



Mr. William Hilliard

September 29, 1940 - September 12, 2021

Bill was born September 29, 1940 in Halifax County, North Carolina to the late Pattie Hilliard and David Evans. In an act of love, bravery and selflessness, Bill was placed in the care of his uncle and aunt, Tommie and Mary Hilliard. Although it would appear that Bill had separate families, he dedicated his life to bridging the gaps through love. He entered eternal rest peacefully on Sunday, September 12, 2021.

In 1958, Bill graduated from Oak City High School in Martin County, North Carolina. He moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1959, where he resided with his father David, his mother Nannie, and his siblings. He landed a job at Deluxe Toy Factory. There he met the love of his life, Archer (Mae) Liggins, with a little help from a few friends. They were married in 1963 and enjoyed fifty-eight beautiful years of life, love, and laughter. From this union two children were born, Yulanda Trevor and Baron Lerone. After many years of employment at ABC Baling Wire in Weehawken and the US Postal Service, Bill retired and relocated back to Greenville, North Carolina with Mae. They both joined Greenville Christian Community Center and became active, flourishing members.

Bill was a sports lover...a Pittsburgh Steelers and Serena Williams devotee until the end! He loved to bowl and was active in leagues in both New Jersey and North Carolina. He was known for his love for basketball but could also be found donned in his Senior Games t-shirt playing softball, shuffleboard, track, shot putt or bocce ball. If you were looking for a partner in Spades or Bid

Whist, Bill was your guy. He was everyone's "Uncle Bill" and always seemed to have exactly what you needed when you needed it...whether it was a place to stay, a word of encouragement, or a "dap" to remind you that you weren't alone. Bill was an amazing husband, father, son, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. He was also the partner you wanted on the dance floor.

Bill was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers, Ruth Mae Hilliard, Hattie Eddy, Velbertha Whitaker, Anna Mae Brooks, Barbara Sanders, Johnny Mack Ridley, David Hilliard, and Josephicus Evans.

Those left to cherish his memories, celebrate his life, and continue his legacy of love are his devoted wife, Mae; daughter, Yulanda (Bruce); son, Baron (Erika); granddaughter, Taylor; bonus granddaughter, Tiara; three sisters; Mamie Chisolm (Odell), Bettye Carson, and Mary Ridley, three brothers; Paul Ridley, Curtis Shields (Doris), and James Evans, Jr (Sara); brother-in-laws: Odell Chisolm, James Liggins, Jr. and Eddie Ray Liggins (deceased), sister-in-laws: Doris Shields, Sara Evans, Alice McGloster, Melba Liggins, and Charity Liggins. Bill also leaves to cherish his memories a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends who have become family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Community Christian Church
1104 N Memorial Drive
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - September 20, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mr. William Hilliard*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Deloris Farmer(Niece Of Mary L. Hilliard lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Deloris Farmer(Niece of Mary L. Hilliard - October 04, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *My heart is aching at the loss of Bill. He was so full of life and loved his family friends and God, Especially his wife. He was my bowling partner for many years until Mae needed him at home. Big loss for our team. He made bowling fun and always had an ink pen behind his ear. We socialize out of the bowling alley from playing games to baseball and home barbecues. We love both of them. Praying for strength during this difficult time. We will truly miss him.*

Sandra and Johnnie Whitley - September 20, 2021 at 01:47 PM

PJ

“ *Pamela Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Pamela Jones - September 20, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Hello Family, We are thinking of and praying for you during the incredibly difficult time. Pop was an honest and upstanding man! Robert and I will miss the impromptu visits when he and mom would visit Plainfield. I know your hearts are heavy, but I pray that God will give each of you a sweet peace...the kind that passes all understanding.*



Dyane Miller - September 20, 2021 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ *Thompson Family lit a candle
“In loving memory of William Hilliard, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.”*



Thompson Family - September 20, 2021 at 10:49 AM

PB

“ September 15, 2021
Paulette & Edward Briddle lit a candle
“In loving memory of William Hilliard, We have
only happy memories of Cousin Bill, He was
always Happy, Positive and Up Lifting. Please
accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.”



Paulette Briddle - September 20, 2021 at 10:47 AM

SH

“ MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES!!! We
were blessed to know him and his amazing
spirit will always be PRESENT. GOD WILL
SEE YOU THROUGH! 😊



Sally Harmon - September 20, 2021 at 10:21 AM

BA

“ "Praying that Our Lord Jesus Christ continue
to uplift and comfort you all doing this difficult
time". Love you much. Cousins Sadie, Brenda
and Larry Appleton.



Brenda Appleton - September 20, 2021 at 05:18 AM

RP

“ Rev. Clarence & Isabelle Pender lit a candle
in memory of Mr. William Hilliard



Rev. Clarence & Isabelle Pender - September 19, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.*



September 19, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.*



September 18, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ *Susie Pender lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Susie Pender - September 17, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *After a storm there is sunshine; After a drought there is rain; After grief, millions of precious memories, comfort - and healing will fill your hearts, as surely as day follows night. May GOD continue to comfort and strengthen the FAMILY. -Cousin Susie Pender, Tarboro, NC.*

Susie Pender - September 17, 2021 at 07:50 PM

LW

“ *Just want to say that Bill will be missed. Love to his wife and family*

Lillie Wood - September 17, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.*



September 17, 2021 at 03:23 PM

SC

“ *Sylvia Skinner Chatman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Sylvia Skinner Chatman - September 17, 2021 at 12:47 AM

RJ

“ *Rev. Fred Morris, Jr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Rev. Fred Morris, Jr - September 16, 2021 at 11:39 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Fred And Mrs. Lenora Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Rev. Fred and Mrs. Lenora Morris - September 16, 2021 at 11:37 PM

MW

“ *MARLON AND CHERYL WILLIAMS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.*



MARLON AND CHERYL WILLIAMS - September 16, 2021 at 08:30 PM

CM

“ *Cynthia Carter and Shani Carter Mckinney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.*



Cynthia Carter and Shani Carter Mckinney - September 16, 2021 at 06:32 PM

CC

“ *Bill and Mae were the best neighbors I ever had. My sincere condolences and prayers to the family!*
Cynthia Carter

Cynthia Carter - September 16, 2021 at 06:26 PM

CC

“ Cynthia Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard



Cynthia Carter - September 16, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JW

“ James And Yvonne Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard



james and yvonne wilson - September 16, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Hilliard.



September 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - September 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family - September 14, 2021 at 11:20 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family - September 14, 2021 at 11:19 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Rev.Milton& Delores Staton Family - September 14, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Joseph & Peggy Slade lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard*



Joseph & Peggy Slade - September 14, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JJ

“ Bill loved to play basketball almost as much as he loved to laugh. He was the Golden Gramps shortstop (no pun intended) for many years. He will surely be missed!



jim - September 14, 2021 at 02:55 PM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard



Ben Wooten - September 14, 2021 at 08:49 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Hilliard



Ben Wooten - September 13, 2021 at 09:11 PM

EH

“ May God Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - September 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM