, daughter of the late Ovell and Vera Hilliard was born on July 21, 1945 in Ecrú, Mississippi. Sylvia departed this life on April 19, 2023 surrounded by loving family members.

SYLVIA accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. Paul MB Church in Ecrú, Mississippi. At her passing, she was a member of Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

SYLVIA'S early years were spent in Ecrú, Mississippi. She graduated from Pontotoc Attendance Center and attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Sylvia moved to Evanston, Illinois where she worked for the United Postal Service. She later moved to Fairmont, West Virginia where she continued to work for the US Government. She moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina and worked on Fort Bragg as an Administrator at Womack Army Medical Center and Joel Clinic where she retired after 52 years of service.

SYLVIA leaves a legacy of love from: her devoted husband, Lonzo Peoples; her beloved daughter, Bridgette Jones; two loving grandchildren, Amber Monroe and Paris Newman; brothers, Tommie, Nimrod (Sheila), David (Lillie), Jerry (Allison), and Randy (Kim) Hilliard; sisters, Dorothy Ball and Brenda Calamese; godson, Michael Ball; god-daughter, Laken Hayden; sister-in-laws, Birdie Hilliard, Evelene Hilliard, and Lillie Rancher; brother-in-law, Howard People; a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

SYLVIA was preceded in death by her parents, Ovell and Vera Hilliard; brothers, Gary, Bobby and James Hilliard; sister, Fannie Whitmore.

Tributes

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
II Timothy 4:7-8

MY ONLY LOVE,

All my life I have been waiting for you. All my life I have dreamed of you. Now it's all come true. So happy that God finally gave you to me. And I thank the Lord for blessing me with you for all of these wonderful years.

Your Loving Husband, Lonzo

If flowers grow in heaven, Lord, then pick a bunch for me. Then place them in my mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her that I love and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.

LOVE ALWAYS, BRIDGETTE

GRANDMA,

You were loved by so many. I'm truly heartbroken and in disbelief that you are gone but God knows best. I am so grateful God made you my grandmother. You always looked out for me even when I did not deserve it. I will miss our talks but the wisdom you shared will forever stay with me. I will cherish all the memories I have of you from going out to eat at different restaurants to seeing you in your element working outside in the yard. You were a strong woman and I know that you would want me to be strong at this time too. I miss you beyond words can explain but I know I'll see you again one day.

LOVE, AMBER

GRANDMA,

Thank you for everything you have done for me! I will miss all of the laughs we shared together and I will forever cherish all of my memories of you! I love you always!

PARIS

DEAR SYLVIA,

We don't know how to say goodbye to our sweet, loving sister. Words cannot express how much we will miss you and how much we love you. You were the most generous, compassionate and caring sister a family could have. We will always think of you and hold you in our hearts. We are asking God to give us strength to make this journey and see your smiling face again.

WE LOVE YOU, YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

AUNT SYLVIA,

From a little girl to a grown woman, the impact you have made in my life is one that will always be remembered. You were such an influential person to this family. I thought it was the best thing at the age of 6 getting to spend a few weeks with You, Amber, and Uncle Larry! You treated me like I was your own from making sure our heads were combed and clothes were ironed EVERYDAY.

You showed love in so many different ways, but you also showed you didn't play and would whoop our tails. I will miss our phone conversations but most of all I will miss hearing your laugh. It will be hard to live without you but I know you are living better now with Jesus! You were and will always be the ABSOLUTE BEST Godmother!

LOVE, LAKEN

Guardian Angels don't always come in the form of a spirit The connection and bond we had was transparent yet so vivid Words could never define or express the love I have for you because it wasn't about all you did Your genuine love and prayers meant more than any gift, and that stuck with me since I was a kid You weren't just my Aunt, you were my friend that I could confide in, over and over again You know the real me, and I knew the real you, that's why I won't allow sorrow to win

I can't pretend like it's not hard or overwhelming, but I know that's not what you would want at any cost My gratitude for knowing you is a gain, especially because when souls are crossed, that can't be a lost Though my tears and heart may be heavy from here on out, I still believe that won't be my end criteria I will never experience the love you had for me again in life because there will never be another Aunt Sylvia.

LOVE ALWAYS, RACHEAL