

Reflection of Her Life

CLATIE TILLMAN

Clatie Mae Tillman was born May 3, 1939 in Forest Home, Alabama. She was the second child born to the late Joe Lee Brown, Sr., and Lucy (Lewis) Brown. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her oldest son, Thomas E. Tillman, Jr., and her youngest son, Darryl Christopher Tillman; her siblings Katie Lee (Brown) Williams, Joe Lee Brown, Jr., Leodis "Beau" Brown, Lena Pearl (Brown) Waters, Anthony C. Brown, Sr., and Harold L. Brown; her father and mother-in-law, Johnny R. Tillman and Sarah (Reese) Tillman; her sisters-in-laws, Queen Ethel (Morris) Brown and Sarah Francis (Tillman) Corley; her brothers-in-laws, Walter E. Williams, Melvin Tillman, Gary Tillman and Charles Corley; nephew, Joe Lee Brown, III. Clatie was educated in the Escambia County Public School system and was a graduate of the Booker T, Washington High School in Pensacola, Florida. Clatie had a loving spirit and she made others feel inspired and grateful. She was also known for her warm smile, kind heart, and most of all, her gentle caring ways. Clatie met her sweetheart, the love of her life, Thomas E. Tillman, when she was out with her friends while still in high school. Tillman was in the military. They courted, dated, and united in Holy Matrimony after Clatie graduated from high school. Married for 69 years, they had four wonderful children together; Thomas E. Tillman, Jr., Sharon A. (Tillman) Adams, Ronald S. Tillman, and Darryl Christopher Tillman. Clatie was a devoted, loving, and caring wife and mother. She truly loved her family and she was a light in their lives. Clatie was the heart of her family and she had a way of making everyone feel welcome, included and special. Clatie enjoyed baking cakes, pies and teaching us our Mom's secret family recipes. In her professional life, Clatie was a much sought after Certified Caretaker.

Clatie accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a very young age, and she was baptized at Sunlight Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida. Years later she united with Mt. Sinai Baptist Church also in Pensacola, Florida. Clatie truly loved the Lord. She was actively involved with the church no matter where she and her family had to relocate to because of Tillman's active military status in the U.S. Navy. When she and her family relocated to Boston, Massachusetts, she worshipped at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Clatie joined New Shiloh Baptist Church years ago, where she remained a member until her death. She devoted many years of service faithfully. She was a member of the Usher and Deaconess Ministry and was appointed Mother of the Church. Mother Clatie Mae (Brown) Tillman was called home on Thursday morning, November 14, 2025 surrounded by her beloved husband, Thomas E. Tillman, Sr. She will be remembered with great love and affection.

Clatie leaves the following love ones to celebrate her life and cherish her loving memories; her beloved husband, Thomas E. Tillman, Sr.; her two children, Sharon Tillman Adams of Brockton, MA and Ronald S. Tillman of Columbia, SC; her grandchildren, Thomas (Tina) Penn of Jacksonville, FL; Tomauren Tillman of Riverdale, GA; Taureane Tillman of Boston, MA; Shannon Adams and Master Adams, II of Brockton, MA; Aaron Hodges of Iowa; Rhonda (Octavius) Demory of Greenville, SC; Kenny (Asia) McFadden of Columbia, SC; and Shane Pringle of Columbia, SC; her twenty great grandchildren; her great, great, grandchildren, Cyncere Tillman, Tiance Tillman, Jr., Tahlyia Tillman, and Amari Tillman all of Boston, MA; her siblings, Ruby (Gene) Somerville of Hyde Park, MA; Cynthia Brown (Raymond) Moore of Stoughton, MA; her sisters-in-law, Cheryl Brown of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Betty Brown of Mobile, AL; Valencia Brown of New Orleans, LA; Adele Delores (Carlos) Caballero, Rio Vista, CA; Jo Tillman (Douglas) Boyd, Charlotte, NC; her brothers-in-law, Dwight Reese (Audrey) Tillman of Columbia, SC and Benjamin C. (Penelope) Tillman of Charlotte, NC; her aunt, Aunt Lillie Mae Bolton of Pensacola, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. As well as her New Shiloh Baptist Church family who loved her very much.

ORDER OF Service

Processional and Final Farewell

Selection

She Just Keeps Living On In The Sky

Prayer

Death beckoned our mother with an out-stretched

Pastor Nicky Wilson

hand,

Old testament

And whispered softly of "an unknown land."

Reverend Billy Carter

Mother was not afraid to go,

New Testament

For thought the path she did not know.

Bishop Robert Banks Jr.

She hated to leave all of us here,

Reflections (2 Minutes Please)

But death took her hands without fear.

Jo Boyd

She gently took death by the hand,

Family and Friends

And journeyed to the promised land.

Selection

And there, with a step so slight and gay

Words of Comfort

She polished the sun by day

Pastor Nicky Wilson

And lights the stars that shine at night

Recessional

And keeps the moonbeams silvery bright,

Services of Commendation

For a Christian Mother really never die,

Monday, November 24, 2025 11:00 am

She just keeps on living in the sky

Ft. Jackson National Cemetery

And in the heavenly home above,

4170 Percival Rd Columbia, SC

She will wait to welcome all of us with love.

Memories

Floral Bearers Family & Friends

A LEGACY OF GLAMOUR AND GRACE

Pallbearers

Thomas Penn	Jamal Penn
Kenny McFaffen	Keith Tillman
Alex Penn	Master Adams II
Arron Hodges	Benjamin Tillman



Clatie M. TILLMAN

Sunrise
May 3, 1939

Sunset
November 14, 2025

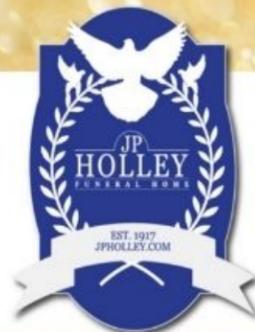
Saturday, November 22, 2025

2:00 PM

JP Holley Funeral Home Northeast Chapel
9010 Farrow Road Columbia, SC, 29203
Pastor Nicky Wilson, Officiating

Expression of Gratitude

The family of Mother Clatie Mae Tillman would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, love and support shown to us during our bereavement. Your faith has reinforced our faith, your hope has confirmed our hope and your love has helped to heal our hearts. We extend a very special thanks to Mr. Glenn & Mrs. May Young and Family, and to her adopted son, Allen Friday. We thank God for each and every one of you and we ask for your continued prayers.



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