



## Collette T Hill

August 31, 1976 - November 29, 2025

Collette Tennille Hill, affectionately called "Pumpkin" by her father, was born August 31, 1976, in Myrtle Beach, SC, to Collett (Carl) E. Hill and Eleanor R. Barbee-Hill. She was the eldest of three. She transitioned to her eternal home with the Lord at the age of 49 on Saturday, November 29, 2025. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Nelson and Willie Hill, and John and Birdie Barbee.

She was educated at Dyess Middle School, Abeline, Texas and graduated in 1994 from Southwest Dekalb High School, Decatur, Georgia. There she built long lasting friendships with LaCarya Worthy Rucker, Keisha, Erika, and others. She participated in the band's dance group and formed a singing group, "The Exquizette", which performed at their high school graduation baccalaureate. In furthering her education, Collette earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Spelman College in 1999. Her career journey was marked by dedication and continual self-improvement which led to employment with Delta Airlines, City of Atlanta, UPS, and other employment.

Growing up in a military family, she had the unique opportunity to live in various places including South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Texas, and in Germany. In her travels, special moments with her father were visiting Paris and the Eiffel Tower at the age of seven.

At a young age, during her visits with her beloved Nanny Hill, Collette was introduced to Jesus Christ under the guidance of Rev. Robert Rice, Jr., of the Browns Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. It was there where she began to understand who God was and the importance of having a relationship with God. Her most cherished songs were "Yes Jesus Loves Me" and "Let Your Little Light Shine". As an adult, she later became a member of Greenforest Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor George O. McCaleb. Pastor McCaleb sermons inspired her to fully embrace her faith, accepting God's Gift Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord. Collette was the epitome of the scripture, Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in The Way he should go, and even when he is old (and life gets hard), he will not depart from it"

Her greatest earthly Blessings from God were the birth of her son, Michael-Christiann, and her grandson, Caidence Lee. She loved them beyond words and with all her heart.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: Son, Michael-Christiann Lacy and grandson Caidence Lee Lacy. Parents: Collett (Carl) and Eleanor Hill, Brothers: Evermon Hill (Dakota), and Carlton Hill: Beloved Nephew Porter Jon Hill. Aunties: Ruby Jean Hubbard, Juanita Ewing (Philip), and Joyce Marshall (Bill, deceased) and Betty Hill (Freddie deceased), Cherished Grandmother to her son: Awilda Lacey (Michael, deceased). And a host of loving cousins and lifelong friends. Collette will be remembered for her generous spirit, her unwavering faith, and the joy she brought to those around her.

Let Your Light Shine

# Cemetery Details

## Southview Cemetery

1990 Jonesboro Road Southeast  
Atlanta, GA 30315-6727

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Greenforest Community Baptist Church  
3188 Rainbow Dr  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 486-1120

## Burial

DEC 12 (ET)

Southview Cemetery  
1990 Jonesboro Road Southeast  
Atlanta, GA 30315-6727

# Tribute Wall



“ Lynn(Barbee) Jones, Joshua, Simone& Jas purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Collette T Hill.



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**Lynn(Barbee) Jones, Joshua, Simone& Jas** - December 12, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ Laurine L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Collette T Hill.

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**Laurine L.** - December 11, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ My cousin transitioned from this life without knowing just how much I loved and admired her. My memories of our childhood forever frozen in time! Timeless... is her beautiful smile, her energy and big personality. It remain unchanged in my heart. Love you Collette!

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**Chandra (Hubbard) Lewis** - December 11, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ My sweet Collette! Her beautiful smile made my day when she was my work study student at Spelman College in the Registrar's Office! She was so vibrant and loving with a passion for learning. She is missed! I love her and Eleanor so very much! I love you Collette! My angel! Ms. Helene K. Moon/Registrar's Office/Spelman College and her Spelman sister.

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**Helene Patterson** - December 11, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ Class of 1994 purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Collette T Hill.



Class of 1994 - December 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM

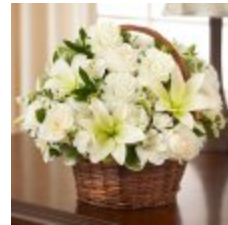
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“ Class of 1994 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Collette T Hill.

Class of 1994 - December 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM



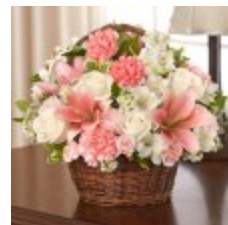
“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Collette T Hill.



December 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Collette T Hill.



December 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM

RN

“ Robert and Annie Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Collette T Hill.

Robert and Annie Nelson - December 09, 2025 at 07:14 AM

AN

“ *Angela Newman purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Collette T Hill.*



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**Angela Newman** - December 07, 2025 at 09:23 AM

TC

“ *Collette and I lived on Dyess AFB together. She was such a bright light back then. I haven't seen her in years but my heart broke when I heard this news. Praying for her family and friends. Rest in Paradise, old friend.*

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**Tina Gottschall Cunningham** - December 05, 2025 at 11:36 PM

KH

“ *I love and miss you so much cuz....*

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**Keyonna Denese Hubbard** - December 05, 2025 at 10:01 PM

FF

“ *We will miss that beautiful smile. May the family be blessed with sweet memories when they think of you. And the joy of Jesus with the comfort of the Holy Spirit see you through the times when a tear fall.*



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**Faithful Followers** - December 05, 2025 at 09:54 PM

CB

“ Calvin B. purchased the Lavender & White Mixed Half Casket Cover for the family of Collette T Hill.



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Calvin B. - December 05, 2025 at 07:01 PM

M9

“ Micheal Q. Thompson (Cooper C/o 91) lit a candle in memory of Collette T Hill



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Micheal Q. Thompson (Cooper c/o 91) - December 04, 2025 at 11:11 PM

M9

“ Wow!!! Collette was 2 to 3 grades under me, but with our dad's being in the Air Force and all of us living on base out at Dyess in Abilene, Texas, we were all a tight knit group. My heart sank when I heard this news a couple days ago. My heart goes out to her family, kids, and will continue keeping them in my prayers! 🥺🙏🙏🙏

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Micheal Q. Thompson (Cooper c/o 91) - December 04, 2025 at 11:10 PM