

In Loving Memory of

Willene Janet Tillman

October 5, 1936 - August 23, 2026

A Celebration of Life

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 10:30 A.M.

Adams Funeral Home, P.A.



Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 23

New Testament: Revelations 21:4

Prayer of Comfort – Pastor Jonathan Burnett

Solo – Pastor Jonathan Burnett

Reflections (*Please limit to 2 minutes*)

Acknowledgements

Obituary – Read Silently

Solo

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Repast

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A Beautiful Life Remembered

Willene Janet Tillman, affectionately known as "Mimi", beloved matriarch and cherished friend, peacefully entered eternal life on August 23, 2026, surrounded by love and warmth of her family. Born on October 5, 1936, in Washington, D.C., Willene brought light and joy to all who knew her.

The daughter of the late Joe and Anna Postell, Willene grew up in a home filled with love and laughter. She attended Washington, D.C. public schools and graduated from Martha Washington in 1955, nurturing a love of learning and forming lifelong friendships.

In 1957, Willene married the love of her life, Tea Thessalonian Tillman. Together, they built a loving family of five children and a life filled with treasured memories. Though Tea preceded her in death, their enduring love remains a beautiful testament to their union.

Willene dedicated 25 years to a career in retail services, touching many lives with her warm smile and commitment. She was also a devoted member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Willene embraced life with infectious joy. She loved shopping, dancing, and traveling, always seeking new adventures and creating cherished memories along the way.

Willene was preceded in death by her siblings, Lawrence Postell and Ethel Whittingham, whom she now joins in eternal rest. While her passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of those who knew her, her vibrant spirit continues to inspire and uplift us.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her devoted children: Tojuana, Gary, Cynthia, Ethel and Jackie, who carried forward her legacy of love and kindness. She found great joy in her six grandchildren: Nicole, Jessica, Monique, Lil Gary, Moriah, and Trey – her nine great-grandchildren: Diamond, McKenzie, Emari, Eli, Eva, Marquis, Bryce, Brynn and Mazie Marie and her great-great grandchild, Kyrie, daughter-in-law, Stacy, son-in-law, Mike, grand-dog, Tedde' and host of other relatives and friends.

Willene J. Tillman's legacy lives on through the many lives she touched, reflecting a life filled with love, laughter and steadfast faith.









To Our Dearest Mother: A Legacy of Love

Momma, you were my first home, my greatest source of love, and a light that will continue to guide me. I will miss your voice, your hugs, and your unconditional love every day. I will carry you in my heart forever.

— *With love, your daughter Tojuana*

Mama, I am going to miss you more than words can express. The love we shared was unconditional, and that bond will remain with me always.

— *With love, your son, Gary*

You were a kind and loving person who found happiness in being surrounded by the family and sharing special moments together. Your love for your family and the joy you brought to those around you will always be remembered and cherished. Mother, knowing that you were loved, respected, and will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

— *With love, your daughter Cynthia*

Mama, it saddened me, I felt like I was frozen in time for a few days after your passing. God has you now in his keeping. Your memory is my keepsake, which will never part. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. You will always be in my heart.

— *With love, your daughter Ethel*

Mimi, I will miss your voice, your laughter, your guidance and the comfort of knowing you were always there. My heart aches as I imagine life without you, yet I remain deeply grateful for every memory we shared. I will carry those cherished moments with me always.

Although your absence leaves a deep ache in my heart, your love will continue to live on through the way I love others, the strength I carry, and the values you instilled in me. I will honor your memory by living with courage, kindness, and the unconditional love you gave so freely. I will always be grateful to be your Babygirl.

— *With love, your daughter Jackie*

We love you, Mama. Your light will shine on through us forever.

— *Forever in our hearts, your children* —

Our Grandma: A Legacy of Love

Hey Grandma Girl... I love and miss you deeply. I will forever cherish the love, memories, and special moments we shared. Thank you for always being a beautiful part of my life. Until we meet again, Grandma Girl, love you always.

— Nicole

Grandma, I love you more than words can express, and I will forever be grateful for the unconditional love, warmth, and beautiful memories you gave me. Your love will always live in my heart and although I miss you more than words can say, I find comfort knowing that a piece of you will always be with me.

— Jessica

Grandma, though I may not have had the chance to know you as deeply as I would have liked, I will always be grateful for the life and legacy you gave our family. Your presence will continue to live on through the generations you leave behind. May you rest peacefully and always be remembered with love.

