

Celebrating the Life of



Lillie Bell Irwin

Sunrise
December 25, 1945

Sunset
June 6, 2020

Thursday, June 25, 2020 - 7pm

Greater Temple of Praise - House of Judah

157 Snediker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Bishop Jeffrey L. White I, Officiating

Obituary

Lillie Bell Irvin “Lillian” was born on December 25, 1945 in Gough, Georgia, to her parents, the late Matthew and Alzora Irvin. She migrated to Brooklyn, New York at the age of 10 with her late aunt Reddia Jenkins and late grandmother Marion Jenkins, where Lillie created a wonderful and blessed life. Lillie completed her education in Brooklyn, NY and upon completion she created a large legacy that she always spoke proudly of.

If you knew Lillie you are aware that photos of her children stayed in her wallet. Lillie was known for her straight talk and no nonsense personality, that set an outstanding and strong character to all who met and knew her. Those who knew her loved her. She was also known for her diva style and stance. She was a professional thrifter who loved antiques, pocketbooks, hats, clothes and God. Lillie was a caring woman and was employed as a caregiver with Long Life Home Health Aide Services for over 20 years. Lillie resided in Crown Heights for over 50 years and was a pillar within her community. Lillie had an amazing gift of cooking.

She loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and stressed the importance of family. Lillie’s favorite quote was, “Momma may have, Papa may have, but God bless the child that’s got its own”. Lillie was a worshipper and loved to minister and discuss the goodness of Jesus. She enjoyed Gospel music and allowed the holy spirit to move through her whenever the anointing hit. She never wavered on her faith and stood on the principles that Jesus was a healer, a way maker, the Prince of Peace and El Shaddai. Lillie got excited speaking of the goodness of her God and taught her children and grandchildren about the Bible and holy spirit. Her favorite praise was “Hallelujah” and “Have your way Lord”. Lillie loved to glorify the Lord and a good old hand clapping, foot stomping church. She was big on tradition and faith.

Lillie fought like a warrior and never let cancer defeat her, God saw her weary body and whispered “please come unto Me and I’ll give you rest”. Lillie transitioned on June 6, 2020 in Athens, Georgia surrounded by her children and grands. Lillie’s life was well lived and will be missed beyond measure.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Theresa Ann Summers, her brother, John Lee Irvin, and her grandson, Michael Anthony Whittaker, and has gained her wings to soar into heaven.

Lillie leaves to treasure her powerful memories: her children, Angela Denise Irvin (Lurita), Athens, GA, Alzora Davis, Brooklyn, NY, Anthony Irvin, Brooklyn, NY, Stephen Tyrone Irvin, Bronx, NY, Tanya Agard (Eddie), Brooklyn, NY, Katina Eagle, Bronx NY, and Taina Irvin; and her grandchildren, Dynika Monique Davis, Raleigh, NC, Dominique Davis, Brooklyn, NY, Elijah and Joshua Agard, Brooklyn, NY. Lillie also leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy: her five great grandchildren, Theresa “Jordyniai” Davis, Charles “CJ” Simmons, Jr., Jayden and Jeremiah Stokes, and Radon Jones, Jr. Lillie also leaves to cherish her love and memories to her: beloved cousin, Deborah Jenkins; adored bestfriend, Doretha Foggie; neighbors of Bergen Street; her siblings; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lillie you are the face of a Black Queen and a Phenomenal Woman. When she walked into the room as cool as she pleased, her smile lit up like sunshine.

Order of Service

Bishop Jeffery L. White I, Officiating

Prayer of Comfort

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Scripture Reading

Dynika Davis

Old Testament - Psalm 139:23-24

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:19-22

Soloist

Barry Wiggins

Selections

“Worth” / “I Surrender All”

Acknowledgement of Cards

Dynika Davis & Jayden Stokes

Obituary

Theresa Davis

Eulogy

Bishop Jeffery L. White I

Final Viewing/Musical Selections

“Let The Church Say Amen”

Benediction

Recessional

Minister and Family

Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park

Morganville, New Jersey

"No one is to blame. My death was meant to be. Don't carry guilt or shame. The reasons why I came soon you'll see. Don't cry for me, don't shed a tear. The time I shared with you will always be and when I'm gone, life still carries on. Don't cry for me. We'll always be, don't cry for me."

Psalm 37:25

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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