



Acknowledgments

The family of Billye Ruth Phillips-Taft, thanks everyone for your prayers and support. All acts of kindness are appreciated. A special thanks to Elder Darryl Long and the Bales Temple Church family, and Bishop John Mark Johnson and the Barker Memorial Cathedral of Praise Church family.



A Mother's Love

*No gift on earth is greater,
No treasure held above,
The joy that comes from knowing,
A Mother's endless love.
In spite of how it's tested,
It grows from year to year,
Providing strength and comfort,
It gently draws us near.
It warms and it protects us,
And guides us from afar,
Shedding light upon us,
Like a bright and shining star.
And when all things are measured,
Not one shall rise above,
Or be compared in value,
To Our Mother's Endless Love.*



In Loving Memory

Of
Billye Ruth
PHILLIPS-TAFT

MAY 20, 1944 | APRIL 7, 2026



Friday, May 22, 2026
Visitation 10:00 A.M. Service 11:00 A.M.

Serenity Funeral Home
1101 E. Bannister Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

Officiant: Elder Darryl Long



Mrs. Billye Ruth Phillips-Taft, 81, of Kansas City, MO, was born May 20, 1944, in Wichita Falls, TX, to Willie Edward Jones Sr. and Edna Lee Phillips-Dorsey.

Billye graduated "Class of 1962", from L'Overture High School in McAlester, OK. She moved to Kansas City, MO in late 1962.

Billye worked for Internal Revenue Service until her retirement in 1978. She also worked at Wayne Minor Clinic for several years and at Bartel Hall as a manager for several seasons. Billye earned a certificate and worked as a CNA and Home Technician from late 1980's - 2013.

Billye loved the Lord. She was a member and served at Barker Memorial Cathedral of Praise COGIC, under Bishop John Mark Johnson. Later in life she joined and served at Bales Temple COGIC, under the leadership of Elder Darryl Long. She loved reading her Bible, sewing, gardening, cooking, football and game shows like, Wheel of Fortune and Steve Harvey's Family Feud.

Billye joins in death: both of her parents, Willie E. Jones Sr. and Edna L. Phillips-Dorsey; her twin siblings, Willie Edward Jones Jr. and Willie Edwina Jones, a sister, Virginia Jones, her husband, Hurbert Marshall Taft and several beloved grandchildren.

Left to cherish Billye's fond memories are her children: Karen D. Woods of Lakewood, CO, Angelo D. Nelson Sr. of Independence, MO, Tjuana "TJ" R. Nelson of Independence, MO, Tracey L. Nelson Sr. of Kansas City, MO, and Daniel T. Taft Sr. of Jefferson City, MO.; her siblings: Leonard Jones of Kansas City, MO, Benny G. Cubit Sr. of Kansas City, MO, Clifford Jones (Daisy) of Kansas City, KS, Bebely Canady of Kansas City, KS, Britta Humphrey (David) of Kansas City, MO, Wilene Jones of Kansas City, KS, Larry Thomas of Oklahoma City, OK, Hannah Jones of Houston, TX, Yvette Jones of Kansas City, MO, Kelli Goodspeed of Kansas City, MO and Bobbi Jones of Kansas City, MO.

Billye also leaves to cherish: twenty-five grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other loving family and friends.



Celebration Of Life

Processional

Prayer & Scripture

Musical Selection

"I Don't Feel No Ways Tired" | by James Cleveland

Reflections Of Life | To Be Read In Silence

Acknowledgments & Condolences

Expressions | 2 Minutes Please | Family & Friends

Musical Selection

"Peace Be Still" | James Cleveland

Words of Comfort

Elder Darryl Long | Bales Temple COGIC

Final Glimpse Till Glory

Committal & Benediction

Recessional



Repast

Barker Memorial Cathedral of Praise COGIC
11401 E. 47th St. | Kansas City, MO 64133