



## Cheryl Jeanette Hill

April 2, 1956 - November 29, 2025

“Well done, good and faithful servant;... enter thou into the joy of thy lord”  
(Matthew 25:23)

Cheryl Jeanette Hill, born in New Haven, Connecticut, on April 2, 1956, was the second oldest of eight children born to the late Daisy Mae Lee-Hill and James Henderson Hill Sr.; however, all were raised by their late Aunt Lucinda Ratley (Herbert). Cheryl went home to the Lord unexpectedly on Saturday, November 29, 2025.

Cheryl attended New Haven Public Schools and graduated from Richard C. Lee High School in 1975. She also attended Norfolk State University in Virginia and received a Business Certificate from the New Haven Academy of Business in 1976, most recently graduating from the H.O.P.E. Program at Yale New Haven Hospital in 2020. She was employed at Pargament Inc. for a few years before retiring after 20 years at Blue Cross–Blue Shield. She relocated her family to Landover, Maryland, in 2000. While in Maryland, she worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Viant Insurance Company. Cheryl ultimately returned home to Connecticut after early retirement in 2012 with her youngest daughter and granddaughter.

Cheryl had a deep passion for family, music, and sports. She was known for

her love of cooking and hosting family gatherings. Cheryl was famously known for her collard and mustard greens, tuna macaroni, baked macaroni, homemade stuffing, fried fish, sweet potato pie, peach cobbler, and her granddaughter's favorite dish—smoked neckbones with rice. She loved basketball and was a lifelong Lakers fan, with LeBron James being her favorite player. She enjoyed watching all the season games, even attending professional games with her sister Donna. Cheryl also loved music and concerts, attending several with her 3 sisters and first cousins, seeing some of her favorites including Earth, Wind & Fire, The Whispers, Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle, and Diana Ross.

Cheryl was a devoted member of Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church, where she introduced all her children to Christ in the 1990s. In 2021, Cheryl rejoined Beulah, rededicating her life to Christ and being re-baptized in 2025. She served as a board member in the Women's Ministry, on the Junior Usher Board, and supported the Integration Food Pantry. She had a deep passion for community, family, and volunteer work. Affectionately known as "Mama Cheryl" by her neighbors and her children's friends, she was loved and cherished by many. She loved celebrations and taking pictures and was known for treating everyone like family—whether through a plate of food, a phone call, a prayer, or a smile. She always showed up, no matter how big or small the moment, never missing an opportunity to celebrate her loved ones.

Cheryl deeply loved her children and grandchild. As a single mother of four, she worked tirelessly to provide beyond their needs. With the loss of both of her children's fathers, Ulysses Myrick and Oliver Murphy, her love and dedication to motherhood grew even stronger. In May 2008, Cheryl was given a new reason

to love even harder when her youngest daughter gave birth to her first and only grandchild, Jamiya Bryant. If you knew Cheryl, then you knew how much she loved Jamiya, affectionately known as “Grandma’s Heart.” Cheryl never missed a beat in helping Olivia raise her, becoming the ultimate grandmother. Early retirement allowed Cheryl to be an even more present mother and grandmother, supporting her family through all the highs and lows over the years. Her children would like their mother to be remembered for the love, care, and joy she brought to everyone she encountered.

Cheryl leaves behind to cherish her memory, her daughter’s; Deborah Myrick, Olivia

Hill-Murphy, Sons: Matthew Murphy, Donnie McDaniel and her grandchild, Jamiya Bryant.

Her Goddaughters: Danielle Hill, Jacqueline McKenzie-Porter [Britian, Dallas, & Dwayne

Jr.] & her Granddog, Mazi Hill.

Her Siblings: Celeste Hill, Kevin Hill, Donna Conyers(Charles), & Godsister; Beverly

McKenzie. Nieces: Tanisha, Shakeina, Whitney, Tanaya, Talia, and Jasmine.

Nephews:

Rameik, Gregory, Georgie, George, Jason, Joshua, Noah, Hakeem and

Dontrell. Aunts: Sally Lee, Gladys Lee and a host of other beloved great nieces and nephews + family and friends.

Special Cousins: Eva Smith-Bryant, Earl, Beverly & Marie Hill, RoseAnn

Watts, Cynthia Thompson, Brad Lee, Naro Lee Jr. & Desiree Clayton. Spiritual

Family; Sisters: Lillie Mary Bowes, Kathy Hailey(Bernard), Debbie

Glover(Micheal) & Pearl Murphy. Nieces:

Sherry[Kyraisa,Jayla], Tennille, Alexis, &Mariah Daughters: Elizabeth Parson,

Naimah

Moore [Ever], Shalene McClam(Darrell), Jessica Harp(Travis), Deb Konareski [Lillian],

Tawanna Barnhill(Jayda), Alanna Hooks, & Krystal Turner, Sons: Lawrence Washington

III(Natalie), Robert L. Smith IV (Krystal), Kyshant Moore, Edward Konareski.

Best Girlfriends: Dawn Gause, Willie Mae Jones, Faye Johnson, Donna Turner, Shirley

Myers, Ronitha Howard & Stella Williams.

Cheryl is predeceased by her first born, her son Jamar A. Myrick; Brothers: James Hill Jr. &

Douglas Hill, Sisters: Lou Ann Hill-Brown, Deborah Hill & Sisters-in-love Mary Edwards-Hill

& Michelle Jones-Hill. Aunts: Mary Hill, Minnie Hill-Bryant, Julia Hill-Long, Pearlina

Hill-Frink and Rosa Lee-Fair. Uncles: Cleveland Hill, Porter Hill, Springer Hill, Fred Douglas

Hill, Praisie Hill, John Harvest Hill, Roy Hill, Jefferson Lee Jr., Frank Lee Sr.

and Naro Lee Sr. Nephew: James Hill III. Special Cousins: Darcel Lee & Terri Fair-Allen and countless other cherished relatives.

"For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hour

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church  
782 Orchard Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robin Williams lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Hill*



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**Robin Williams** - December 22, 2025 at 11:43 AM

LF

“ *Cheryl was always nice and kind to those she came in contact with. My last conversation with her was about me being scared of dogs. Once I explain why i was scared she said some very encouraging words to me about breaking my fear of dogs for my son. That's just the person she was so to her daughter Olivia and her grand daughter you both have gained an angel for life she will always be with you both watching over you so continue to make her proud.*

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**Lacole Floyd** - December 19, 2025 at 04:31 PM

PD

“ *Pastor Carol DuBose lit a candle in memory of Cheryl Hill*



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**Pastor Carol DuBose** - December 16, 2025 at 03:41 PM

CF

*My sincere condolences to her adult children and her grandchild.*

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**CONSTANCE R FLEMING** - December 20, 2025 at 02:36 PM

RB

“ Our thoughts and memories of Cheryl goes way back to our childhood living in the Hill. Truly blessed to have known her. Our deepest sympathy to the family and all that knew her.



*Renee Bland-Hyman and the Bland Family*



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**Renee Bland-Hyman** - December 15, 2025 at 11:45 AM

DE

*My prayers to the Hill family.I grew up knowing the lee family,We all lived on spruce st*

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**DAVID (bUTCH) ELLIOTT** - December 15, 2025 at 09:03 PM