



Lillian Joanne Eubanks

December 1, 1946 - October 18, 2021

Lillian Joanne Eubanks was born December 1, 1946 to Bessie Lee and Leodia McGowan in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Lillian grew up in a large family that was full of laughter and love. She is the sixth of eight children—the baby girl. As a child, Lillian was noted for her calm demeanor. She was always well mannered and friendly. She and her family learned early on the importance of living a spiritual life. Her father served as a preacher of Pine Grove Baptist Church. Lillian and her siblings sang in the choir.

Seeking a better education and foundation for their daughter, Lillian moved from Crystal Springs to East Moline, Illinois with her uncle, James Grice. It was there that she attended United Township High School. After graduating in 1964, moved by her desire to help others, Lillian enrolled in nursing school where she became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). After completing nursing school, she began to work at the East Moline State Hospital.

In 1968 Lillian met and married Willie Eubanks Jr. The two soon began a family. Their union yielded two daughters—Bridget and Emily. Lillian was a woman dedicated to her family. For the early years of their childhood, Lillian was a stay-at-home mom. She worked tirelessly to ensure that her daughters had homecooked meals, a shoulder to cry on and a listening ear. Bridget, her eldest daughter has many fond memories of her mother. One that comes to mind is the time she spent learning to cook in the kitchen with her mother. As a result of entering a program from the local newspaper, the two found themselves attempting to cook recipes listed in the newspaper. Bridget feels that the two bonded over her mother's love for cooking. Emily, the younger of the two, remembers her mother walking her to the first day of kindergarten, amidst her protests and tears. Lillian was never too far from her daughters. She would often bring the girls treats to the school—personalized lunches to show just how much she cared. Emily loved having her mother at the school. Lillian volunteered at her children's' local elementary school as a recess monitor and her love for children also yielded her jobs as a home daycare assistant and a HeadStart program bus monitor. Lillian's favorite hobbies were gardening, cooking, and traveling. Each year her and her brother Bill would rent land and plant a large garden. She

also enjoyed canning and cooking the fresh herbs and vegetables she grew. Lillian loved to find new recipes and share them with her close friends.

Even more than the love Lillian had for her family and many friends, she loved her God Jehovah. Lillian symbolized her dedication by water baptism in 1972. Her warm and caring personality made her ministry thrive. She would often auxiliary pioneer and serve in unassigned territory assignments. She loved working in the ministry with her friends. She enjoyed participating in the Theocratic Ministry School. She took her assignments very seriously. She would spend hours researching to find the best way to bring out the biblical viewpoint. Lillian was known for her hospitality—Her kitchen always had food. She would often volunteer to feed visiting speakers, circuit overseers, and any of the friends who were in need.

Sadly, due to inherited sin and imperfection, illness weighed heavily on Lillian's life. After a long and hard fight, she passed away on October 18, 2021. Her absence will be greatly felt by many. Survivors include her husband, Willie Eubanks Jr. and her two daughters Bridget O'Neal and Emily Eubanks, son-in-law Greg O'Neal, and beloved grandson Gregory O'Neal. Brothers Leodia Jr., William, and Thomas McGowan. Lillian also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved so much! She also leaves behind her very special friends Patricia Boney, Melissa Wegmann, Sarah Oaks, Sarah Edwards, Evelyn Anderson, Betty Clark, Elayn and Claudia Walker, Rochelle Givings, Ethelene Gaither, and very special cousin, Joella Grice.

Acknowledgement

The family of Lillian Eubanks with sincere appreciation and gratitude all of the love, kindness, and thoughtfulness shown to us through the many cards and telephone calls. Words cannot express the warmth and consolation your actions have meant to us during this time of bereavement. With many thanks.

~ The Eubanks Family ~

Comments



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