



Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam

February 18, 1952 - September 24, 2017

Diane Marie Gilliam, was born February 18, 1952 to the late Jasper E. Gilliam, Sr. and the late Janie Mae Highsmith Beach in Bethel, NC. She departed this life on Sunday, September 24, 2017 in Glen Allen, Virginia.

Diane attended and graduated from Bethel Union High School, Bethel, NC. She later moved to New Haven, Connecticut where she worked for several years at the Henry Richardson Company before returning to Parmele, NC. She worked at June Day in Williamston, NC and later at Robersonville Products Company in Robersonville, NC until she had to resign due to health issues.

Diane was very active at her church, Mt. Zion UHC, Bethel, NC, where she served as Financial Secretary, Trustee, Janitor, and Chairperson of the Kitchen Committee, was a member of the Gospel Choir, and headed the Annual Family and Friends Day. She faithfully followed her pastor to different speaking engagements and assisted with various other programs at her church.

Diane wore several hats outside of the church as well. She was a professional cook and cooking instructor to whomever called upon her for assistance. She served as a cosmetologist, friend when you were in

trouble, counselor and mentor, disciplinarian, and banker. You could always count on her to feed you, lend you a sympathetic ear or take comfort in knowing that she would exhaust all possible options to assist you in problem resolution. Parents and relatives knew that if they trusted her with their child that they didn't have to worry because she wasn't having any mess but would provide the child with the love and care needed. Diane, most of all was about love and family. She was the glue that held our family together through the good and the bad times. No matter who you were, family, stranger, or friend of the family; once she met you, that person would always be considered "part of the family". She was often called "Aunt Diane" by many family friends. Anyone who ever came in contact with her loved her spirit, smile, and admired her for wanting the best for them no matter who they were or what mistakes you made in the past.

Diane leaves to cherish her memories, daughter, Sharon D. Gilliam of the home; grandson, Tashan Gilliam of the home; four brothers, Jasper E. Gilliam, Jr. (Pat) of Hamden, CT, Chauncey R. Gilliam, of the home, Walter L. Gilliam (Ella) of Bowie, MD, Glenn Gilliam (Vanessa) of Gaithersburg, MD; nieces, Vickie Peele of Bethel, NC, Sonya Gilliam of Hamden, CT, Kristen Gilliam of Newport News, VA, Autumn Gilliam of Atlanta, GA, Nicole Parker of Greenville, NC, Darlene Huskey (Michael) of New Haven, CT; nephews, Cortland Gilliam of Chapel Hill, NC, Austin Gilliam of Norfolk, VA; as well as many great-nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

328 Cemetery Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Service

SEP 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Wynn Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
191 Package-Craft Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Aunt Diane....you have no idea how much I love you and I miss you....*

Vickie - September 23, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *HAPPY HEAVENLY BDAY* 🌸💍🌸

Vickie Peele - February 18, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - November 01, 2017 at 09:58 AM



“ *George & Pat Worsley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



George & Pat Worsley - September 30, 2017 at 03:15 PM

PP

“ Wishing God will bless the Gilliam family with a peace that passes all understanding. May you cherish the memories and continue Diane's legacy - live, love and laugh.

Always,
Patricia, Perry and Paul

Patricia A. Perry - September 30, 2017 at 12:27 PM

JE

“ JewellWindley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



JewellWindley - September 30, 2017 at 08:42 AM

LH

“ Mt. Zion United Holy Church Secretary & Trustee, will truly be missed!!! Trustee Diane Gilliam We Love You, & will miss your Love, help, prayers, & encouraging words of wisdom!!! Rest In Peace Trustee Diane Gilliam!!! Please God give The Gilliam-Highsmith Family, Pastor & 1st Lady Elder Diggs- Mt. Zion Church Family Love, Peace, Joy, Healing, Comfort As Only You Can!!!

