



## Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines

May 20, 1922 - September 10, 2020

Mother Lillie Mae Mooring Vines, daughter of Chester and Melissa Mooring was born on a farm in Pitt County on May 20, 1922. She transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Red Oak Manor Assisted Living Facility, Greenville, NC. Mother Vines' unwavering faith in God and strong will to live carried her throughout her 98 years of life.

Mother Vines, affectionately called "Lillie Mae" by her many relatives and friends, received her formal education in the Pitt County School System. As an adult, she furthered her education with classes at Pitt Community College. Mother Vines was employed in the farming industry and retired as a housekeeper from East Carolina University. Mother Vines was also a gifted seamstress, quilter and upholsterer.

Mother Vines was united in Holy Matrimony to Ulysses Vines for 52 years. This union was blessed with four loving children.

Mother Vines joined the St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and served faithfully as a member of the Mother's Board, the Senior Choir, Able Book Club, Home Mission, Senior Fellowship Ministry, Sunday School, Bible Study and Baptist Training Union. She was a quiet, prayerful warrior. When a problem presented itself, she led by Christian example and would say "Let's pray about it!" She was a woman of faith, and a true matriarch of the Vines family. Although known for her quiet disposition, some of her greatest joy came from cooking for and graciously hosting relatives and friends who stopped by for a visit. She was a remarkable cook and enjoyed preparing

meals for those she loved, especially during the holidays. Each visitor held a special place in her heart.

A farm girl at heart, Mother Vines was an early riser and accomplished many activities before daybreak. Walking and gardening were just a few of her passions. It was early mornings when she rose to walk for miles as exercise. She would then turn her attention to her beautiful flower garden where her green thumb held the secrets to make a garden flourish. Mother Vines continued her early morning routine well into her nineties when her failing health required her to stop, but she remained enthusiastic about walking. One could even say walking was one of her secrets to a long life. To Mother Vines, walking was her opportunity to reflect and spend time with her Lord and Saviour before the hustle and bustle of each day. Her independent spirit and clockwork routine led her to wake in the early hours of September 10, 2020, and dress herself to take her walk through the Gates of Heaven.

Mother Vines faithfully cared for family and friends over many decades. Her signature gift of spreading love and joy through her constant smiles, her laughter and quick wit, and her Christian fellowship will never be forgotten. Mother Vines was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Melissa Mooring; her husband, Ulysses Vines; her eldest daughter, Josephine Mays; her sisters, Bruce Mooring and Mable Moore; her brothers, Chester Mooring, Leonard Mooring, Bonnie Mooring, S.T. Mooring.

Mother Vines leaves to cherish her legacy, one daughter, Vivian Vines of Greenville, NC; two sons, Freddie Vines of Greenville, NC and William David Vines of Raleigh, NC; six grandchildren, Tamila Lee (Larry) of Charlotte, NC, Kenasha Laws (Kenneth) of Winterville, NC, Lyric Cunningham of Burlington, NC, James Jones of Killeen, TX, Reginald Mays (LaVonda) of Richmond, VA, and Houston Vines (Kara) of Morrisville, NC; six nieces, Margaret Hagood of Philadelphia, PA, Betty Lee (Lawrence) of District Heights, MD, Sylvia Bowen of Washington, DC, Jennifer Barnes (Michael) of Clayton, NC, Hilda Mooring of New Haven, CT, and Jean Mooring of Birmingham, AL; four nephews, Earl Mooring (Grace) of Kansas City, MO, Garland Morning (Betty) of Greenville,

NC, Clayton Mooring (Chana) of  
Baltimore, MD and Kevin Mooring (Loray) of Baltimore, MD; nine great  
grandchildren; and host of other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **18.** 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **19.** 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church  
1251 Fleming School Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Cousins and family  
I know that you will miss your dear Mom in a  
profound and aching way. May the love of  
friends and family carry you through your  
grief.*

*Sylvia Bowen*

Sylvia Bowen - October 16, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ *This is from cousin Cee. He wants you all to know that your mother  
was very nice to him. He also said he will miss her. She was a very  
special Lady. You all continue to love and be be there for each  
other. Be Blessed to everyone. Cousin Cee and Wife Queen.*

Ulysses & Queen Mooring - September 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Teresa Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Lillie Mae Vines*

Teresa Pugh - September 20, 2020 at 04:22 PM



SP

“ *Rest in peace, Mother Lillie.*



Sarah Pritchard - September 19, 2020 at 06:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines.*



