

*Celebrating
the Life
of*

*Lillian
Jefferson*

Sunrise: February 11, 1937
Sunset: April 28, 2020

Friday, May 8, 2020 – 11:30am

Charles A. West Funeral & Cremation Service LLC
34 East 25th Street, Bayonne NJ 07002

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings
Old & New Testaments

Musical Selection

Reflections
Please limit remarks to 2 minutes

Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction & Recessional

Interment

Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey

Obituary

It is with heavy hearts that the family of **Lillian Jefferson** announces her passing on the morning of April 28, 2020, at the age of 83. Born to Richard and Sally Green in Charleston, South Carolina on February 11, 1937, Lillie began her spiritual journey at Emmanuel Methodist Church. As a teenager, she moved to New Jersey with her sister, Henrietta Thompson. Lillie graduated from Ferris High School in Jersey City. Shortly after, she wed Willie C. Gadson in 1956. Their union was blessed with eight children. Lillie worked as a housekeeper and full-time mother. She later worked as a caterer at Spice and Company with her beloved friend Juliet Wentworth. After becoming a widow, Lillie later remarried Wesley Jefferson in the summer of 1988. Her family continued to grow through the years.

Lillian had an undeniable passion and love for the church. It was during choir rehearsal in January of 1958, she was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. The first church she attended in Jersey City was New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. James N. Williams. She also attended the Cornerstone Church of Christ led by Bishop Grady Dale. Lillian then joined the Good Shepherd Church of Christ under the leadership of District Elder Walter Meadows; there she would become a cornerstone within the church. Throughout the years, Lillie was heavily involved in her congregation; she sang in the choir, was a devoted member of the usher board, and taught Sunday School. Lillie's dedication did not stop there, for many years she served as the Missionary President.

Lillian's service to the church did not go unnoticed. Elder Meadow called upon Lillie with a significant request. After seeking the Lord's guidance, he asked Lillie to consider replacing previous church Mother, Sallie Smith who was moving away. She was incredibly nervous about this decision and doubted her ability to fulfill his plea; she asked if he was sure. Elder Meadow explained that God had laid it on his heart to make her the church Mother. Although she was reluctant, he did not give up and offered to relieve her of some of her duties. With the understanding and confidence that God would not give her more than she could handle, Elder Meadow was able to convince Lillian to become the beloved church Mother.

After the Lord called Pastor Meadows home, Mother Jefferson continued to serve faithfully and dutifully as the church mother under the leadership of Pastor Bishop James Herron Sr. Her significant impact on the community was felt by the pastor, young congregants and church families.

Lillian will forever be remembered by those who loved her dearly. She was a devoted mother both to her children and her church, a loving grandmother, an amazing cook, and a classy dresser with a hat to match.

Lillie was predeceased in death by her loving parents Richard & Sally Green; husbands, Willie C Gadson and Wesley Jefferson; son, Rev. C. Gadson; son-in-law, Roberto Jimmy Morales; sister and brother-in-law, Henrietta and James Thompson and brother, Richard Green Jr.

Lillie leaves to cherish her memories, her children, Terry Morales, Willie C Gadson, Lauren Lee (Alton), Carmen Depina (Anthony), James Gadson (Vickie), Justine and Hope Gadson; 11 stepchildren; one surviving brother, Alphonso Green (Ivy); sister-in-law, Ruth Green; Godson, James Herron Jr.; Grandchildren, Angel, Lorenzo and Eric Gadson, Sihee Lee, Roberto Jr (Ayanna) and Ramon Morales, Jennifer Thomas, Christina and Crystal Gadson, Jermaine Depina, James Jr and Mary Gadson; 30 step-grandchildren; Great grandchildren, Aaliyah, Jace, Janayam, Ramon, Keyari, Sanai and Sariya Morales, Dionna, Delina and Jacob Gadson, Layla, Nana, Jermaine Jr, Nayia, and Noah Depina, Jahtearya, Analaya and Cassius Thomas, James III, Semaj, and Kempton Gadson,; 48 step-great grandchildren and 14 step-great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Michael (Denise), Jimmy (Netta), and Clarence Thompson, Carolyn Lawrence (Wayne), Patricia, Richard III, Darlene, Charlene, Tiffany and Al Jr Green and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friend.



Tributes

Don't cry cause I'm gone. Instead smile cause I'm a child of God and the good times we had. Remember to keep God first and everything will fall in line. I will continue to spread love and happiness to everyone I meet.

Love Always Your Children

Grandma has ears that truly listens, arms that always hold love that's never ending and a heart that's made of gold.

Love you Grandma

As I traveled down memory lane, I remembered all the good times we've shared, and I can't help but miss you every day. So Grandma, I promise to always keep your memory alive and all the things that you have taught me to become a better, loving, and humble person just like you.

From Your Grandchildren



Live your
Blessed
Life

Life Is But a Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the lord

—Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*We would like to thank all for their sincere condolences during this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers most importantly.
The Family of Lillian Jefferson*

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