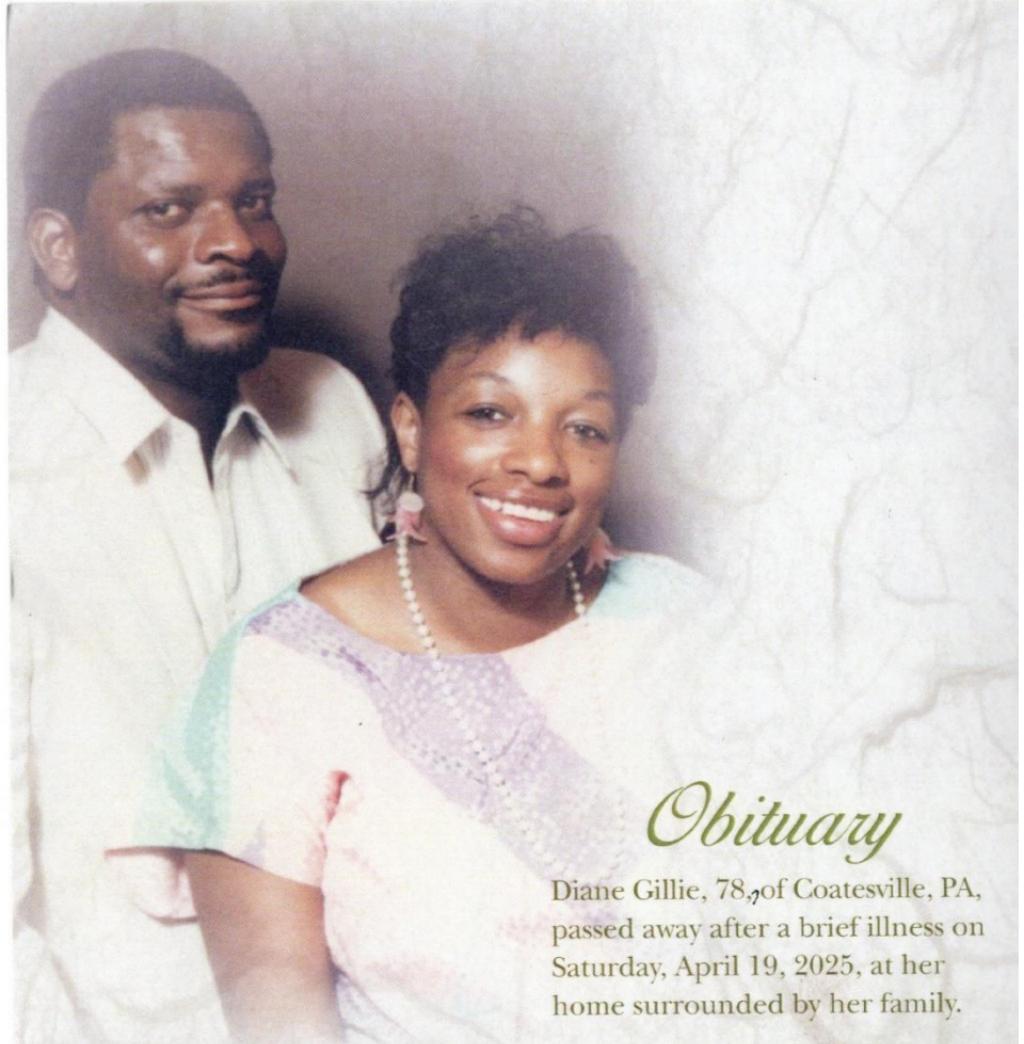


# *Celebration of Life*



*Diane Gillie*  
*“Lady Di”*

*January 20, 1947 – April 19, 2025*



## Obituary

Diane Gillie, 78, of Coatesville, PA, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family.

Born in West Chester, PA, she was the daughter of the late Charles Hicks and Willie Easter Wilkerson. She was the wife of the late Dwight Gillie, with whom she shared 36 years of marriage.



