Honorary Pallbearers

Kaleb Troutman
Kole Troutman
Chiquon Griffin
Justyce Sadler

Active Pallbearers

Sidney Bivins
KyleTroutman
William Dugger
Karelus White
Kingston Hollingshed
Toboris Williams

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Grandchildren

Acknowledgements

The family of Willie Maude Hollinshead would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown us love, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, calls, cards, visits, gifts, food, and thoughtful expressions of sympathy have brought us comfort and strength as we navigate the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

We are deeply grateful for each act of kindness, no matter how big or small. Your love and support have helped ease the burden of our grief and reminded us that we are surrounded by caring family, friends, and loved ones.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff of Emory University Hospital Midtown, Atrium Health Navicent, Eternal Faith Hospice, and Virginia Gardens Personal Care Home for the compassionate care, kindness, and unwavering support they provided throughout our mother's journey.

Although our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that her life touched so many people. We will forever cherish the memories, love, and legacy she leaves behind.

May God bless each of you for your prayers, generosity, and kindness. We sincerely thank you and will always be grateful.

With heartfelt appreciation,

The Family of
Willie Maude Hollinshead

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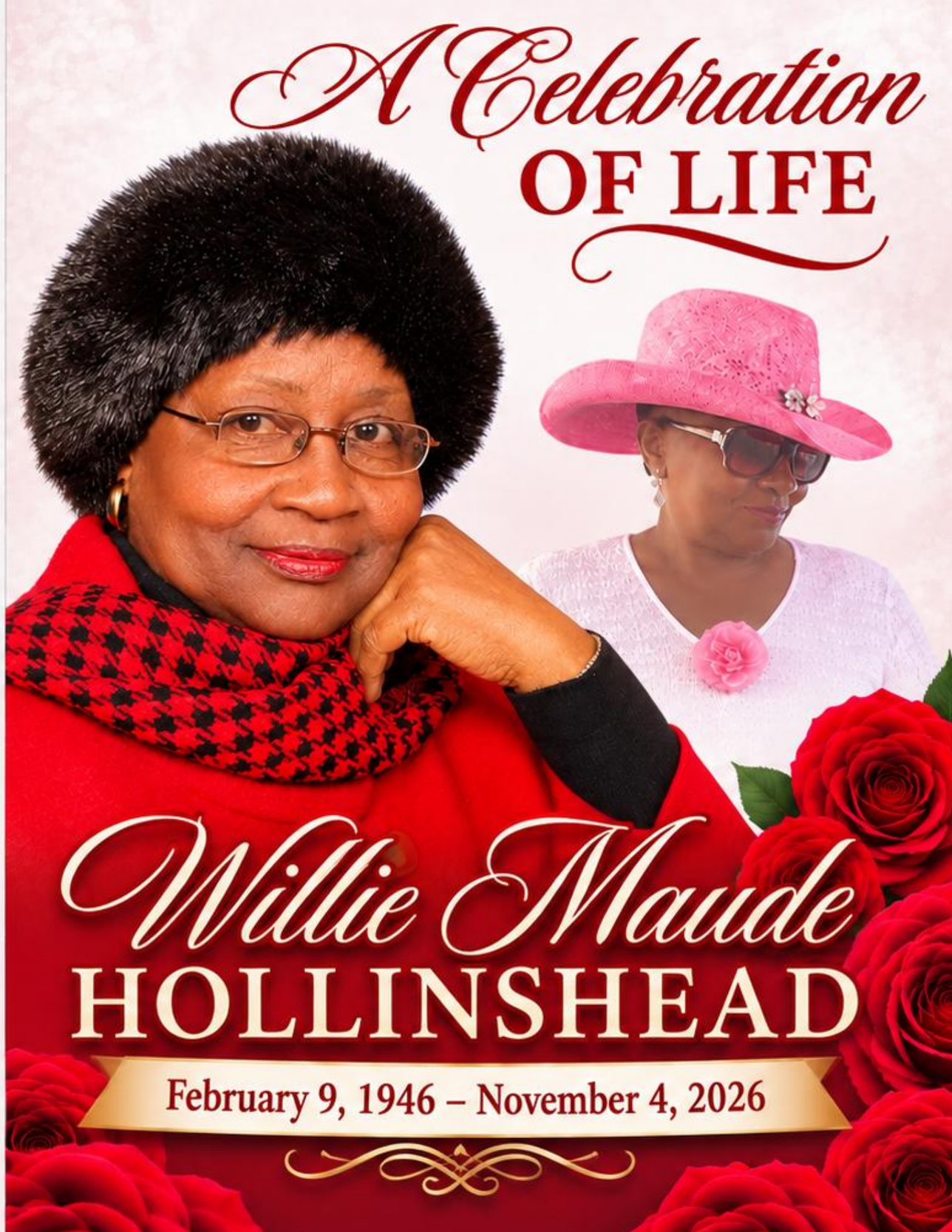

THE LIFE & LEGACY OF

Willie Maude

A Life of Faith, Love, Service & Joy

Willie Maude Hollinshead was a beloved woman whose life was defined by faith, hard work, family, service, and a love for the simple joys of life. A proud daughter of Fort Valley, Georgia, she will be remembered for her warm spirit, generous heart, and the many lives she touched throughout her journey.

