



## Pallbearers

Travis Pace  
Jaydon Williams  
ReShad Billings  
Keith Waters  
Kadarius Bryant

Travion Pace  
Christopher Billings  
Shannon Billings  
Florzell Paschal  
Bralyn Williams

## In Appreciation

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness we feel toward all of our friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, presence and service has sustained us. Your cards, emails, flowers and gifts of food were warmly appreciated. We saw all of these as God's love expressed through you. Whatever you did to console our hearts, the members of our entire family thank you so very much. May God bless each of you.

## The Janie Ruth Hall Billings Family

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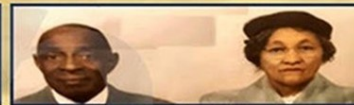
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## In Loving Memory of



## Mother Janie Ruth Hall Billings

Gifted to Us  
May 21, 1939

Returned to God  
September 7, 2026

## The Obituary



Mother Janie Ruth Hall Billings was born on May 21, 1939, in Leslie, Georgia, to the late Willie Ruth Hall. Grounded in faith and devotion, she was a dedicated member of Big Bethel Baptist Church in DeSoto, Georgia, where she served faithfully as an Usher, member of the choir and was honored as the Mother of the Church.

From an early age, Mother Billings cultivated a deep passion and gift for cooking, preparing hearty meals for her siblings after long days in the field and working alongside her mother to cater to families across the Leslie and DeSoto communities. Her passion blossomed into a lifelong career in nutrition and service. She joined the National Lunchroom Association and served the Sumter County School System at Southeast Elementary School in DeSoto, Georgia and then Sumter County Elementary School in Americus, Georgia for over thirty years. Rising to cafeteria manager, she found pure joy in feeding generations of children, delighting them with fresh-baked cookies, cinnamon rolls, and her famous sheet cakes.

Following her well-earned retirement from the school system, she pursued her dream of entrepreneurship and operated "Lugene's" restaurant. Through Lugene's, she shared her legendary soul food with the broader community—serving oxtails, seasoned turkey wings, tender neckbones, savory baked chicken, and her unforgettable, mouthwatering pound cakes that were truly "Mmm Good." At home, her kitchen remained the heartbeat of the family, where she affectionately spoiled her loved ones with grand Sunday dinners every fourth Sunday after worship.

On Monday, September 7, 2026, Mother Billings peacefully transitioned from labor to reward. She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Willie Ruth Hall; her devoted husband, Emmett James Billings; her loving daughter, Anita Ateuegwu; four sisters, Gloria Ware, Collene Palmer, Martha Blackshear, and Verdell Hall; and her brother-in-law, John Morris.

Cherished memories will forever remain in the hearts of her devoted children: Gwen Williams (Lawrence) of Leslie, Georgia, Michael Billings of Albany, Georgia, Dennis Billings (Jessica) of DeSoto, Georgia, and Stanley Billings of DeSoto, Georgia; her adopted daughter, Doretha Dowdell (Silas) of DeSoto, Georgia; a son-in-law, Ben Ateuegwu of Lawrenceville, Georgia; her grandchildren: Andrea Pace, Shaun Williams (Monica), Brandon Williams (Shanekia), Christopher Billings, ReShad Billings (Portia), Florzell Paschall (LaToya), Shannon Billings, Keith Waters, Nicaler Fuller, Amechi Ateuegwu, Daryl Dowdell (Dominique) and Ronnie West; her great-grandchildren: Kadarius Bryant, Tomeko Bryant, Travis Pace, Travion Pace, Najiya Williams, Jaydon Williams, Chloe Williams, Bralyn Williams, Bryce Williams, Brandon Billings, Makiyah Heath, Brooke Billings, Mya Billings, Travin Harris, and Keaondra Waters; her great-great-grandchildren: KeMari Sims, Zoey Sims, Kadance Bryant, Arbielle Bryant, Kade Sims, and Kadarius M. Bryant, Jr.; her sister, Francis Morris of DeSoto, Georgia; her brother, Pastor Eugene Hall of DeSoto, Georgia; her special friends, Geraldine Cherry and Willie Mae James, both of Leslie, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives, church family, and sorrowing friends.

## We Loved You too Much to Say Goodbye



*We cried when you left us  
but they were aching tears of love.  
At least we no longer have to worry,  
because we know you're living in peace.  
The many years we spent with you  
were years that shall never de cease.  
They were years for us to treasure forever  
that will always last,  
and the pain will eventually ease.  
The memory of you is like an undying fire  
which never seems to end.  
And those are the same feelings of our heart  
because you were not just our  
Mother and Granny, but our friend.  
So although you've gone from our presence  
we still say, "See you later"  
and never ever bye-bye.  
Because Momma we loved you too much  
to just come out and say goodbye.*

## The Service of Remembrance

Saturday | September 12, 2026 | 3:00 PM

### Zion Hill Baptist Church

260 West Allen Street | Leslie, Georgia

**Reverend W. J. Hill | Pastor**

**Reverend Willie Walker | Officiant**

Pastor | Big Bethel Baptist Church | DeSoto, Georgia

**Reverend Eugene Hall | Eulogist**

Pastor | Jackson Grove Baptist Church | DeSoto, Georgia

#### Musical Prelude

Brother Curtis Mathis

#### Processional

Led by Reverend Willie Walker

#### The Final Viewing The Final Sealing of the Casket

#### Hymn

Deacon Johnny Walker

#### Prayer

Deacon Emory Wright

#### Old Testament Scripture

Reverend Robert Morgan

#### New Testament Scripture

Reverend Willie Walker

#### Musical Selection

Mrs. Rosie Jones, Ms. Kenya Jones & Mrs. Tempie Ball

#### Reflections

Mrs. Willie Mae James

#### Musical Selection

Mrs. Rosie Jones, Ms. Kenya Jones & Mrs. Tempie Ball

#### Eulogy

Reverend Eugene Hall

#### Acknowledgements, Bible & Memorial Blanket Presentation

J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

#### Recessional & Postlude

## The Committal Service

### Jackson Grove Cemetery

DeSoto, Georgia

The family will receive friends in the annex of  
Jackson Grove Baptist Church for the repast  
immediately following the committal service.