

Remembering in Love

Elia Elizabeth Rhodes Gill

Earthly Gift
July 30, 1944

Heavenly Reward
August 23, 2025

Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.
Sunny Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Decatur, Mississippi.





A Glimpse of Her Love

Ella Elizabeth Rhodes Gill was born on July 30, 1944, to Ella Mae Rhodes Thames and Marzell Rhodes, in Bay Springs, MS. She was fondly known by her family and friends as "Sister". She gave her life to Christ at an early age at Rose Hill M.B. Church, Union, MS. She was educated at C. H. Boler High School. Her mother later married James (Jim) Thames of Decatur, MS. This is when Sister moved to Decatur and joined Sunny Hill M.B. Church.

Sister became a cherished member of the community, where she lovingly cared for her Mother, raised her family, and helped anyone in need. Whether at a time of birth, death, healing, recovery or comfort, she was always available, to provide love and support. She was happiest when she was surrounded by family and friends or enjoying nature by working in the yard, gardening, going fishing or attending to one of her many pets.

Ella gained her heavenly reward on August 23, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ella Mae Rhodes Thames and Marzell Rhodes, and one brother, Joe Lee Hunter. Four siblings preceded her in death as infants.

She leaves to forever celebrate her life and cherish her memory six children: John (Doll), Audrey Gill-Copenhaver (Paul), Mickeylane, Mae, Lindsey Joe (Tamika), and Wendy Gill.

She deeply loved and was loved by eight grandchildren: Ariel Galloway, Holly Lloyd, Rebekah, Elijah, Preston, Karla, Lindsey, and Layla Gill; bonus grandchildren Aaliyah Evans and LeTarius Harris.

Ella will be dearly missed by sister-in-law Willinda Hunter; nephews: Brandon Roberts, Jonathan and Tymek Hunter; great nephew Jontaris Hunter and great nieces: Janiya, Jalonie and Avyanna Hunter. She also leaves to mourn two special cousins: Annie Ruth Moore and Mary Helen Payton Ratcliff and a host of relatives and friends, all deeply loved and truly special.

Sister's sweetness, generosity, and unwavering love touched the lives of many, and her legacy will live on through those who knew and loved her.



Dear Granny,

It's so hard to say goodbye to you. You were our beautiful, our Grammy, our Ms. Ella Rose, our butterfly, and the sugar that made everything better.

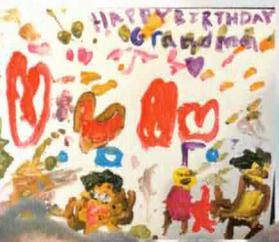
You had a way of bringing sweetness and light into our lives, and we'll always carry that with us.

To us, you were more than a grandmother—you were our safe place, our joy, and our reminder that love is powerful. You showed us how to laugh, how to care, and how to keep faith through everything.

We'll miss your hugs, your stories, and the way you made each of us feel like we were your favorite. But we know you're still with us, watching over us, guiding us, and wrapping us in the love that never ends.

Granny, you'll forever be our angel, and we'll hold on to your memory with every step we take.

*We love you always,
Your Grandchildren*



Order of Services

*Pastor Herman Brown, Officiating
Reverend Tommy Thames, Eulogist*

Processional

*Scripture & Prayer
Pastor Herman Brown*

*Musical Selection
Michelle Black*

Expressions of Love/Remarks Three minutes please

Obituary

*Musical Selection
Michelle Black*

*Eulogy
Rev. Tommy Thames*

Musical Selection

Recessional

*Interment
Sunny Hill M. B. Church Cemetery*

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but onto all them
also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8*





Words of Gratitude

The family of Ella Gill wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your love, kindness, prayers, cards, phone calls, and all other acts of kindness shown to us as we celebrate her life. Peace and blessings to you always.

*Pall Bearers and Flower Girls
Family Members
and Friends*

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