Larry & Trina Hines Family
Mother Margery Perkins Family



Larry & Trina Hines - September 30, 2017 at 06:53 AM

DW

“ *The warm glow of a candle reminds me of the warmth that I always felt in my heart when I was in Diane's presence since childhood.*

To God be the glory for her servant's heart and willing spirit.

Dianne Worsley Wilson



Dianne Wilson - September 30, 2017 at 05:41 AM

IE

“ *Dear Jasper, Chauncey, Butch:
We are so sorry to learn of Diane's passing. It seems like just yesterday we were all there growing up in Bethel always having fun. We wish all of you and her daughter much love. May you find comfort in remembering the happy times you all shared with Diane during her lifetime.*

*God Bless you always,
Izora and Mack Ebron, Jr.
Norwalk, Connecticut*

Izora Ebron - September 30, 2017 at 01:03 AM

CJ

“ *Corlis Pamela Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Corlis Pamela Jenkins - September 30, 2017 at 12:38 AM

JN

“ A long time friend . God will be with you the family in times like this



JD NEWSOME - September 29, 2017 at 08:30 PM

JH

“ Johnny&Lisa Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



Johnny&Lisa Howard - September 29, 2017 at 08:02 PM

JR

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Gilliam Family. She is with GOD now and will rest in heavenly peace. Continue to pray and trust in THE LORD, he will keep you in times of sorrow. My thoughts nd prayers are with you.



Jacob Rivers - September 29, 2017 at 04:19 PM

MW

“ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wallace lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wallace - September 29, 2017 at 04:11 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton E. Staton & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Rev.Milton E. Staton & Family - September 29, 2017 at 03:59 PM

RS

May God's Love Keep You All In Your Time of Need and Forever More!! We Love Yall Dearly!!

Rev.Milton E. Staton - September 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM

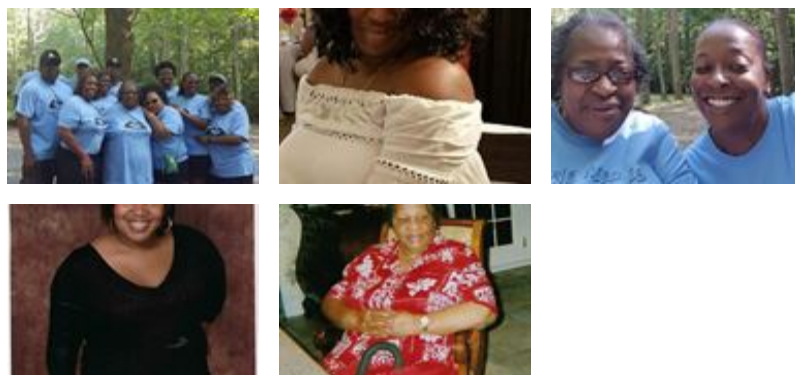
PD

Sorry for your loss. To the family of Diane. I worked with her in New Haven Conn at Henry Richards Company. Praying for your strength. Patricia Butler Davis

patricia davis - September 30, 2017 at 07:18 PM



“ *17 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 29, 2017 at 11:25 AM

FM

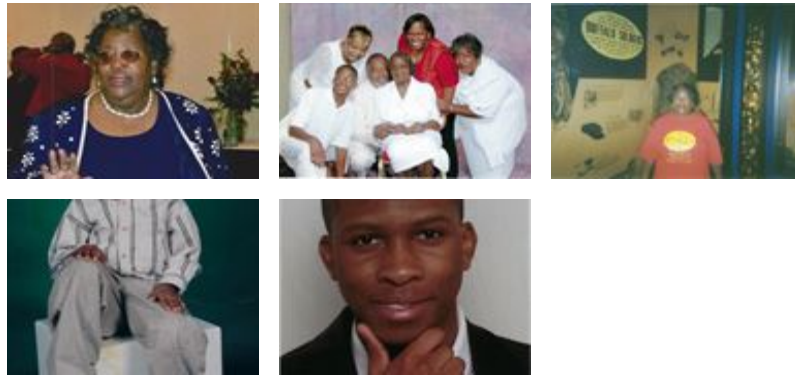
“ Frank And Susie Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



Frank and Susie Moore - September 29, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 29, 2017 at 08:59 AM

CG

“ Chris and Deborah Grays purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam.



