

SYLVIA TYLER



Sylvia Tyler, 61, of Hilliard, joined the arms of Jesus, September 24, 2022. She was born March 2, 1961 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Folkston, Georgia to the Late Louis Matthew Tyler and the late Esther Lee Tyler. Gloria Sylvia Tyler, was affectionately known by many as “Sylv,” “Ceil,” and “Ms. Sylvia.” Sylvia was raised in Kings Ferry. She received her early education at Pine Forest Community School and after integration, continued at Hilliard Junior Senior High School now Hilliard Middle Senior High School where she held the title of MVP in basketball, ran track and played softball. She graduated in the class of 1980. Sylvia began working in her late teens for Gold Kist Eggs in Hilliard. Later she worked at the Dixie Restaurant where she was a cook, Patricia Ann’s Restaurant, IGA where she was the Produce Manager; the Sewing Factory in Folkston; Armor Holdings in Jacksonville where she was promoted to Supervisor; the Nassau County School Board as a Custodian; and Winn Dixie where she was a lead seafood associate.

Sylvia accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized in the St. Marys River by the late Reverend J.L. Hall of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Kings Ferry, where she held membership in later years and received the gift of Holy Ghost. God anointed her with the gift to sing. She sang at an early age in the Youth Choir at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and in the 1980s she and her sisters formed the group, The Tyler Sisters, where she was the lead soloist leading songs such as: Searching Until I Found The Lord, Since I’ve Been Born Again, Liberty, What Do You Know About Jesus and their most popular Jesus Can Work It Out and they were invited to sing to churches and events throughout Nassau, Charlton and Duval counties. She served as an honorary choir member and lead soloist in the Adult Choir at Mt. Charity Baptist Church. She was a member of the Community Mass Choir of Hilliard where she was a lead soloist. She was invited to minister as soloist for programs, weddings, funerals, throughout Nassau and Camden counties.

Sylvia, in her spare time, was very multitalented. She was a phenomenal seamstress and could sew and make anything. She loved cooking; she could make homemade chocolate and coconut cakes and homemade biscuits from scratch. She was a member of the Silver Sneakers Fitness group in Hilliard. Whenever the WNBA was on television there was no disturbing her because she was into her basketball. As much as possible she made sure to find time to visit her grandmother Cora Lee Timmons at the Life Care Center in Hilliard. She was known to the public as a down to earth person who danced to the beat of her own music and always wore a smile on her face. If she could do anything to help anyone, she’d do it.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her parents Esther Lee Tyler and Louis Matthew Tyler; uncles John Timmons, Sr. and George Timmons, Jr.; and grandfather George Timmons, Sr.

She leaves to cherish those memories her son Michael Taylor, Jr.; brothers Kenneth M. Tyler, Louis Tyler and Lenard Tyler; sisters Sharon Mitchell, Charlene Mainor, Josetta (Robert) Lawson, Debra Tyler, Sharon Tyler and Sheryl Tyler; grandmother Cora Lee Timmons; Uncle Jerry O. (Anita) Timmons, Sr.; special aunts Anna Timmons and Mercedes Timmons; special friends Angela Russell, Tony and Emmy Smith, Beatrice Alderman, Katie Mae Davis and Larry Mitchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, coworkers and sorrowing friends.

A homegoing service for Sylvia will be held Saturday, October 8 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Hilliard. A fellowship will follow at Mt. Olive Church in Kings Ferry.