



Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard

August 7, 1956 - February 24, 2021

ATTN: FRIENDS & FAMILY

****NOTE: BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR KEVIN LAVENDER, SR. WILL BE HOSTING & DIRECTING A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. VICTORIA A. DILLARD AT THE CHURCH TO BE HELD 12 Noon THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 ****(Directions to the church are listed below)

*****THE CHURCH REQUESTS THAT MASKS ARE WORN WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH & TO FOLLOW REQUIREMENTS OF SOCIAL DISTANCING*****

****NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO VIEW THE TAPED MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Obituary

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 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, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.---II Timothy 4:6-8

Victoria (Vicky) Ann Dillard of Portage, Michigan, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Vicky was born in Nettleton, Mississippi on August 7, 1956, the daughter of Lola V (Gray) Woods (lovingly known to all as “Mama Lola”) and deceased, John Henry Baker. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord, personal savior, and the head of her life and was also baptized in the faith.

She attended grade school in Nettleton, Mississippi and high school in Chicago, Illinois. She then went on to study Business Administration at Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she met the love of her life, Thomas Henry Dillard, Jr. They were joined in marriage and their union lasted 33 years, until Vicky was preceded in death by Thomas in 2009.

She was a do-it-all employee at Wright Coating Company, in Kalamazoo, Michigan for many years before retiring as a manager of Customer Service. Vicky enjoyed playing softball and spending time outdoors in the sunshine. She joined Mama Lola’s singing group, the Gospelettes, where she was blessed to contribute as a songwriter, sang alto on lead and background vocals, and would eventually serve as the group’s bass guitar player. Vicky said that God gave her the ability to learn how to play the bass guitar. Through only self-instruction the Lord guided her, and she became an accomplished guitarist, learning to play by ear and was known for her proficiency, throughout the gospel music scene. Vicky shared the Gospel of the Lord and her personal testimony, as the group traveled to different cities and states throughout the country each week. It was years after joining the group, that again she was moved by the Lord, to read and write the music that the Gospelettes would perform.

Vicky was a long-time member of Bible Baptist Church, in Kalamazoo,

Michigan. At Bible Baptist, she served with the musicians, allowing the Lord to use her awesome prowess and gifts on the bass guitar. She also answered the call to serve as an usher, on the nominating committee, and any other committee that required her service.

It was not uncommon to catch Vicky at any of her favorite restaurants after church, fellowshiping, laughing, and enjoying the company of her family and friends. Vicky was especially fun to be around and had an infectious, loving spirit.

Affectionately known as “Mama Vicky,” she found great pleasure and pride in helping her children and grandchildren develop and excel in academics, athletics, and any of the pursuits they would seek in life. She relished the opportunity to travel and take in all of God’s majesty. Mississippi, Ohio, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida, Detroit, Chicago, and Toronto were among her favorite destinations. She never wanted to pass up a chance to spend time and make new memories with her family, wherever they may be. Cheering on her children and grandchildren in the stands as homeruns were hit, tennis balls were smashed, high notes were sang, basketballs were dunked, touchdowns were scored, finish lines were crossed, or instruments were played, is where Mama Vicky’s love could be felt and was on full display for the world. Mama Vicky loved all her children, family, and friends with every bit of love one could ever hope to have.

Vicky’s faith in God was strong before her illness and was only strengthened afterwards. She would oftentimes witness to whomever it was that graced her presence. She was at total peace before she left this earth and was fully prepared to be welcomed home.

Vicky was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Dillard, Jr. her

stepfather, Clyde Woods, her grandparents, Octavia Gray and Richard Gray, her father-in-law, Thomas Dillard, Sr., and her mother-in-law, Carolease (Dunlap) Dillard.

Vicky is survived by her daughter, Toni (Johnnie, Jr.) Berry, two sons, Thomas Dillard, III and Theron Dillard, and her youngest daughter, Tamara Dillard. Her mother, Lola Woods. Her siblings, Fillest Phillips (Edward), Wanda Clark (Perry), Johnny Baker, and Demario Turner. Her legacy lives on in her beloved grandchildren, (Toni) JarQuaVeion, LaTaya, Aiyanna, Janiya, Mariyah, (Thomas, III) Thomas, IV, Tayla, Kaisyn, Nehemyah, Tristan, (Theron) Claire, Kenlynn, Khyler, (Tamara) Amar, and Avani. 4 great grandchildren, Brooklyn, Jamiya, JarQuaVeion Jr., and Tayden, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many dear friends, former co-workers, and her Bible Baptist Church Family.

Previous Events

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

MAR 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bible Baptist Church
1700 N. Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *I remembered the first week being in Kalamazoo Victoria came and gave me a wonderful welcome. I will not forget your kindness...God wanted you and forever at home and peace. No more pain. Love to family. Jackie and Smith and Jones Families.*

Jackie Smith - August 09, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *"To the family, I would like to express my heartfelt condolences for the loss of Victoria (Vicky Baker) as I knew her from growing up in the little small town of Nettleton, MS. I just found out she had passed and I'm extremely heartbroken. I always asked her relatives in the area about her and the rest of the family but never got a chance to see her again. Ms. Lola and family I don't know if you remember me or not I'm Judy Moore was Judy Isby at that time daughter of Baby Sister (Luella) and Pretty (Early) Isby. I just want you all to know you have my deepest sympathy and I'm so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful soul. Praying for the family!!!*

Judy Moore - May 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM

CO

“ I didn't know Victoria passed away. She trained me at Meijer many years ago. Loved her family and talked about them all the time. My thoughts with the family.



