

*Celebrating Her 100 Years of
Life*



Lilla Belle Allen Graham

*Sunrise
September 11, 1918*

*Sunset
January 11, 2019*

Home Going Service:
Friday, January 18, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

MONUMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH
121 Lafayette Street • Jersey City, NJ 07304
Officiating Ministers
Rev. Annie Rea and Rev. Joseph L. Jones, Sr.

IN GOD'S HANDS

Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh, so new.

I wish that you could close
your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me.

Try to understand.

God is taking care of me...

I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness,
and no sorrow, and no pain.

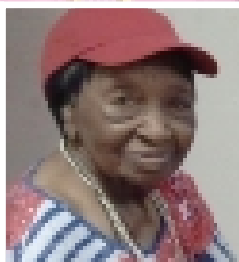
Here there is no crying,
and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.

I really have to go for now...

I've just got to try my wings.

P.S. ...I'll be the first face you
see when you get here!



Obituary

Lilla Belle Allen Graham was born on September 11, 1918 in James Island, South Carolina to the late John Allen and Julia Washington. Lilla was called home to her eternal reward on Friday, January 11, 2019, at Alaris Health at Harborview in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Lilla was baptized in 1932 at Zion Baptist Church in Jersey City by the late Rev. Dr. William Epps.

Lilla was joined in marriage to Willie Graham on April 29, 1936 in Charleston, SC. To this union 4 children were born.

Lilla received her education in the Charleston and Jersey City Public Schools. She was employed at Western Electric and worked as a seamstress in Union City. Lilla worked at Pollock Hospital and Christ Hospital before receiving her certification to become a hospital aide in October 1956. She was employed at the former Jersey City Medical Center as a nurses aide from July 1957 until February 1994 when she retired after 37 years of employment.

Lilla opened up her home to many family members and friends. She was an excellent singer and seamstress. Lilla loved her family, who affectionately called her Nana. She was an avid walker and loved to travel, whether around Jersey City, down south, or down the shore. And she was always on the hunt for the perfect pair of gauchos.

Lilla is preceded in death by her husband, Willie Graham, son, William Graham, grandson, Errol Graham, and brother, Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Allen, Sr.

Lilla leaves to cherish her memories, her daughters Julia Buie Sherman (Carlton), Mary Helen Graham-Aiken, and Gloria Felder; grandchildren, Vanessa Harley (KC), John Buie Jr., Tama Felder-Ridley (Troy) and Tanea Felder Greco (Ronald); great grands, Tyquan Buie, Laquisa Van Dyke, Kasan and Yusuf Harley, and Troy Ridley, Jr.; great-great grands, Maylan, Maliyah, and Layla; sister, Mary H. Sampa; nephews, Elder Benjamin Allen, Jr. (Yvonne), Pastor Javon Allen (Carrie); nieces, Laverne Bacon, Rosemary Richardson, and Juliette Allen; goddaughter Millerdean Butler; and special extended family members, the Walton and Marion families.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude Sidney Hagans

Processional Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Javon P. Allen

Musical Selection Marlon Brightman

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Tama Felder-Ridley

New Testament - Matthew 5:3-10 Jason Walton

Musical Selection Mary Graham-Aiken

Reflections (2 minute limit please) Family and Friends

Acknowledgements of Condolences Vera Caldwell

Musical Selection Mark Guerette

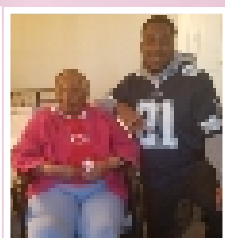
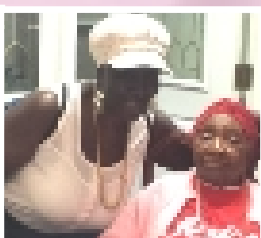
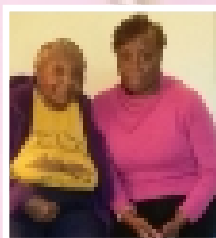
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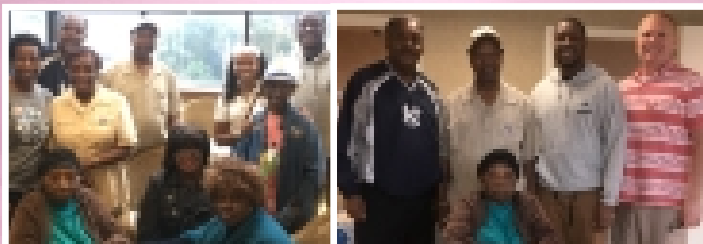
Musical Selection Monumental Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy Rev. Annie Rae Jones

Final Viewing

*Benediction/Recessional Pastor Beau D. Nelson
Chaplain of Lutheran Senior LIFE*





The Final Disposition will be private

Repat

***The family will receive friends for a repast
immediately following the service at
Monumental Baptist Church***

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

Professional Services Entrusted To:

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Sidney M. Hagans, Director