Willie Maude was born to Cornelia White Baker. She was united in holy matrimony with Jessie Daniel (J.D.) Hollinshead. Their union was blessed with three children: Kenneth, Barbara, and Alan, who became a cherished part of her life's greatest blessings.

Willie Maude was a graduate of H.A. Hunt High School, Class of 1965. Following graduation, she continued her education at Middle Georgia Technical College. She went on to establish a career marked by dedication and commitment, retiring from Bibb/Dan River Company after 40 years of faithful service.

Her faith and church family held a special place in her heart. She was a devoted member of Usher's Temple CME Church in Fort Valley, Georgia for over 62 years, where she faithfully served as a stewardess, usher, check signer and helped in the culinary Ministry. Through her service, she demonstrated a spirit of hospitality, dedication, and love for her church and community. Her commitment and contributions were recognized when she was honored as Usher's Temple Queen in 1992 and then as Woman of the Year in 1999. These distinguished recognitions celebrated her faithful service and the positive impact she made within her church family.

Willie Maude also knew how to enjoy life. She was an avid reader who found pleasure in a good book, a wonderful cook who enjoyed preparing delicious meals, and, above all, a woman who loved to dance. Whether sharing a good home-cooked meal, enjoying a favorite book, or moving to the rhythm of music, she embraced life with enthusiasm and joy. These special interests reflected her vibrant personality and created countless cherished memories with family and friends.

Willie Maude's life was a testament to faith, perseverance, service, fellowship and a legacy that extends beyond her accomplishments—a legacy of kindness, dedication, fellowship, and love. Her faithful service at Usher's Temple CME Church, her years of hard work, and the joy she shared with those around her will never be forgotten.

Willie Maude had a genuine love for people and truly never met a stranger! She loved to talk, laugh, share stories, and fellowship with everyone she encountered. Her love for people was one of her greatest gifts, and the countless conversations, friendships, and memories she created will forever be cherished. Her love was also demonstrated through her many years of service as a volunteer at The Fort Valley Senior Center.

Willie Maude was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jessie Daniel (J.D.) Hollinshead; her loving son, Alan Hollinshed, granddaughter, Kennedi Hollingshed; mother, Cornelia White Baker; brothers: Eddie White, Joseph White, Mathew Brundidge, and Leonard Douse; sister, Doris Elaine Crawford. Though they departed this earthly life before her, their memories remained forever in her heart.

Willie Maude leaves to cherish her precious memories to her beloved children: Rev. Kenneth L. (Tanesha) Hollingshed (Fort Worth, TX); and Barbara (Ralph) Troutman, (Atlanta, GA); her cherished grandchildren include Kyle Troutman; Kaleb Troutman, and Kole Troutman (Atlanta, GA), Chelsey Hollinshed, Alanis (Kile) McNair, and Summer Hollinshed (Hiram, GA) Kingston Hollingshed and Khaylen Herrod (Fort Worth, TX); siblings: Arnita Scott, Bessie Perkins, and Brenda Mitchell (Macon, GA); Carlton (Amelia) Bivins, (Fayetteville, GA); Ronnie (Doretha) White (Warner Robins, GA); Justice Baker, Rev. James K. (Judy) Baker (Macon, GA); sisters-in-law: Betty (John) Capers (Okeechobee, FL) and Daphne White (Macon, GA); Willie Maude's memory will also be cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members, her beloved church family, and countless friends whose lives were enriched by her kindness, laughter, and love.

Though her earthly journey has ended, the memories of her life and the love she shared will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Her legacy will continue through the generations of family she loved so dearly and through the countless lives she touched with her warmth, generosity, and unwavering spirit.

A life well lived, a legacy of love, and a spirit that will forever dance in our hearts.