Chris and Deborah Grays - September 29, 2017 at 07:44 AM

MC

“ SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PERSON, CLASS-MATE /AND FRIEND, DIANE WILL TRULY BE MISS, SHE WAS SUCH A HAPPY /JOLLY PERSON, CARING AND DEFINITELY LOVE HER FAMILY, I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW SHE BEING SICK HERSELF, STOOD RIGHT BY HER MOM SIDE. AND HER PRIDE AND JOY, HER DAUGHTER, SHARON, BE STRONG , GOD IS RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE, KNOWING THAT THE LOVE OF ALL YOUR UNCLES, COUSINS, WILL HELP YOU THROUGH THIS ""I AM PRAYING AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU ALL LOVE ALWAYS



MINISTER DORA COX/FAMILY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

MIN. DORA COX - September 29, 2017 at 01:41 AM

JJ

To my family and friends you have always been a part of our family and we yours may GOD'S love and BLESSING BE with you at this time and days to come I am praying for you'll. To Sharon your uncle and cousin and friends will be there for you but God is always with you.I will always keep you in my prayers. May GOD'S be with all of you and your family. James H Dolberry Jr

James H Dolberry Jr - September 30, 2017 at 12:09 AM

KP

“ Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



Kay Peele - September 28, 2017 at 09:41 PM

PS

“ *Pastor Ophelia Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Pastor Ophelia Smith - September 28, 2017 at 09:22 PM

PS

“ *To the Family,
Our prayers of comfort are being extended to you in this most difficult time. Diane was such a beautiful caring and loving lady that was a blessing to many.*

Deacon Samuel & Pastor Ophelia Smith

Pastor Ophelia Smith - September 28, 2017 at 09:21 PM

YJ

“ *Yvette Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Yvette Jenkins - September 28, 2017 at 04:33 PM

JJ

“ *JAMES Perkins Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



JAMES Perkins Jr - September 28, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JP

“ Praying for the Family an All of Diane Gilliam #Sweet Person From the Mt Zion Church Family!!!!Sincerely Mother Margery Perkins
*Pastor &First lady Diggs Bethel Nc

JAMES Perkins - September 28, 2017 at 04:03 PM

BM

“ Bro. Willie & Sis. Gaynell Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam



Bro. Willie & Sis. Gaynell Martin - September 28, 2017 at 07:17 AM

EP

“ Prayers for peace and comfort.

Eddie & Treva Perry - September 27, 2017 at 03:08 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Gillam family. May God continue to keep you in your time of need.

The Highsmith, Whitfield and Jackson Family

Sandra Whitfield - September 27, 2017 at 01:40 PM

PT

"I am very sorry to hear about your lost. But we will have the Gillam family in, our thoughts and prayers. Pastor James Taylor & Family"

Pastor James Taylor - September 27, 2017 at 11:03 PM

MW

PRAYING FOR THE GILLAM FAMILY, PASTOR MAMIE WOODARD AND BETHEL UNITED HOLY CHURCH, KENLY, NC.

MAMIE WOODARD - September 28, 2017 at 11:17 PM

PD

To the Gilliam Family: So sorry to hear about the passing of Diane. I worked with her many years ago in New Haven, Conn at the Henry Richards Company. We became friends and has always been friends. Praying God will see you through and comfort you.

Patricia G Davis - September 30, 2017 at 11:41 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Sandra Whitfield - September 27, 2017 at 01:37 PM

MR

“ *Love from Team Russell*



Monica Russell - September 27, 2017 at 08:10 AM

RG

“ *Reverend Doretta Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



Reverend Doretta Gilliam - September 26, 2017 at 11:19 PM

MC

“ *Minister Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Ms. Diane Marie Gilliam*



minister dora cox - September 26, 2017 at 06:25 PM