

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Debra Richardson Hill

1961

2026

HER MEMORY A TREASURE
Her life was a blessing



Saturday, August 8, 2026

11:00 AM

Greater Faith Babies Ministries COGBF
1000 Tulip Drive - Fort Valley, GA 31030

ALWAYS *With Us*

A HEART REMEMBERED.
A LOVE THAT NEVER
LEAVES.

A Lasting Presence

In every moment, big and small, your spirit is near. We find you in the first light of morning, the gentle breeze at dusk, and the quiet comfort of cherished memories. Your love remains a steadfast guide, a beacon that lights our path forward.

Though you have stepped into the quiet beyond, you are never truly gone, for your presence echoes eternally in the hearts you touched.

Words of Comfort

The light you shared continues to glow in the lives you inspired. Your kindness, wisdom, and grace are woven into the fabric of who we are. In times of sorrow, we recall our unwavering strength and peace that brought to those you loved. We carry you in our smiles, in our acts of love, and in the enduring legacy you left behind.

THOSE WE LOVE REMAIN WITH US
IN EVERY BEAUTIFUL MEMORY.



A LEGACY *in Pictures*



FOREVER
*in our
Hearts*



*Every smile, every hug,
every moment together
is a memory we will
cherish forever.*

HER BEAUTIFUL

Journey

Born on June 29, 1961, to the late Willie Richardson and the late Susie Anne Johnson Richardson, Debra was raised by her beloved aunt, the late Priscilla J. Prater. Debra attended the public schools of Peach County and was a graduate of the Peach County High School Class of 1981. She furthered her education and received an Associate Degree in Business Administration. From an early age, she carried herself with quiet strength, unwavering faith, and a heart that naturally gravitated toward serving others. Debra believed that kindness cost nothing but could change everything. She loved walking, watching the Western channel with the love of her life, and spending time with her children, grandbabies, and extended family.

On June 11, 1988, Debra married the love of her life, Gerry Hill, beginning a beautiful journey that would span decades of unwavering love, faith, and devotion. Together, they built a marriage rooted in God, strengthened by friendship, and anchored in unconditional love. They were rarely seen apart, and those who knew them admired the bond they shared. Through every season of life, Gerry and Debra stood side by side, facing life's joys and challenges with grace, laughter, and steadfast commitment. Their love story remains a beautiful testimony that true love is not only found but faithfully nurtured every day. Together, they built a loving home centered on faith and family. Debra was a devoted wife and a loving mother to Ashley and Jared, offering unconditional love, unwavering support, wise counsel, and countless prayers. Her family was her greatest earthly blessing. One of the greatest joys of Debra's life was becoming "Grandma." Her precious granddaughters, MJ and "Baby Girl," held a special place in her heart. Nothing brought a brighter smile to her face than spending time with them. They were her pride, her joy, and one of God's sweetest gifts to her.

Debra was employed at the Fort Valley Police Department for a couple of years before joining Blue Bird Body Company, where she faithfully served for 38 years. Debra earned the respect and admiration of coworkers through her dedication and exceptional work ethic, and she truly loved her Blue Bird family. Yet, what set her apart was her willingness to help others. She became a bridge to opportunity for countless individuals, helping many find employment and encouraging them to believe in themselves. She never sought recognition for her generosity; she simply believed that when God blessed her, she was called to be a blessing to someone else.

A devoted woman of faith, Debra was a dedicated member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served on the Usher Ministry and the Finance Ministry. She welcomed others with warmth, served with humility, and gave generously of her time and talents. Her service was never for recognition, it was an expression of her love for God and His people.

