

# *In Loving Memory of*

*Lena L. Hill*



June 4, 1949 - November 27, 2022

**Monday,**

**December 12, 2022**

**Viewing: 12:30 pm- 1:00 pm**

**Funeral: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm**

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# Journey of Life

Lena L. Hill, formerly known as Lena Johnson, was affectionately known as "Mama" or "Gramma" and was born June 4, 1949, in Clarendon-Columbus County, North Carolina, to the late Elnita Jane (Robinson) Bethea and the late Lewis Stephens.

Lena received her education in the North Carolina School System. She graduated from high school and later migrated to Maryland to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). As an LPN for forty-five years, Lena cared for many patients while working in hospitals, assisted living, and private duty nursing, all while touching and healing thousands of hearts she managed. Despite the demands of being a nurse, nothing made Lena happier than her love for cooking, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. To combine the love of each, Lena was known for throwing large cookouts, fish fries, and dinner parties, sometimes feeding the whole neighborhood. Anyone who knew "Lena" knew that you could always eat at her house if you knocked on her door. Lena was preceded in death by her late husband, Samuel Johnson Jr, daughter Selena G. Hill, son Sean Hill, mother Elnita Jane Bethea, father Lewis Stephens, and only sibling, brother Frederick Robinson.

Lena leaves to carry her legacy: son Stephen Hill, Grandchildren: Sherie, Stephen Hill 3rd, Stephen Hill 4th, Charlene, Kasey, Angelica, Joshua; Great Grandchildren: Taniya, Shamirah, Payton, Samuel JR, Ca'maya, Katie, Za'maya, Nova, Cody, Ma'kayla, RhyLee, and Jhacari. A host of cousins, godchildren, family members, and many friends.

# Tributes of Love

Dear Mommy, I feel honored and privileged to have been your son. You always loved me unconditionally and were the best mother anyone could wish for. I will forever love you. -Stephen

## Grandma

Grandma's arms were always open wide. To welcome us with love. When she smiled it was brighter than the stars, that sparkle high above. Grandma always listened without judgement and always took the time to share whatever she could spare. So, God, please bless us with continued peace and love as you hold our grandma in your care. -Love Sherie (Ree)

## You Never Said Goodbye

Grandma, you never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye. You were gone before I knew it, only God knew why. A million times I needed you, a million times I cried. If love alone could have saved you, you would never would have died. Grandma in life I loved you dearly, and still in death I love you. In my heart you hold a place that no one could ever fill. Grandma it broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone for part of me went with you, the day god called you home. -Love Kasey (KatieMae)

To Grandma, Always & Forever in Your my heart picture me as I am as I was, Full of life and love. Although you're not with me, I am watching from above. I know how much you miss; just know I miss you too. It was my time to leave, as each of us will do. Although I'm not in your arms, I'm always in your heart. The precious love we shared; means were never far apart. There are no tears in heaven nor grief of any kind, I leave this final teardrop to those I've left behind. Though I'm absent from the body, I'm present with the LORD. The joy of my salvation is now my full reward. Just as God promised, he wiped my tears away and nothing can compare to the wonder of that day. So, keep me in your memory and know that up above there are no tears in Heaven instead there's only love. -Love Angelica (Jelly)

## Lena's Embrace

Dear grandma, when we first met, I was so small. But I could tell that grandmas love their little ones most of all. You snuggled and cuddled me and hummed lullabies in my ear and gently flowing down your cheeks I saw happy tears. I want you to be a part of my life as you watch me grow. Hold me close and keep me safe, there so much I don't know. You were my best friend, and no one can take your place. For there is nothing as comforting as grandma's embrace. - Love Joshua (Joshy)