



## Mary Brown Hilliard

December 4, 2022

Mary Brown Hilliard, peacefully transitioned on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at her post-Katrina home in Houston, TX at the age of 93. Mary was born on March 10, 1929 to the late Robert and Camilla Brown in St. Francisville, LA. She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late David Hilliard, Sr., at which time they relocated to New Orleans, LA. Their union was blessed with 10 children. Left to cherish her memory are her adoring children; Bobbie H. Hargrove, David Hilliard, Robert Hilliard, Patricia H. Decoud, Sharon H. Cottrell (Elias) and Mary Decoud (Earl), loving sister, Lora Raby, 28 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her godmother, Rita Williams and affectionate great-neice/adopted daughter, Jeanna Becnel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Camilla Brown, husband, David Hilliard, Sr., siblings; Tom Brown, James Brown, Julian B. Jones, Camilla Doherty and Venetia B. Jackson, three sons; Freddie, Oliver and Bruce Hilliard, one daughter, Camilla Ann Hilliard and two great-grandsons; Troy Pierce and Brandon Baker.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to a Funeral Service honoring the life and legacy of Mary B. Hilliard at James Chapel Church, 4228 Thalia St., New Orleans, LA 70125 on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am until 10:00 am. Interment: Providence Memorial Park and Mausoleum, 8200 Airline Drive Metairie, LA 70003. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. As mandated by the State of Louisiana due to the COVID-

19 pandemic, everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions. You must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr  
Metairie, LA 70003  
(504) 464-0541

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

James Chapel Baptist Church  
4228 Thalia St.  
New Orleans, LA 70125

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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New Orleans, LA 70125

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences from cousins Luvenia, Ethel, Effie and Lorenza.*

**Ethel** - December 17, 2022 at 12:25 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Aunt Tee. Give Mush, Gue, and my daddy a kiss for me.*

*Love you forever, Shirtena (Tena) Jones,  
Camilla Doherty's granddaughter*



**Shirtena Jones** - December 16, 2022 at 11:38 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to you, Sharon (Shay) and your family during this time. It doesn't matter how old we are, we always need our moms. My prayers are with you and the family. From Tuwàn, Mike and Clara.*

**Tuts Brown** - December 16, 2022 at 04:41 PM

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“ *Ms. Mary was a beautiful and loving lady. I was friends with her daughter Sharon when we were in high school. She always treated me like her daughter. What a lovely model of womanhood, a mother and beautiful example. May you all be comforted in the tremendous legacy Ms. Mary has left with you. Be assured she is resting.*  
*Sandra Cooley*

**Sandra** - December 15, 2022 at 03:47 PM