ORDER OF *Service*

OFFICIATING MINISTER, REV. TAWANNA BECKWITH HARRIS, PASTOR

FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

VIEWING

OPENING HYMN.....“Blessed Assurance” (I Trust in GOD)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....The Apostles’ Creed

INVOCATION / OPENING PRAYER.....Rev. James Baker

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 14:1–3.....Evangelist Bessie Perkins

MINISTRY IN SONG

RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SPECIAL TRIBUTES AND REMARKS

Daughter-in-Law, Rev. Tanesha K. Hollingshed **Class of 1965,** Darrell Fobbs

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Alfreda Walker Dr. Theodosia Strange Dr. Nathaniel B. Brown

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

Brother, Carlton Bivins **Sister,** Brenda Mitchell

GRANDCHILDREN’S TRIBUTES

Chelsey Hollinshed Kole Troutman Kingston Hollingshed

SPECIAL REMARKS.....Morning Chapel CME Church
“The Rock Church”, Downtown Fort Worth, Texas

READING OF THE OBITUARY

SPECIAL PASTORAL PRAYER.....Rev. Yolanda Smith-Simpkins
Associate Pastor, Morning Chapel CME Church
Downtown Fort Worth, Texas

MINISTRY IN SONG (INSTRUMENTAL).....Dr. Randolph Lindsey

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Rev. Kenneth L. Hollingshed
Senior Pastor, Morning Chapel CME Church
“The Rock Church”, Downtown Fort Worth, Texas

General Secretary, Department of Evangelism and Missions
The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

RECESSIONAL.....Songs of Praise

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens
1854 Willow Lake Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

A SPECIAL THANK YOU
FROM
YOUR FIRSTBORN SON

Momma, the first thing I want to say is THANK YOU! Thank you for every sacrifice, every lesson, and every word of encouragement you gave me throughout my life. You were my protector; sometimes my coach; other times my physician; and on countless occasions, my best teacher. You had an infectious way of making me laugh when all I felt like doing was crying. Somehow, you always knew exactly what to say or do to lift my spirits. I was always amazed by your ability to navigate life's difficulties and hardships with such strength, wisdom, and determination.

Momma, thank you for making me proud! I am so proud of the courage you demonstrated throughout your battle with cancer. You endured tremendous pain and suffering, yet even during our daily conversations, sometimes several times a day, you were still finding ways to encourage me in my ministry and life, and somehow, you still found ways to make me laugh. Even in your own struggles, you never stopped being my mother. And thank you for all the wonderful meals you prepared for me over the years. In the words of Nat King Cole, “Unforgettable.” That's exactly what you are to me, Momma. I will never forget your love, kindness, discipline, patience, frankness, or perseverance.

Thank you, Momma, for the way you raised your three children and for the way you loved and cared for each of your grandchildren. You didn't mind correcting and disciplining them when necessary because you wanted them to grow into respectful, God-fearing, and responsible individuals. You took us to Sunday School and church, worshiped with us, and made sure we were actively involved in our church and the Fort Valley, Georgia, community. You taught us the importance of faith, family, service, and loving others.

Thank you, Momma, for supporting my ministry! I will always remember coming to you as a teenager and sharing that I had heard the call of God to preach. From that moment forward, you became my advocate, spiritual adviser, my “Amen Corner,” teacher, protector, and even my chauffeur, taking me from church to church as a young boy preacher. You took the calling God had placed upon my life very seriously, and you supported me every step of the way. You believed in me, encouraged me, and stood faithfully by my side as I began my journey in ministry.

Thank you for being a phenomenal mother! Words cannot adequately express the impact of your life on our family, our community, and the countless people whose lives you touched through your love and service. Momma, I won't say goodbye. Instead, I'll simply say, “See ya later.”

THANK YOU, Momma, for everything you’ve done for me.

Take your rest, my beautiful Queen and Mother. Rest from your labor.

With everlasting love,

Rev. Kenneth L. Hollingshed

Your Firstborn Son, Rev. Kenneth L. Hollingshed (“Bill”)





Daughter's Tribute to Mom

I want to take a moment to honor a woman whose love, strength, courage, and kindness have shaped my life in ways I could never fully express. That woman is my mother. **Willie Maude Hollinshead.**

My mother was one of the strongest, yet kindest woman I know. She was a woman of strength, grace, and unconditional love. Because of her, I am the woman I am today. She taught me how to face life's challenges with courage and to keep going even when the road gets hard. She was more than a mother. She was my first teacher, my greatest cheerleader, and my constant source of love and strength. Her love was my foundation, her wisdom was my guide, and her presence was a blessing I will cherish forever.

Although I can no longer hear her voice, I feel her love surrounding me every day. Her lessons live within me, her strength continues to carry me, and her memories will remain forever in my heart.

Thank you, Mom, for every sacrifice, every prayer, every hug, every laugh, and every life lesson. Thank you for loving me unconditionally and for giving me a lifetime of memories to hold on to. I will forever treasure the love you gave and the countless ways you shaped my life.

I am forever grateful that **GOD chose you to be my mother.** I am honored and blessed to be your daughter. No matter how much time passes, I will carry your love, your strength, and your light within me forever.

Your love will never leave me, your memory will never fade, and your legacy will live on through me always and forever.

REST WELL, MY QUEEN. I LOVE YOU! ❤️

Barbara

