



# Lillian Virginia Cole

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Lillian Virginia Claybrooks was born on August 3, 1931 to the union of Alford and Lucinda Koonce Claybrooks in Maury City, Tennessee. She was the youngest of 6 children. As a young child she joined her family as a member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Maury City. After the death of her beloved mother, she met and joined in holy matrimony, Macklin Cole Jr. on August 3, 1958. Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Geneva Jones, brothers Claxton, Charles, Exodus and her beloved husband. After many wonderful years of marriage and acting as surrogate parents to their many nieces and nephews, they were blessed with the birth of their only child, Mack Nakia Cole. Mrs. Cole worked for many years in the automotive industry before her retirement in 1996; however, she started a new career as the “go to” caregiver to all the newborns in her family because she thrived in spoiling each new generation. All of her nieces and nephews and their children knew to call “Aunt Lilly” when they needed an ally against their parents or wanted a homemade chocolate pie served with sympathy and love. Even before the birth of her son, all the children gravitated to her and “Uncle M.C.” because they would be given all the love and attention any child could want. In her later years, Mrs. Cole became the sole caregiver of her father (which she considered a privilege) until her death. Mrs. Cole was a member in good standing of the Williams Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Pastor J. Barber until her illness incapacitated her. Mrs. Cole was well-loved by



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achieved or met their goals, she was proud, happy and eager to spread the good news of their success. She was known for her sense of humor and loved practical jokes and pranks, especially on her brothers. Mrs. Cole was an avid and knowledgeable reader and student of the Bible.

Mrs. Cole transitioned on April 13, 2022, she is survived by her son; Mack N. Cole, his sons; Kyle and Kahlil and her brother; Roger Claybrooks, sisters-in-laws; Mrs. Mary (Roger) Claybrooks, Mrs. Opaline Claybrooks, along with a host of nieces, nephews and extended family throughout the United States, including California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri. Mrs. Cole is also survived by her long-time friend and neighbor, Mrs. Dorothy Howard.



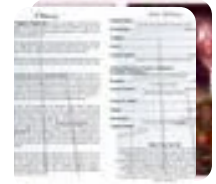
## Tribute Wall

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**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary** .



November 3 at 11:06 AM



**Russell Cole** posted:

RIH Aunt Lillian.Love you.

April 21 at 8:00 PM



**Gwendolyn Pickens** posted:

My deepest condolences to you and your family. There's a special place in all our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children. May your memories be the beautiful gifts that bless you with healing and fill you with peace. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you. Sincerely, Sister Gwendolyn Pickens

April 21 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

May God bless and comfort your family in the days ahead

April 20 at 8:00 PM



# Media

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The House Of Johnson Funeral Home shared 2 photos to the **Obituary** album.

November 3 at 11:06 AM

**PALLBEARERS**  
 Clarence Johnson, Edwin Egan, David Collins, Charles Egan

**FLOWER BEARERS**  
 Friends of the Family


**INTERMENT**  
 Detroit Memorial Park-1942

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
 The family of the late Lillian Virginia Cole wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who provided emotional and practical support for our family at this difficult time. Thank You!

**ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO**  
**The House of Johnson Funeral Home**  
 12540 Hayes Detroit, Michigan 48205  
 (313) 285-4100 or (313) 285-6300

Sunrise: August 3, 1931  
 Sunset: April 9, 2020

*Celebrating  
 The  
 Life  
 Of*



**Lillian Virginia Cole**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
 Family Hour: 10:00 AM Funeral: 11:00 PM

**The House of Johnson Funeral Home**  
 12540 Hayes  
 Detroit, Michigan 48205  
 Pastor Antonio White, officiating

**Obituary**

Lillian Virginia Claybrooks was born on August 3, 1931 to the late of Alfred and Lucinda Jones Claybrooks in Henry, Okla., Tennessee. She was the youngest of 6 children. As a young child she joined her family as a member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Henry City.

After the death of her beloved mother, she met and joined in holy matrimony, Macklin Cole, Jr. on August 3, 1958. Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Geneva Jones, brothers Clayton, Charles, Elnoka and her beloved husband.

After many wonderful years of marriage and acting as surrogate parents to their many nieces and nephews, they were blessed with the birth of their only child, Mack Nolas Cole.

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In her later years, Mrs. Cole became the sole caregiver of her father which she considered a privilege until her death. Mrs. Cole was a member in good standing of the William Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Pastor J. Barber until her illness incapacitated her. Mrs. Cole was well-known by family, friends, co-workers and all who knew her. She was a generous person, always willing to lend a hand, to support, never too shy to correct a mistake, but always happy to give compliments and encouragement. Whenever friends or family members achieved or met their goals, she was proud, happy and eager to spread the good news of their success. She was known for her sense of humor and kind practical jokes and pranks, especially on her brothers. Mrs. Cole was an oral and knowledgeable reader and student of the Bible.

Mrs. Cole was married on April 13, 2020, and is survived by her son, Mack N. Cole, his sons, Kyle and Khalil and her brother, Roger Claybrooks, sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mary (Hazel) Claybrooks, Mrs. Opeline Claybrooks, along with a host of nieces, nephews and extended family throughout the United States, including California, Georgia, Texas, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri. Mrs. Cole is also survived by her long-time friend and neighbor, Mrs. Dorothy Howard.

**Order of Service**

Organ Prelude: *One Sweet Day (Barbara Carey)* by Kim Andrew Griffin

Processional: *Cherry, Family and Friends*

Scripture: *Minister*

Prayer: *Minister*

Song of Comfort: *Smells So Good* by Amelia Semach-Evace  
*His Eye is on the Sparrow (Bobby Houston)*

Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences  
 Resolutions and Obituary: *Dajiah Sims*

Remarks: *Family and Friends*

Song of Comfort: *Open My Heart (Hilanda Adams)* by Amelia Semach-Evace  
*Open My Heart (Hilanda Adams)*

Words of Comfort: *Dajiah Sims*

Eulogy: *Pastor Antonio White*

Recessional: *Cherry, Family and Friends*

Organ Postlude: *Going Up (Hilanda Adams)* by Andrew Griffin

**Don't Cry For Me**  
 Don't cry for me now I have died, for I'm still here I'm by your side,  
 My body's gone but my soul's in here, please don't shed another tear.  
 I am still here I'm all around, only my body lies in the ground.  
 I am still here that know your time, I am the first that cry your name,  
 I am the sun, bringing you light, I am the star, showing you bright,  
 I am the rain, refreshing the earth, I am the laughter, I am the worth,  
 I am the bird, up in the sky, I am the cloud, that's drifting by,  
 I am the thought, inside your head, while I'm still here, I can't be dead.  
 Author: Unknown



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lillian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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