

Remembering Our Songbird

Lillie Lee Hill Watts

Sunrise

January 10, 1943

Sunset

January 24, 2021



~OBITUARY~

Lillie Lee Hill Watts was born on January 10, 1943, in Jeffersonville, Georgia. She was the sixth child of ten children born to the late Versie Mae Marcus Hill and James Faulk Hill, Sr. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: James Faulk Hill, Jr, Cleveland Hill, Lee Thomas Hill and Willie Hill. Lillie peacefully transitioned from this life on January 24, 2021.

Lillie accepted Christ at an early age and joined Old Marion Baptist Church where she exercised her singing gift. She attended school in the Twiggs County School System. When Lillie was 18, she moved to New York to live with her cousin James and Mary Stephens. While living in New York she joined New Canaan Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY, where she sung in the choir. Lillie loved to dance and was the life of the party. It was at a party where she met the love of her life, Mr. Shumpert Watts, Jr. In 1969, they married and raised 5 children while living in the Bronx, New York. Later in life, she joined the Church of God 7th Day where she served as faithful member. She was a choir member, director of the adult choir, a primary sabbath school teacher, President of the Shining Stars women's group and the church youth group "Youth Challengers."

Lillie was employed as a cafeteria worker at Seven Corners Day Care Center. She later joined her husband in building a successful business called "Thunder Courier." She also assisted her husband, "Dea. Watts"- who was a gospel promoter, in organizing gospel programs for over 30 years. While enjoying listening to music, she began a singing career and was known as the "Country Western Gospel Singer". She performed as a soloist and later formed a gospel group called the "New Arrivals". As a singer, Lillie was able to touch the lives of so many. She enjoyed listening to quartet music, reading the bible, and during her final days, organized a virtual prayer call with her siblings.

In 2003, Lillie and Shumpert moved to Louin, Mississippi. She enjoyed being a part of the Shape Note Singers, Concerned Citizens, NAACP~Jasper County, and ministering at the nursing homes.

On Sunday, January 24th Lillie began to sing the song "Lord I'm Coming Home". Unbeknown to her husband, children, family, and friends, she was singing her last song.

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Lillie leaves to cherish her memories: a devoted husband of 51 years, Shumpert Watts, Jr. of Louin, MS; two daughters: Katina Watts of Stone Mountain, GA and Deborah W. Crayton (Gregory) of Long Island, NY; three sons: Wendell Hill (Jacqueline) of Macon, GA, Jeffrey L. Watts (Linda) of New Port Richey, FL, and Maurice Watts, Sr. (Tammy) of Stroudsburg, PA. Eleven grandchildren: Yondias “Monique”, Tyneshia, and Tanea Hill all of the Bronx, New York, Andre Wimberly of Macon, GA, Christine C. Robinson (Jahosa) of Uniondale, NY, Cameron Crayton (La’Shay) of NYC, NY, Camille C. Muir (Stephen) of Brooklyn, NY; Caanan Crayton of Uniondale, New York; Eugene Richardson of Houston, TX; Maurice Watts, Jr. of Stroudsburg, PA and Rayah K. Hudson of Stone Mountain, GA; and 12 great-grandchildren. She found so much joy in her family of sisters and brothers who had a tremendous bond from birth. She leaves her love for her three sisters: Annie Mae Hill and Ruthie M. James of Macon, GA; Indiana Williams (Grady) of Brooklyn, NY and two brothers Bobby Hill (JoAnne) of Detroit, MI and Johnny B. Hill of Macon, GA. One aunt, Ruthie T. Marcus of Macon, GA. Four Sisters-in-law: Addie B. Gammage of Raleigh, MS, N. Pearl Watts of Bronx, NY, Bessie Hill of Macon, GA, and Precious Hill of Cleveland, OH; two brothers-in-law: H. Earl Watts (Evelyn) of Louin, MS and Jimmie Watts (Sonya) of Columbus, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and special surrogate daughters and caretakers, Janice Smith and Meschell Pullin of Chicago, IL.



~Order of Service~

Friday, January 29, 2021

Old Marion Baptist Church

5993 Bullard Road, Jeffersonville, GA 31044

Glenda Nickson, Mistress of Ceremony

Elder Shumpert Watts, Jr., Eulogist

The Prelude

The Processional

The Scripture.....Pastor Gregory Crayton
United Church of God Seventh Day

The Prayer.....Eddie Walker

The Resolution..... Tammy Watts
Solomon Union Singing Convention/ NAACP

The Tributes.....
Gregory Crayton- Church Member
Tyneshia S. Hill and Rayah K. Hudson- Family

The Family Acknowledgements.....Katina Watts

The Selection.....The Grandchildren

Eulogy.....Elder Shumpert Watts, Jr.

Committal and Interment.....Old Marion Church Cemetery

Active Pallbearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Family Acknowledgements

When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear, we looked up and our friends were there. You were there with encouraging words, written and spoken. You were there with smiling faces, and hearts that were open. You comforted us and shared our grief in our time of need.

There's never a moment that God doesn't care; never a time when God won't hear our prayers. We the family of Mrs. Lillie Lee Hill Watts wish to extend our sincerest appreciation for your prayers, calls, text messages and many other acts of kindness shown to us during this time.

Services Entrusted to:

Bay Springs Funeral Home
3 East 1st Ave., Bay Spring, MS 39422

Paschal Memorial Funeral Home
181 N Church St., Jeffersonville, GA 31044



~Virtuous Wife~



~Loving Mother~



~Dedicated Grandma~



~Devoted Sister~



~Proud Aunt~





~Family
First~





~Faithful Friend~



"Queen"

You were born a princess of your time,
Then a mother for all, even mine.

You became a special one's wife,
and that lasted until the end of life.

You were called Mommy or Mama Lil
by your daughters and sons;
But it was "Lil" you were called, by
your number one.

Grandma was the title given to you by
our children at will;
While niece and nephews both called
you, Aunt Lillie or Ant Lil.

Though we were spoiled during your time here on earth,
When God needed an Angel, he saw fit to take you first.

And no, you did not go there alone. A part of each of us went with you,
When you were called home.



Sleep on beloved Mommy and Queen,
And may the fruits of your labor be realized
in our dreams.

~Written by Wendell Hill



The image shows two African American women from the chest up. They are both wearing white, possibly lace-trimmed, blouses and glasses. The woman on the left is holding a black microphone to her mouth and appears to be speaking or singing. The woman on the right is also holding a microphone and looking towards the first woman. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The Address In Heaven

Dear Family & Friends,

I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from God, The Chief Architect, who informed me that my new house was ready and that I could move in immediately.

You all know I have been sending up my timber, packing up, and getting ready to go. There were some minor finishing touches that only Chief Jesus Christ could do. Some of the timber was too broad, thick or not long enough.

Now that my new home is finished, it's such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a beautiful pearly white gate, just off a serene shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and the half has yet to be told.

I've lived in many places before, but none compare to my new home. There is Peace, Joy, and Happiness here with no more pain to bear. No strife or discontent; I must get fitted for my wings. Let me give you my new address:

Lillie Lee Hill Watts
1 Gate to the City Avenue
Godstown, Heaven 77777

P.S. I don't have a telephone yet, but just call God. If you don't have His number, He is listed in the Good Book on every page- contact Him.