Diane was affectionately known as "Lady Di" or "Fish" by her family and friends. She grew up in Downingtown and graduated from Downingtown High School in 1965. She went on to build a dedicated career as a Cookie Supervisor at Pepperidge Farm, where she worked from 1977 until her retirement in 2010.

Diane was a natural hostess who loved to bring people together. Known for her flair for decorating and her knack for hosting unforgettable parties, she created spaces that were as warm and inviting as her personality. Diane was a sharp dresser down to her accessories! She took pride in her appearance. She loved shopping and being with her beloved grandchildren, who were the light of her life.



Diane's loving nature and kindness will forever remain in the generations of her legacy.

She leaves precious memories to her daughters, Tonya Wilkerson, Tambre Brown (Marvin), and Twaddell Day (Jerry), all of Coatesville, Trasena Gillie (Ian) of Downingtown; bonus daughters, Latoya St. John and Darlene Goines of Thorndale; siblings, Brenda Holland of Bowie Maryland, Byron Hicks, (Cheryl) of Philadelphia, Anthony "Rennie" Hicks (Alisha) of Lancaster, Charmaine Hicks of Las Vegas, NV; aunt, Janet Christie of Exton; special cousins, Tish and Cila "The Twins" and Lewis "Bum" Wilkerson; close friends, Priscilla Jones, June Elliot, Ann Runner; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Dwight Mathea Wilkerson; sisters, Beulah Jones, Valerie Wilkerson; a bonus grandson, and a close friend, Bonnie Dalton.

Though we will miss her presence, we will cherish her memory always.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family

# Order of Service

Processional	.....	Clergy & Family
Final Viewing		
Officiating Clergy	.....	Rev. Donnie Miller
Opening Selection "His Eye is on the Sparrow"	.....	Saundra Duncan
Scripture Readings	.....	Rev. Joell McDuffy
Old Testament	.....	Psalm 23
New Testament	.....	John 14:1-6
Prayer of Comfort	.....	Rev. James Williams
Solo "When We Get Over There"	.....	Mother Emily Kelly Friendship Baptist Church, Pottstown
Reading of Cards & Resolutions	.....	Rev. Karen Johnson
Reading of the Obituary	.....	Jessica London
Reflections (2 Minutes)	.....	David Kennedy Ruth Gee Patricia Campbell
Words of Comfort (2 Minutes)	.....	Rev. James Williams
Selection "I Won't Complain"	.....	Saundra Duncan
Eulogy	.....	Pastor Frederick Hicks Pastor of Enon Missionary Baptist Church
Remarks	.....	Ventnor T. Wright, Funeral Director
Recessional	.....	Clergy & Family

## Committal Service & Interment

Rolling Green Memorial Park  
1008 West Chester Pike  
West Chester, Pennsylvania

## Pallbearers

Grandchildren & Family

## Flower Bearers

Saniya Gillie

Jahdell Day

LaToya St. John

A gentle heart, a guiding light,  
With hands so warm, a smile so bright.  
She stitched our days with tender care,  
In every laugh, she lingered there.  
Her stories danced through time  
A legacy no age can erase.  
She taught us grace, she taught us love  
And watched us grow into the family we have become  
Through quiet strength she faced the years,  
Wiped away our childhood tears  
A matriarch, so wise and kind  
With every word, she shaped our minds.  
Now though her voice is still and gone  
Her spirit sings in morning's dawn.  
We'll carry her within our hearts,  
Though from this world, she now departs.  
So rest, dear Diane, your work is done!  
You shined your light, you spread your love, you won!  
Forevermore, we'll speak your name—  
Our Mom Mom Diane, with love and flame.

**Celebration of Life**  
Saturday, May 3, 2025  
8:00 AM Viewing • 10:00 AM Service

**Service Location**  
Second Baptist Worship Center  
857 Lumber Street • Coatesville, Pennsylvania  
Rev. Dr. James L. Smith, Pastor

**A Note of Thanks**

Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown  
during our time of bereavement. Thank you all for your support and love.  
May God bless you.

Sincerely, The Family



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