Cheryl Owens-Nebedum - April 06, 2021 at 02:11 PM

MS

“ Lola, My love and prayers are with you, so sorry to hear about your daughter passing and also that you had lost Clyde sometime earlier. Mary Scott (& the late Dale Scott) God Bless.

Mary A Scott - March 18, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Karest Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Karest Brown - March 06, 2021 at 10:56 PM

CR

“ you and I walked up and down the road in Mississippi! Miss that day! Love Catherine Shack (Rine)



Catherine Shack! Rine - March 05, 2021 at 09:25 PM

W/

“ Wynetta Goree Young /classmate lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Wynetta Goree Young /classmate - March 04, 2021 at 01:21 PM

BF

“ We are classmates of Victoria from Nettleton, Mississippi and we praying your continued strength in God. Wynetta Goree,Marie Adams,Barbara Spearman

Barbara Spearman Fells - March 04, 2021 at 12:46 PM

BF

“ Barbara Spearman Fells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Barbara Spearman Fells - March 04, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JM

“ I have not seen Vicky in a long time. Knew more of her children. She was a wonderful caring woman. Her children and grandchildren were number one. She will sadly be missed. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Judy Millers - March 04, 2021 at 08:13 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



The Daniel Family - March 04, 2021 at 07:58 AM

A&

“ *Ann Woods & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Ann woods & Family - March 03, 2021 at 10:36 PM

MG

“ *Mable Grayson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Mable Grayson - March 03, 2021 at 10:31 PM

JR

“ *Joyce Woods Rankin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Joyce woods Rankin - March 03, 2021 at 10:27 PM

MM

“ *Mozella Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Mozella Mosley - March 03, 2021 at 09:11 PM

OJ

“ *I am truly blessed and thankful that my children had such a lovely, kind, and supportive grandmother that taught them so many things. I don't know what I would have done without Moma Vicky as she was like a mother to me. She was my mother-in-law for 15 years and always treated me like her very own daughter. Her presence always brought positivity and love and I will always remember that. We have so many memories and I am thankful the lord blessed me with having Moma Vicky in my life. She was beautiful inside and out and always reminded us to behave with love with the saying: God is love. Rest In Peace Moma Vicky*



Ondrea

Ondrea Johnson - March 03, 2021 at 05:16 PM

CW

“ *Carl And Florest Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Carl and Florest Wilson - March 03, 2021 at 04:59 PM

RM

“ Rochelle Mays purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard.



Rochelle Mays - March 03, 2021 at 11:43 AM

RM

“ My deepest condolences to the Dillard family. Your mom was a beautiful soul, and I enjoyed every conversation I shared with Mama Vicky. Her beautiful spirit will be truly missed. I continue to lift your family up in prayer. Love, Rochelle Mays.



Rochelle Mays - March 03, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard.



March 03, 2021 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ Danielle May lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Danielle May - March 03, 2021 at 11:25 AM

TF

“ Tyrone & Karen Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Tyrone & Karen Foster - March 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TF

“ Tyrone Foster lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Tyrone Foster - March 03, 2021 at 10:42 AM

DZ

“ Darlene Zackery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard



Darlene Zackery - March 03, 2021 at 09:13 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. I send my deepest condolences to the entire family of Vicki. She was a beautiful lady with a beautiful spirit, and she will be greatly missed.



Dia Campbell - March 03, 2021 at 07:45 AM

FV

“ I love you my sister!



Fillest sister of Victoria - March 03, 2021 at 12:44 AM

VE

“ I remember when Vickie when come down south to visit us and see momma tavie and we would all be together having a great time we would all sing and just laugh together and sing momma tavie favorite song Amen.😭😭

Veta - March 02, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard.



March 02, 2021 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ Love you mommavicky ❤️!



Janiya Berry - March 02, 2021 at 08:01 PM

WC

“ *Wanda Clark lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Wanda Clark - March 02, 2021 at 07:57 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Helen Word - March 02, 2021 at 11:20 AM

HF

“ *Helen Word & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Helen Word & Family - March 02, 2021 at 11:18 AM

RW

“ *Fillest and the Family of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard We Offer our deepest sympathies for the passing of your dear sister. Having someone leave our lives is never easy. Please find comfort in our prayers and wishes of peace for you in the days to come. God Bless you every one.*



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - March 02, 2021 at 10:09 AM

LO

“ *T.D, my wife and I sends our condolence to you and your family.*

Coach Ollie

Larry Ollie - March 02, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RH

“ *Our hearts are filled with sadness for the loss of Victoria. May the Lord give you strength, peace and comfort. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Bobby Sr, Robin and BJ*

Robin and Bobby Hicks - March 02, 2021 at 08:23 AM



RJ

“ *I will miss your smiling face my sister, but we will see each other again. I will always hold the time we spent in New York in my heart as a reminder of what a blessed time we had together. My deepest condolences go out to your entire family. May God give them peace and comfort knowing that you are in the Lords presence. Always your Sister in Christ.
Donna & Ralph Jones*

Ralph & Donna Jones - March 01, 2021 at 04:52 PM



EH

“ *Ed And Joan Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Ed and Joan Harris - March 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Dillard*



Dallas Boards and family - March 01, 2021 at 04:20 PM