

A portrait of Donna Lisa Hill Williams, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling and wearing a white blazer over a light blue top. She is holding a large bouquet of white hydrangeas.

# *Homegoing Celebration*

*Sunrise*

July 14, 1958

*Sunset*

May 23, 2026

*Donna Lisa*  
**HILL WILLIAMS**

*Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 12:00 P.M.*

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church  
27 Girtman Street, Hazlehurst, GA  
Pastor, Christian King



# Reflections of a Life

**“He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.” ~ Isaiah 25:8**

Donna Lisa Hill Williams was born to Lafayette and Helen Wilson Hill in Hazlehurst, Georgia, on Monday, July 14, 1958. According to the memorable nursery rhyme, “Monday’s child is fair of face,” which was certainly true of Donna. She was aptly named, for her name, Donna, means “lady.” From her earliest years, Donna exemplified and exuded the best of feminine, lady-like qualities --- kind, compassionate, respectful, humble, a keen listener, a warm sense of humor, and a willingness to apply her hands to essential tasks.

Raised in a nurturing, Christian home, Donna grew up attending church with her parents and siblings at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. She was blessed to receive spiritual guidance from Pastor D.E. Kelley, Pastor E.K. Myles, and her father, Pastor Lafayette Hill. Under the devout mentorship of her paternal grandmother, Onie B. Strong Hill, Donna sang in the youth choir. Under the caring instruction of her maternal grandmother, Mabel Ware Wilson, Donna learned homemaking and housekeeping skills.

Donna began her formal education in the public schools of Jeff Davis County, starting first grade at Hazlehurst High and Elementary School. Donna excelled at making and keeping friends, especially her cousins, Pamela Wilson Maxwell, Sabrina Wilson Moore, Linda Gail Bennett Doctor, Jared Mae Vann Scurry, Gloria Eloise Mitchell Kirby, Laudie Mae Hall Wright, Jurad Hill, and Wilson Bernard Thomas. She was the “icebreaker” of the group, ensuring that everyone felt included, embraced, and involved. At school, she extended her circle and was befriended by Renee Thornton Hall, Phyllis Balkcom Wooten, Faye Kornegay Wilcox, Beverly Dixon Balkcom, Daphne Kornegay Pryor, Jackie Powell Dove, Janice Garnes Clark, and June Brantley.

Donna enjoyed singing, and like her mother, she knew how to sing in harmony. While attending school, Donna sang in the school chorus each year. Donna graduated from Jeff Davis High School with the Class of 1976.

After her school years were complete, Donna entered the workforce and took on adult responsibilities. She was gainfully employed by Ero Industries for several years.

Donna was a stand-up friend, one who was there at a moment’s notice. She stood up with both Renee Thornton and Eloise Mitchell, serving as the maid of honor, at both of their respective weddings 50 years ago.

Donna entered into Holy Matrimony with Oscar Williams. After his sudden death in 2008, Donna met her soulmate, Michael Hendricks, and together, they intertwined their lives. They were inseparable and their bond was indissoluble.

Donna’s struggles with her health issues did not erase her smile, extinguish her delight in the success of others, mute her voice, or dim her joy in life. She lived life to the fullest, squeezing out every bit of pleasure and happiness. Even in pain, she would still have quick sassy quip that brought forth shared laughter.

On Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Atrium Health Navicent Medical Center in Macon, Georgia, Donna shrugged off the mantle of temporal pain, frailty, and hurt; she took on the robe of eternal peace, faith, and harmony. She was preceded in death by her beloved father, Pastor Lafayette Hill; her brothers: Michael Hill, Purcell Hill, Arrinzie Wilcox, and Harvey Williams; her sister, Tara Hill; her maternal grandparents: Joe and Mabel Ware Wilson; and her paternal grandparents: Eschol and Onie B. Strong Hill.

Left to cherish Donna’s precious memories are her devoted mother, Helen W. Hill of Hazlehurst; her soulmate and cherished companion, Michael Hendricks of Macon; two sisters, Kathy Hill (Franklin) Moses of Warner Robins and Beverly Henry-Brown of Dallas, Texas; her brother, Kelvin Hill of Hazlehurst; three aunts: Betty Lewis of Baxley, Georgia, Martha Wilson of Columbia, South Carolina, and Katherine Phyllis Hill of Valdosta, Georgia; two uncles: John (Mary) Hill of Atlanta, Georgia, and Dr. Glenwood F. (Betty) Hill of Fort Valley, Georgia; two great-aunts: Ada Griffin and Carrie Hill, both of Oviedo, Florida; her nieces and nephews; and great-nephews; and a legion of bereft cousins, grieving friends, and sorrowing neighbors.

# *The Order of Service*

*Pastor Christian King, Presiding*

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| Processional.....      | Clergy and Family       |
| Prayer of Comfort..... | Pastor Christian King   |
| Scripture.....         | Minister Henry Josey    |
| Poem.....              | Ms. Marguerite Hill     |
| Captured Memories..... | Video Tribute           |
| As I knew Her.....     | Open Reflections        |
| Eulogy.....            | Dr. Claud Frank Cobb    |
| Acknowledgements.....  | Thornton's Funeral Home |
| Recessional.....       | Clergy, Family, Friends |



*"In the same way, our earthly bodies which die and decay are different from the bodies we shall have when we come back to life again, for they will never die. The bodies we have now embarrass us, for they become sick and die; but they will be full of glory when we come back to life again. Yes, they are weak, dying bodies now, but when we live again they will be full of strength. They are just human bodies at death, but when they come back to life they will be superhuman bodies.*

*For just as there are natural, human bodies, there are also supernatural, spiritual bodies."*

*~ First Corinthians, 15:42-44*

# Remember Me

Remember me with smiles not tears,  
for all the joy through all the years.  
Recall the closeness that was ours,  
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.  
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,  
We'll see each other once again.  
I am at peace... try to believe,  
It was my time... I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here,  
I see your face, I feel you near.  
I follow you throughout the day,  
You're not alone along the way.  
And when God calls you... you will be,  
Right by my side... right here with me.  
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,  
We'll be united... evermore.



## Acknowledgements

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