



## Emma Delane Johnson Hillard

September 27, 1950 - June 26, 2021

Funeral services for Emma Johnson Hillard will be held 12 noon Friday, July 2, 2021, at Palmer Memorial Chapel in Columbia, SC. Interment will follow at Memorial Gardens of Columbia. Public viewing will be held on Thursday from 1-6pm and on Friday from 11 am until the hour of service.

Emma Delane Hillard peacefully exchanged her rugged cross for her precious crown

on June 26, 2021 at Prisma Palmetto Baptist Continuous Care in Columbia, South Carolina.

Emma was the daughter of the late Peter and Ida Mae Johnson and was born September 27, 1950 in St. George, South Carolina. She is preceded in death by her

siblings Raisy Simon, Curtis Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Robert Johnson and Nathaniel Johnson.

Mrs. Emma attended Bowman High School in Bowman, SC. She was a faithful

member of Brookland Baptist Northeast Church where she served as a member of the

intercessory prayer team. She also worked with the children's summer programs and

Sunday school. Emma worked with the Federal US Marshall Service for more

than 25

years. She then changed careers and was employed at Carolina's Telco Federal Credit

Union as Teller Manager for 25 plus years until her retirement. Her passion in life was

spending quality time with her family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Emma and her husband, Brunson Hillard, met as children. Their families grew up

together as they worked with their parents as sharecroppers. They later fell in love and

were married in Washington D.C. and they remained married for fifty years.

Their union

was blessed with three children. She was a dedicated loving wife, an excellent mother,

grandmother, and great grandmother.

She leaves loving memories cherished by her devoted husband, Brunson Hillard Jr.;

children, Sylvia Thomas of Orangeburg, SC, Ratesha Davis of Columbia, SC and Sonya

Hillard-Taylor (Chadrick) of Houston, TX; eight grandchildren, Jordanne Thomas of

Sumter, SC, Demtrius Thomas of Orangeburg, SC, Dwayne Davis Jr. of Columbia, SC,

TreVaughn Thomas of Orangeburg, SC, Benjamin Davis of Columbia, SC, Ferron

Thomas of Orangeburg, SC, Makenzie Taylor of Houston, TX, Mark Minor of Omaha,

NE; two great grandchildren, Genesis Graham-Thomas of Rock Hill, SC and Serenity

Ballard of Sumter, SC; five siblings; Reather Mae Willis of St. George, SC, Peter

(Jeanette) Johnson Jr. of Forestville, MD, Betty (Richard) Edminston of Laurel, MD,

Phillipine J. Wheeler of St. Matthews, SC, Clifford (Shirley Ann) Johnson of St. George,

SC; sisters-in-law, Linda Johnson of St. George, SC, Eartha Lee Brown of Washington,

D.C., Mary Oliver of Washington, D.C., Drucilla (Sonny) Johnson of Washington, DC,

and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Services will be Livestreamed at 12:00 noon on Facebook - Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Delane Johnson Hillard*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Emma Delane Johnson Hillard.*



July 02, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ *Mary And Willie Andrews lit a candle in memory of Emma Delane Johnson Hillard*



**Mary and Willie Andrews** - July 01, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *I will miss my dear friend Emma. She along with Mrs. Burke sat together every Sunday at church. We were partners. She was a dear friend whom I loved and will miss.*

**Loraine Montgomery** - July 01, 2021 at 03:56 PM

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“ *To . Thomas/Hilliard Family  
Our condolences to family, and may God strengthen you during this  
time.*

*Epps Family*

*Aunt Rosa, Dominique, Shaquille, James  
Bridgeport, Ct.*

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**Rosa Williams-Epps** - June 30, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Emma Delane Johnson Hillard.*



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June 29, 2021 at 05:33 PM