

In Loving Memory



Hilda Grace Houston
A Celebration of Life



Hilda Grace: Celebrating The Life & Legacy

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. -2 Timothy 4:7-8

FEBRUARY 14, 1943 - AUGUST 10, 2026

Hilda Grace Houston entered into the eternal presence of her Lord and Savior, stepping peacefully from labor into sweet reward. Born in Echo, Louisiana, she carried the warmth of her southern roots wherever life took her. She was her parents' only daughter, holding a singularly precious place in her family. She later moved to Minnesota, where she lived & worked (Control Data) for many years and raised her family. In her later years, her journey came full circle as she returned home to Mansura, Louisiana, spending her golden years surrounded by her family's love, care, and laughter.

Hilda shared many devoted years of marriage and went on to walk faithfully and independently in her later season. After her mother's passing, Hilda gracefully rose to become the cherished matriarch of the family—who proudly saw five living generations of women rooted in her enduring legacy of Grace.

A woman of quiet strength, she lived the calling of Proverbs 31:20: "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." Hilda opened her heart and her doors as a foster parent, offering refuge and care to vulnerable children who needed a safe home. She also worked for many years in the transportation service department for the Marksville Sheriff's Office.

Affectionately and reverently known as Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Nanny, Sister, Mother-in-law, Aunt, Cousin, Neighbor, and Friend, she was a force of nature. She was headstrong, fiercely protective, and blessed with a spicy personality that let you know exactly where you stood (IYKYK).

Nothing brought her greater joy than being with family, watching her soaps, gaming on her tablet, and catching up on all the town tea. Even as her health challenged her in her later days, she lived with Grace and rarely complained. Today, she is freed from the heavy oxygen tanks and earthly weariness, standing tall and walking upright on streets of gold—for "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." (Revelation 21:4).

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Clarence Jones Sr. and Ethel Lee Jones, and her brothers, Ferguson Jones and Clarence Jones Jr. Her legacy of love and resilience lives on through her children: Keran Jones, Bonita Leviege (James), Cynthia Houston, Gentry Houston (Tonja), and Ketrich Houston; her brothers, Raymond Jones (Gloria), Marva Jean Jones (Nancy), and Kelly Ray Jones (Mary, deceased); 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grand children, 14 nieces; 4 nephews, 1 daughter in-law, 1 son in-law, grandnieces, grandnephews, and a host of cherished cousins, extended family, and lifelong friends.



Celebration of Life Services

Starlight Baptist Church, Reverend Van K. Jones Sr., Pastor

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Visitation: 2:30 PM • Homegoing Service: 3:00 PM

Processional Clergy & Family

Musical Selection Choir

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Minister

New Testament Reading Minister

Hymn Choir

Prayer of Comfort The Pulpit /Clergy

Musical Selection Choir

Reading of the Obituary Read Silently

Acknowledgments & Resolutions Church Clerk / Representative

Musical Solo Travon Nixon

Words of Comfort Clergy

Musical Selection Choir

The Spoken Word (Eulogy) Reverend Van K. Jones Sr.

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"



Following the service, the committal and interment will take place at the Starlight Baptist Church Cemetery. Family and friends are warmly invited to gather for a repast in the church fellowship hall immediately afterward.

She is Gone...

You can shed tears that she is gone

Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back

Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her

Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone

Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love, and go on.

-David Harkins

A Life Well Lived
A Great & Grand Legacy
Remembered











A legacy of Grace



Active & Honorary Pallbearers

Honorary Pallbearers: Kelly Jones, Mava Jones, Raymond Jones, Keran Jones, Gentry Houston, Ketrich Houson, James Leveige, Chavez Jacobs, Vincent Siess, Derrick Roy Sr. & Marquese Jones

Active Pallbearers: Travis Jacobs, Ké Jwan Houston, Kai Horton, James Leveige Jr., Maricell Leveige & Derrick Roy Jr.

Acknowledgments

Our family sincerely appreciates the many prayers, comforting words, floral tributes, and acts of kindness you offered during our hour of bereavement. May the Lord bless and keep you all abundantly. Thank you to the pastoral staff, musicians, and all who contributed their time and talents to make this service a beautiful tribute. Your kindness has lightened our grief and reminded us of the eternal hope and peace we hold in Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. — Philippians 1:3

Arrangements

Escude Funeral Home
6608 Porterie St, Mansura, LA 71350

Starlight Baptist Church
3538 LA-1, Marksville, LA 71351