

In Loving Memory of



Marian Gilliam

Sunrise
July 11, 1930

Sunset
April 5, 2021

Service:
Saturday, May 22, 2021 - 10:00 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466
Pastor Tisha Branch, Officiating

Obituary

“And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another just as God also forgave you in Christ.”- Ephesians 4:32

Marian Louise Gilliam was born on July 11, 1930, in Harlem, New York. She was the eldest child to the late and beautiful parents Adam and Rafleta Rolle. Marian Louise Gilliam, age 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 5, 2021, while in the home of Ms. Jean Batts, a longtime friend/family member who graciously took on the role to care for Marian, who refused to be left alone the night she passed away.

After graduating from Seward Park High School, Marion worked as a nursing assistant at various hospitals; Goldwater Hospital, Morrisina Hospital, and Harlem Hospital. Marian married Herman, her lifetime love, in 1954. Together they had three children Herman Jr, Rafleta, and Patricia. Marian Retired from Kings Harbor Nursing Home. Marian loved talking to people, music, and knitting. She knitted so well she was able to sell a women’s suit to Macy’s for purchase. She also shared her love to cook and food with all, especially her famous potato salad and bread pudding.

Marian is survived by her daughter, Rafleta Gilliam; sister, Mildred Gibbs; grandchildren, Keiana and Lamont White, Chaundra and Lawrence Carter, Kenneth and Maria Batts, Desirai and Clarence Heyward, Jordan Gilliam and, Ziaire Gilliam; great-grandchildren Briannah, Cassidy, Hasahn, Kenneth Jr, Gabrielle, Keshawn, Lauren and Mariah and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Rafleta and Adam Rolle; sister, Constance Holt; husband, Walter Herman Gilliam Sr; daughter, Patricia Johnson; and son, Walter Gilliam Jr.

Marian always enjoyed helping others in a way that was above and beyond the call of duty. She lived a beautiful fulfilling life and left a place in the heart of all who have encountered her with her wisdom and caring personality.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Pastor Tisha Branch

Selection

Scripture Readings

Pastor Tisha Branch

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort

Pastor Tisha Branch

Selection

Reading Of Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Tisha Branch

Committal & Benediction

Pastor Tisha Branch

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Disposition

Ferncliff Crematory
Hartsdale, New York

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to love you
No one can ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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