— Lil Gary

Hi Grandma, although life may not have given us every moment together that we would have wished for, we are grateful for the moments we shared and the memories that will remain with us. Your love for family and the life you built will forever be a part of our family's story, carried forward through the generations you helped shape. Rest peacefully, Grandma, knowing that you will be remembered, your legacy will live on, and you will always have a place in our hearts.

— Monique & Moriah

Mimi, you were truly one of a kind. You were not only my grandmother, but you were also my safe place, my comfort, and someone who taught me so much about love, strength, and resilience. I cannot say enough how deeply I miss you, but I will honor you by carrying your lessons and your spirit with me always.

— Trey

Thank you, grandmom, for the love you always showed, for the extra-special treats you secretly bestowed. For the gentle way you scratched my ears, and patted on my head, and letting me take up the space right next to your warm bed, I'll miss your voice, your happy smile, the way you said my name, without you here to spoil me, it won't be quite the same.

— Tedde'

"We will honor you by carrying your lessons and your spirit with us always."

With all our eternal love,
Your Grandchildren



PARENTS' TRIBUTE

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Welcomed Home in Heaven

Beyond the clouds where angels sing,
Two loving hearts await her coming.
With open arms and smiles so bright,
They welcome their daughter into light.
Their love, once cherished here below,
Now guides her where the roses grow.
Together again, forever to be,
Held in Heaven's peace eternally.

She is welcomed home by the parents who
loved her first and will love her forever.

At Heaven's gate, with hearts aglow,
Your brother and sister wait below.
With loving arms and smiles so bright,
They welcome you into eternal light.
The bond you shared will never cease,
Now wrapped in everlasting peace.
Together in Heaven, whole and free,
Your family's love shines eternally.

Welcome home, Willene. Your brother and
sister are waiting with open arms, and the love
you shared on Earth continues forever in
Heaven.

Willene Janet Tillman

Forever held in love



To Those I Love and Those Who Loved Me

WHEN I AM GONE,
RELEASE ME, LET ME GO
I HAVE SO MANY THINGS
TO SEE AND DO
YOU MUST NOT TIE YOURSELF
TO ME WITH TEARS
BE THANKFUL FOR OUR MANY
BEAUTIFUL YEARS

I GAVE TO YOU MY LOVE,
YOU CAN ONLY GUESS HOW
MUCH YOU HAVE GIVEN TO
ME IN HAPPINESS, I THANK
YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU
ALWAYS HAVE SHOWN BUT
NOW IT'S TIME

I TRAVELED ON ALONE
SO GRIEVE A WHILE FOR ME
IF GRIEVE YOU MUST
THEN LET YOUR GRIEF BE
COMFORTED BY TRUST
IT'S ONLY FOR A TIME THAT
WE MUST PART

I WON'T BE FAR AWAY,
FOR LIFE GOES ON
SO IF YOU NEED ME,
CALL I WILL COME
THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE
OR TOUCH ME

I'LL BE NEAR
AND IF YOU LISTEN
WITH YOUR HEART,
YOU'LL HEAR
ALL MY LOVE AROUND
YOU SOFT AND CLEAR

AND THEN, WHEN YOU MUST
COME THIS WAY ALONE.
I'LL GREET YOU WITH A SMILE, AND SAY.....



"Welcome Home"



Forever in Our Hearts

Though Heaven is far beyond our sight,
Your love still guides us every night.
Your gentle spirit, warm and true,
Lives in all who cherished you.

We'll speak your name with love and pride,
And keep your memory by our side.
Though tears may fall and hearts may bend,
Your love will never reach an end.

Rest peacefully, dear Willene,
In Heaven's light, serene and clean.
Until the day we meet anew,
Our hearts will always belong to you.

Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever missed.



Comfort

FROM

Scripture

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalm 34:18

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning
or crying or pain.'

Revelation 21:4

May the love of family, the comfort of God,
and the memories of Willene bring peace
to every heart that grieves her absence.



With Sincere Appreciation

The family of Willene J. Tillman extends our heartfelt gratitude for every expression of love and support shared during this time. Your prayers, comforting words, daily messages, cards, phone calls, and encouragement have brought us strength and peace. We are deeply appreciative of your kindness and continued care.

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