September 19, 2020 at 12:30 AM

DF

“ *Danyetta Sneed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



Danyetta Sneed and family - September 18, 2020 at 03:31 PM

SW

“ *Sharon Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



Sharon Ward - September 18, 2020 at 03:11 PM

JC

“ Our sincere sympathy to you, family on the loss of cousin Lillie Mae. We are praying God's comfort to you at this most difficult time.  
*The Chance Family*



**JANIE R CHANCE** - September 18, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CP

“ Craig Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines



**Craig Parker** - September 18, 2020 at 01:05 PM

MF

“ Ms. Lillie will always be remembered for her kindness, and sweet spirit. Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family.  
*Mary Payton, Sheila Jones and Family*



**Mary Payton, Sheila Jones and Family** - September 18, 2020 at 11:23 AM

PL

“ I always enjoy visiting Mother Vines and taking her hard candy. She was such a delight to listen to as she shared how she was doing which was being thankful. I admired her courageous spirit and her faith in God. May Grace and Peace be upon the Vines family. *Pamela Little*



**Pamela Little** - September 17, 2020 at 10:23 PM

VJ

“ Vickie Joyner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines



Vickie Joyner - September 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

JM

“ Jerrol Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines



Jerrol Moore - September 17, 2020 at 11:41 AM

DC

“ First of all, I would like to say, rest in peace because you have completed your work here on this earth and now, you are joining the other of God's Holy Angels in Heaven. I have known Mrs. Lillie Mae, since childhood as her children and most of my brothers and sister came up together to share wonderful times as we grew together. Mrs. Lillie Mae, and my Mother were just like sisters always coming together to do tasks that would enable the two families. I have always viewed her as a second Mother, as when some activities were about to take place within my family, I would always make it a point to include her to be in the presence of my Mother. When my Mother passed in 2004, Mrs. Lillie Mae, came forth to speak words of how the two of them were always devoted to each other. What my Mother had, you better believe Mrs. Lillie Mae, had too. Now, God Almighty, has called her home to be with the others as she was the last surviving group of ladies in her circle. I say to her children and my childhood friends to let her go and keep her in memories to know that she is no longer dealing with her illness. I am sorry that I can not be there to share your loss since the conditions of safety is very important. You have my deep complete sympathy. Gone but, will not be forgotten.

David Clemons - Triangle, VA.

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David Clemons - September 17, 2020 at 09:31 AM

SC

My deepest sympathy to my family. Aunt Lillie Mae was a sweet lady. She will certainly be missed. You are in my prayers.

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Shirley Cox - September 18, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BS

Rest In Peace Mrs Lillie Mae. I met you and your family when I was in elementary school and Freddy and I have been best friends ever since. May god continue to bless the vines family. Bobby Spruill. 😊

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Bobby Spruill - September 22, 2020 at 11:06 PM

UB

“ *Ulinda Ward Barnhill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



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**Ulinda Ward Barnhill** - September 17, 2020 at 12:41 AM

MJ

“ *Mona Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



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**Mona Johnson** - September 16, 2020 at 04:30 PM

KO

“ *So sorry for your loss, Mrs Vines was such a precious lady. I loved talking with her over the past couple years til covid came along. She ate at same table with my Mom so I saw her almost every day. I remember one day I was trying to encourage her to eat her lunch that it looked so good. She said you can have it, if it looks so good you eat it. I missed seeing her the past six months but will never forget this sweet lady.*



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**Katherine Oakley** - September 16, 2020 at 10:01 AM

AB

“ *Annette Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



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**Annette Barnes** - September 15, 2020 at 01:34 PM

CG

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the Vines family.  
Senior Fellowship at Holly Hill FWB Church*



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**Carolyn Glast** - September 15, 2020 at 12:54 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Vines*



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**Sandra Clark** - September 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

TD

“ *To : Cousin Vivian, my thoughts are with you.Havent seen you and your mother since you were at my grandmother's funeral the late Olivia Dixon. I remember cousin Lillie Mae was celebrating her 95bithday that day. The two of them always stayed in touch with each other.*

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**Tony Dixon** - September 14, 2020 at 03:51 PM

DV

*To My Family! Mom Lillie Mae was a loving gentle soul and a wonderful mother-in-law . I'm grateful for the many inspiring memories. Another Angel has gone to be with the Lord. Dorothy Vines*

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**Dorothy Vines** - September 17, 2020 at 11:49 AM

SB

*Cousins and family. I know that you will miss your Mother and Grandmother in a profound and aching way. May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. Cousin Sylvia Moore Bowen*

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**Sylvia Bowen** - October 16, 2020 at 08:26 PM