



## Vernice Hill Tilghman

May 10, 1935 - May 29, 2020

On Friday, May 29, 2020 at Suburban Hospital, Vernice H. Tilghman, 85, went to sleep and was received by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Vernice Yvonne Hill was born on May 10, 1935 in South Boston, Virginia, the ninth of 10 children born to the late Charlie Buck Hill and Willie Easley. Vernice graduated from Dunbar High School in 1953. At 21, Vernice married Charles J. Tilghman and from that union they had two daughters – Jeanene Marie and Yvonne Vernice. In 1962, graduating at the top of her class from Martha Washington Vocational School, Vernice received her certification in cosmetology. Vernice was an icon in the cosmetology field and a mentor to many. Starting her career as a highly requested beautician at Urdell’s in upper northwest D.C., Vernice later became a highly demanded, independent cosmetician contractor. From 1992-2002, Vernice worked for the District of Columbia Public Schools system before her retirement from Orr Elementary School in Washington, D.C. Vernice was a teacher’s assistant who taught arts and crafts to her students and served as an assistant in the principal’s office. Known as a no nonsense person with a golden heart, Vernice imparted love and caring to the Orr student body. Vernice was loved by students as well as admired and respected by those whose lives she touched.

God gave Vernice many gifts from cheerfulness, helpfulness and generosity; she embraced them all. However, God greatly gifted Vernice with hospitality. Vernice was known to have wielded a “wicked cooking spoon”. She had an

extraordinary ability to transform food into a delicacy. Whenever, you had the pleasure to sit at Vernice's table, you were rewarded with the love she put on the plate. "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:9-10)

The highest honor Vernice held was the title "Ma". Vernice was always and forever will be Ma to Jeanene, Dara, Tobin, Gabby and Yvonne. However, Vernice had a myriad of names by which she was called – each reminiscent of what she meant to those whose lives she touched throughout her journey. She was also known as Aunt Vernice, Big V, Miss Tilghman, Ms. V, Tilghman and Tillie.

Vernice is survived by her two daughters – Jeanene M. Taylor and Yvonne V. Tilghman, her former spouse, Charles J. Tilghman; grandchildren Dara Taylor, Tobin Taylor (Denice) and great-granddaughter Gabrielle Taylor and her siblings – Pauline Cauthorne, Baltimore, Maryland and Leroy Hill (Frances), South Boston, Virginia. She was preceded in death by Kemba, her first granddaughter; two brothers – Charles and McKinley Hill (Virginia) and four sisters – Ann Mae Solver, Mildred Hill, Marie Hill and Queene Hill. The whereabouts of Vernice's oldest brother, Preston Hill, is unknown. Vernice leaves a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends to cherish her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial Park

Baltimore Avenue (Rte 1)  
Laurel, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD  
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

## Service

JUN 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Vernice Tilghman, Please Click the Link below.



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - June 16, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JT

*Thank you, Jeanene and Yvonne, for the chance to be together in this terrible moment, and for the honor to stand in witness of the divine blessing that was your Mother's life. AJ*

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**Joan F Tilghman** - June 23, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Vernice Hill Tilghman

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

LS

“ She was a great hugger. You knew you were loved.

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**LaVerne Smalls** - June 23, 2020 at 12:03 PM

JT

“ A woman of regal bearing in a cream-colored dress. I was about 7 years old when I first saw my sister-in-law and sister of the heart, Vernice Hill Tilghman. I have hardly a memory of life without her, and it is a mark of her status as my elder that I called her "Aunt Vernice" though we were of the same generation. She was elegant, powerful, and self-possessed -- a model of courage, of what it looks like to stand up for yourself and speak for yourself. Her voice was inimitable and unforgettable. Even today, I still hear its power and clarity. With that voice, she laid waste to false witnesses and to crap of all kinds. Hers was the voice of a woman not reluctant to speak truth, to speak joy, to speak love. What a blessing she was to Jeanene and Yvonne, to her grandchildren and great-grandchild, my brother, Charles, and to all who came within her aura. Now, she is an Ancestor, a star in the firmament. Her light is everywhere. But in this world where her absence leaves a profound emptiness, how deep is the pain.

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Joan F Tilghman - June 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM

VJ

“ Dearest Jeanene, Yvonne & the ENTIRE Tilghman Family, as we celebrate the life and legacy of an AMAZING mother; grandmother; sister; aunt; sister-in-law; cousin; friend and an ENDEARING “Big Sis”; let’s remember that some LOVE is long distance... it goes all the way from HERE to HEAVEN! May yours hearts be comforted by the ever present; everlasting; infinite bond you will always share with Tillie! Our paths crossed some 60 plus years ago and she influenced both my personal & professional life. I would be the woman I am today without her “tough ; yet endearing love for my welfare. May Tillie rest in PEACE.. may Tillie rest in PARADISE and may her seat be CLOSE to our LORD and SAVIOR!! Vernita & Family

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Vernita Jefferson - June 22, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vernice Hill Tilghman.*



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June 19, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ *The Bracmort Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Vernice Hill Tilghman.*



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**The Bracmort Family** - June 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *In Loving memory of Miss Vernice Hill Tilghman. You will be missed but do not despair. You have the wonderful legacy of your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and others who you've touched with your kindness in life, who shall carry your grace, love, humor and determination with them into the world. You will be missed Miss Tilghman but never forgotten.*

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**The Bracmort Family** - June 15, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Expression of sympathy for the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking about you all.*

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**Evans family** - June 11, 2020 at 05:21 AM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - June 07, 2020 at 06:03 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - June 05, 2020 at 06:18 PM