



Mrs. Paula Marie Gillis

November 2, 1948 - June 23, 2024

On June 23, 2024, Paula Marie Gillis, 75, of Newport News, Virginia transitioned peacefully to be with her Heavenly Father with her family at her side. Paula was born on November 2, 1948, to Willie Holmes and Vernell Ponton.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents Willie Holmes and Vernell Ponton; brothers Thelbert "Billy" Ponton, David Ponton, and James "Boo Boo" Bates; and sister-n-law Geraldine Pugh. She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy daughter LaShonda Gillis; son Lamont Gillis (Shelita); grandchildren Deandre Gillis, Jayla Gillis, Judah Gillis, and Josiah Chandler; honorary child "Lil Mont" ; brother Bruce Ponton (Manesia); sister Barbara Ann Brown (Keith Sr.); brother-n-law Frizell Pugh, Sr.; sister-n-laws Evelyn Powell and Ruth Yvonne Dabney (John); and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

The Family will receive visitors from 5-7pm

Cemetery Details

Hampton Memorial Gardens

155 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, VA 23666

Previous Events

Gillis Public Viewing

JUN 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Ms. Paula M. Gillis Celebration of Life

JUN 29. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Mountain Moving Faith Outreach Ministries
1700 27th St
Newport News, VA 23607

Ms. Paula M. Gillis Burial

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Hampton Memorial Garden
155 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, VA 23666

Tribute Wall

YO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gillis family during your time of bereavement.
Allon & Yolonda Wright



Yolonda - July 03, 2024 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ Paula was special friend. She, along with Billy, Bruce, David, Barbara Ann and Boo Boo lived next door to our family throughout our childhood. My sister, Baby Arlene, and I enjoyed a lot of time with Paula... at each other's house, walking to Dunbar Elementary and Huntington High Schools. We were a part of the 18th street family!!! Precious memories!!
My prayers are with her family and friends.
Jackie Nichols Crawford



Jacqueline Nichols Crawford - June 29, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AR

“ Paula was my next door neighbor and one of my best childhood friends. We were often partners in mischief and fun. Bruce and Barbara Ann condolences to you. A beautiful person has gone home.
"Baby" Arlene

Arlene - June 29, 2024 at 12:37 PM

AR

“ *Arlene lit a candle in memory of Paula Gillis*



Arlene - June 29, 2024 at 12:28 PM

KF

“ *Sending deepest condolences and prayers to the family. Mrs. Gillis was one of my grandsons first teachers at his preschool. Thank you for recognizing his potential even then. She will be missed and remembered* 🥺💕🙏

Karen Forte - June 29, 2024 at 01:46 AM

DB

“ *To Bruce & Barbara Ann, we extend our deepest condolences to you. We grew up on 18th Street. Paula always handle herself at a young age she carried herself in a manner able way. She was a lady like figure to many of us. I still can visualize her speaking with a smile. Rest on Paula, and the 18th Street crew is with you all. Be strong and God has her a peace now*



Dorlyne Washingto Brown - June 28, 2024 at 09:09 PM

RH

“ *To Gillis Family our Prayes are with you Paula an I were the HHS class 67 Regina Andersom Hawkins. R.I.P Paula*



Regina Anderson Hawkins - June 28, 2024 at 08:04 PM

LJ

“ I remember Paula with a gentle spirit and warm smile. Growing up at Wesley Grove, Paula, Theibert and myself were very active in Sunday School, VBS and other activities. As young adults, I remember her bringing the children to church and as life has it way, we all went are separate ways.

My sincere Condolences to Lamont, LaShonda and other family members.

Lillian Johnson - June 28, 2024 at 06:54 PM

EF

“ Elder Shirley Newsome & Family lit a candle in memory of Paula Gillis



Elder Shirley Newsome & Family - June 28, 2024 at 09:41 AM

TP

“ Teresa Price lit a candle in memory of Paula Gillis



Teresa Price - June 27, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ We all grew up together on 18th Street right now is only a few of us that survive from the '50s I'm one of the original members of 18th Street and I've been living around here a long time in Paul was always a friendly type person never gave anybody any trouble She will be missed but God knows best

Steven Hatchett - June 25, 2024 at 09:40 PM

GC

“ Gail Cosby lit a candle in memory of Paula Gillis



Gail Cosby - June 25, 2024 at 03:28 PM