

Celebrating the Life and Legacy
OF
OUR DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER



Eva Mae Gillette

SUNRISE – July 23, 1934 • SUNSET – December 20, 2024

**Saturday
December 28, 2024
1:00 PM**

Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ
4093 Booker Street – Orlando, FL 32811

OFFICIATING

Elder Sharon P. Walters

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church – St. Petersburg, FL 33712

EULOGIST

Dr. Gene Pritchard, Pastor

Grace Bible Church – Orlando, FL 32818

INTERMENT

Washington Park Cemetery

2600 Bruton Blvd. – Orlando, FL 32811

Our Mother A HEART OF GOLD

*We lost a mother with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told;
She shared our burdens and helped us along,
If we follow her footsteps, we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you and now there's an empty chair,
We miss your smile and gentle air;
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you, mother, and always will.*

*She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there;
On earth she toiled, in heaven she rests,
God bless you, mother – you were one of the best!*

– YOUR FAMILY



EVA MAE GILLETTE

Beloved mother and grandmother, **Eva Mae Gillette** was born on July 23, 1934, in Havana, Florida to the late Albert and Clara Washington. She was the only child of her parents who loved her dearly. In April of 1936, her family moved to Orlando, Florida. Eva Mae was raised in a Christian home and personally accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age.

As a believer in Jesus Christ and faithful servant, her faith was the foundation for the way she lived her life. The greatest joy of Eva’s life was being a mother to her six children, whom she shared with her former husband, Peter Gillette Jr. She loved her family and particularly enjoyed family gatherings, especially holiday and birthday celebrations.

Although she had a mild and meek personality, she was very quick-witted and had great comedic timing! She brought joy and laughter to family functions. In addition to raising her children, many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren also spent time growing up in her home and enjoying her homecooked meals. She was truly a selfless woman who worked hard her entire life, often sacrificing her own needs for that of her family. In her free time, she loved relaxing and watching her favorite soap operas, suspense TV shows, church services, and the local news.

Eva attended public schools in Orlando and was a proud graduate of Jones High School, attended Bethune Cookman College, and later made Orlando her permanent residence.

She moved to the Malibu neighborhood in the early 70’s where she lived for nearly 45 years. She was a beloved member of her community and took pride in living in her home well into her senior years. During her early adult years, she and her former husband owned a small neighborhood restaurant. Later she worked in facilities and hospitality for the local tourist and healthcare industries.

Eva Mae was a patient, kind, and loving woman. She enjoyed the simple things in life such as talking on the telephone with friends and family. And she would savor the times she would go on shopping trips, or on family dinners and outings.

On Friday, December 20, 2024, Eva completed the good fight of faith and was welcomed into the arms of our Lord and Savior. She was preceded in death by her **parents** – Albert [1983] and Clara [2011] Washington; **sons** – Peter Gillette III [1960], Peter Gillette IV [2023], and **daughter** – Linda Gillette-Render [2005].

She leaves to cherish loving memories: beloved **daughters** – Mary Scott (Jimmy), Deborah Bellenger, and Rushon Gillette; loving **grandchildren** – Sylvia Washington Quevedo (Carlos), Sheleana Jenkins, LaQuisha Persak (Jon), Clemel Antwan Taylor, Shayla Bellenger, and Shaina Bellenger; **great grandchildren** – Derrick Smith Jr., Monroe Sanderson Jr., Jeremiah Sanderson, Latorie Hollinger Jr., Sheldon Jenkins-Lee, and Aralyn Persak; **great-great grandchildren** – Kelani Smith, and Genesis Taylor; and a host of **cousins**, other relatives, caregivers, and friends who will hold her close in their hearts forever.

Eva Mae Gillette was a woman of extraordinary grace and strength, a cornerstone of her family, and a source of unwavering love and inspiration. Her life and legacy will never be forgotten.



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*Music led by Pastor Alec Richardson
Greater Dimensions Christian Assembly – Dunnellon, Florida*

1:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Processional – “Just Want to Praise You”.....Clergy and Family

Invocation Elder Sharon P. Walters

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 40:31Rev. Gary Bellenger
New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:7-8 Min. Judson Williams

Solo Valerie Tooley Jenkins

Reflections – *Open to Family and Friends*
(limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

Special Tributes

As a Friend – Lena Armstead
As a Grandmother – LaQuisha Persak
As a Mother – Rushon Gillette

Musical Selection – “His Eye is On the Sparrow”

Resolutions and AcknowledgmentsTrina Kenon

Reading of the Legacy *(silently to soft music)*

Musical Selection – “How Great Thou Art”

Words of Comfort – Dr. Gene Pritchard, Pastor

Recessional – “Let the Church Say Amen”

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies
will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19_{NLT}



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

Active Pallbearers

Latorie Hollinger, Jr.
Carlos Quevedo
Jon Persak
Monroe Sanderson
Ahmon Sheffield

Honorary Pallbearers

Clemel Antwan Taylor
Derrick Smith, Jr.
Jeremiah Sanderson
Sheldon Jenkins-Lee

Flower Attendants

Family and Friends of Our Dearly
Beloved Mother Eva M. Gillette

Honorary Flower Attendants

Sylvia Washington Quevedo • Sheleana Jenkins
LaQuisha Persak • Shayla Bellenger • Shaina Bellenger
Aralyn Persak • Kelani Smith • Genesis Taylor

Greeters

Keisha Lundy • Lorene Tate

Repast

Immediately following the interment, the Family
invites you join them for a Repast at the
Northwest Neighborhood Center
3955 WD Judge Drive, Orlando FL 32808

In Appreciation

Your words have comforted us, your support has
strengthened us, and your love has sustained us.

We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness
during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than
words can express, and it will always be remembered.

We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered
into the heart of man, the things which God
has prepared for those who love Him.”*

– the Family

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