To know Debra was to experience genuine love. Her beautiful smile was one of her greatest trademarks. It could brighten the darkest day, calm an anxious heart, and make everyone she encountered feel welcomed. Her laughter was contagious, her encouragement sincere, and her compassion unwavering. She had a remarkable gift for making people feel like family, and her presence brought peace, comfort, and joy wherever she went. Debra truly embodied the essence of the Proverbs 31 woman. She was clothed with strength and dignity, led with wisdom, and served with humility. She loved deeply, gave generously, prayed faithfully, and lived selflessly. She was an awesome woman of God, a devoted wife, a loving mother, a proud grandmother, a caring sister, a cherished auntie, a treasured cousin, and a loyal friend. Her life was not measured by the years she lived, but by the countless lives she touched. She shared a special bond with her siblings one filled with love, laughter, unwavering support, and countless cherished memories. The love they shared throughout the years became a source of strength, comfort, and joy that will forever remain in their hearts.

Debra leaves to cherish her precious memory: her devoted husband, Gerry Hill; her beloved children, Ashley Hill and Jared Hill; her treasured granddaughters, Morgan-Jean Hill and Kendall Cornelius; her loving siblings, Teresa Richardson Robinson (Bruce), Michael (Rose) Richardson, Sharon Strickland, Shelia McGuire, and Glenn (Tracy) Johnson; her sisters-in-law, Wenda Hill, Teresa Jones, Tameka, and L'Wanna; her brother-in-law, James "Perk" Hill; along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, her beloved Blue Bird & Friendship Missionary Baptist Church families, dear friends, and countless others whose lives were forever enriched by her love, kindness, and unwavering faith.

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

PROVERBS 31:25

FAMILY

Reflections

THE LOVE SHE GAVE, THE LESSONS SHE TAUGHT,
AND THE MEMORIES SHE LEFT
WILL FOREVER LIVE IN OUR HEARTS.

WIFE



A LOVE BEYOND WORDS

Your endless love, gentle guidance, and selfless heart shaped our lives in ways we can never fully express. You always knew what to say, how to comfort, and how to make everything better.

— WITH ALL OUR LOVE

MOTHER



MY FOREVER INSPIRATION

You believed in me when I doubted myself. Your encouragement and love gave me wings to dream, the courage to try, and the strength to succeed.

— YOUR LOVING CHILDREN

SISTER



A BOND THAT LASTS

Thank you for every laugh, every conversation, and every moment that became a treasured memory. Our friendship is a gift I will cherish always.

— YOUR SIBLINGS

*Her love remains our anchor, her memory our treasure,
her legacy our guiding light.*

ORDER OF *Service*

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

PROCESSIONAL

Led by Clergy & Family

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Bishop Bruce Lee, Sr.

SONG OF PRAISE

Linda Merrell & Company

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament - Pastor Victor Johnson

New Testament - Chaplain Jay Jones

SONG OF PRAISE

Linda Merrell & Company

WORDS OF LOVE

Family and Friends

Limit 2 Minutes

SONG OF PRAISE

Linda Merrell & Company

WORDS OF COMFORT/EULOGY

Pastor Cyprus O'Neal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery

REPAST

Greater Faith Babies Ministries



**"The Lord is close to
brokenhearted and saves
those who are crushed in spirit."**

PSALM 34:18



HONORARY

PALL BEARERS

Kesley Richardson - James "Perk" Hill

PALL BEARERS

Lantresse Day - Ellis Strickland, II, - Keonte Johnson

Javarus Johnson Kesler Dassau - Jacobi Jones

Tiron Jones - Joseph Journey, II

A LEGACY OF *Love*

Those we love never truly leave us.

Their kindness lives in every life they touched,
their laughter echoes in every cherished memory,
and their love continues to guide us each day.

Though our hearts grieve Debra's absence,
we find peace in knowing that God's promises never
fail. His mercy is everlasting. His comfort never ends,
and His presence gives strength to those who trust in
Him. May every treasured memory bring healing,
every prayer bring hope, and every tomorrow remind
us that love is eternal.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Our family sincerely thanks each of you for your love,
prayers, comforting words, and unwavering support
during this difficult season. May God richly bless you for
the love you have shared with our family. Your kindness,
compassion, thoughtful gestures, and presence have
brought strength and encouragement to our hearts.
Every expression of sympathy has been deeply
appreciated and will always be remembered.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

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Memory

Those we love become
a part of us forever.

Debra's love lives on in every
memory, every smile,
and every heart
she touched.