



Sarah Jane Gilliard

November 30, 1934 - September 6, 2017

Mrs. Sarah Jane Gilliard was born on November 30, 1934 in Plantersville, South Carolina. Sarah was the daughter of the late James and Hattie (Green) Deas. After her mother passed on she was raised by her father and stepmother, the late Charlotte Deas. Sarah attended Plantersville Elementary School and graduated from Dillard High School of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

After settling down in Connecticut Sarah met and married John S. Gilliard of Hemingway, SC. From this union they were blessed with two sons, Emanuel and Ephraim.

Pursuing her career and raising her children was most important to her. Sarah attended the Bond Barber College of Hartford, CT which began her career and commitment to hard work as a successful barber. Sarah was one of first black female barbers in her time, and she will forever be remembered as a trailblazer.

Sarah truly enjoyed traveling the Eastern Seaboard, she's seen almost everywhere between Canada and Florida! Although Sarah has changed stations, serving God eternally will not be new. She was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT where she was a member of the Lay Organization and served on Stewardess Board #1. She was also a long-time member of the United Barbers of New Haven,

Connecticut.

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at Yale New Haven Hospital, God called Sarah home. She leaves a legacy of love to her; son, Emanuel, and his wife Gloria; grandchildren; LaRae Gilliard, LaCrisa, Larry, and JaToria Holder; great grandchildren, Zanyla and Elijah Holder; sister, Louester Hunt; godchildren, Davelina Nelson, Marvin Neal, and Felecia H. Jones; her devoted and loving caregiver, Beverly Archer; sisters-in-law, Geneva Gilliard and Joyce Leach (Kenneth); brother-in-law James Gilliard (Carleta); nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Sarah was predeceased by her son, Ephraim Gilliard; her husband, John Gilliard; her brothers Richard Deas and Josephus Deas; and two of her sisters Regina Green and Carrie Bell Neal.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
255 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Jane Gilliard

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ During his ministry, Jesus showed that he really understood people and had empathy for them. When his close friend Lazarus died, Jesus felt the intense pain that Mary and Martha experienced. His empathy for them was so strong that he began to cry, even though he knew that he was going to resurrect Lazarus.—John 11:33-36. So we can be sure that Jesus is still affected when others are in pain. He understands their grief, and he is able to give them comfort “at the right time.

Valerie Jordan - September 12, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ I remember sitting on the booster seat and squirming while Ms. Sarah cut my hair at Eddie's! My condolences to the family!

Charles Smith - September 12, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ Ramona Fain lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Gilliard



Ramona Fain - September 11, 2017 at 09:53 PM

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“ *Tony And Laura Dawson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Gilliard*



Tony and Laura Dawson - September 11, 2017 at 03:07 PM

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“ *Sending condolences to the Gilliard and Hunt families on the passing of a wonderful woman of God! I will always remember the kind and loving words she would give us as we were growing up. Love you guys!!!*
**Deborah Busch Wright and family.*

Deborah Wright - September 11, 2017 at 01:55 PM

 Sharon Bellamy

“ *Sharon Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Gilliard*



Sharon Bellamy - September 11, 2017 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Mrs. Sarah was the Second Mom to All of her younger male cousins and ALL of Emamuel and Ephriams friends. She will be sadly missed. Love you Cousin Sarah*
Tony Greene

Anthony Greene - September 10, 2017 at 09:54 PM

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“ Sarah was one of my close and trusted friends. She loved me like the little girl she never had. And I loved her like a Mom. Sarah has put up a long fight over the years. But now take your rest you will always live in my heart. Trish



Patricia Greene - September 09, 2017 at 09:25 PM