



Life Reflections

Celestine Newsome Voorhies was born in Northampton County, North Carolina on May 10, 1938. She was the daughter of the late Henry Edward Newsome and Phelora Virginia Newsome. She departed her earthly home on March 12, 2025 at Life Care Center of Columbia in Columbia, Tennessee.

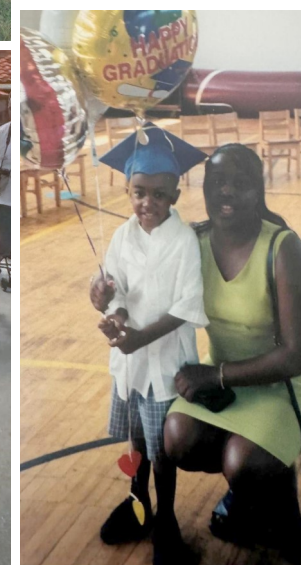
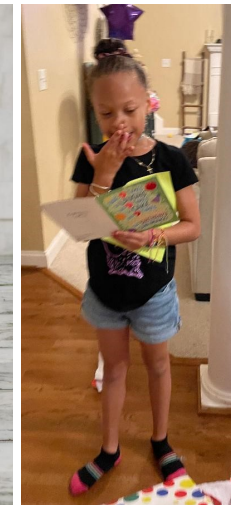
Celestine attended South Side High School in Newark, New Jersey. After she graduated, she went to work for a P. A. Medical Company where she worked her way up to be a supervisor. The company relocated to Columbia, Tennessee and she followed and stayed with them for 35 years. She then went to work for the New Harvest Daycare for about four years until finally retiring, but she was a lady that couldn't stay home. She came out of retirement and went to work at her favorite place Goodwill, still in Columbia, Tennessee.

She was a dedicated member of the New Harvest Family Church in Columbia. Upon her father's illness, she moved to Maiden, North Carolina to take care of him and connected with the Maiden Chapel Baptist Church until his death.

Celestine married Eddie Lee Hill on June 15, 1956 and to this union two children were born, Craig Hill and LaRa Bemby of Maiden, North Carolina.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son Craig Hill and granddaughter Maisha Hill.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of her daughter, LaRa Bemby of Maiden, North Carolina, one daughter-in-law, Renee Hill of Montclair, New Jersey; one son-in-law, James Williams of Short Hills, New Jersey; five grandchildren; Craig T. Hill of Jersey City, New Jersey, Kaamilya and Eric Adams of Old Bridge, New Jersey, Zahir and Septima Bemby of Hickory, North Carolina, and Brae' Williams of Maiden, North Carolina. Five great grandchildren; Aniyah, Symphony, Alexander, Eli, and Zakai, a dear friend, Sharon Crawley of Columbia, Tennessee; a cousin, George White, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



Order of Service

Officiating Minister, Minister Willie Ford

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Family & Friends 3:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Call to Worship Minister Willie Ford

Selection MCBC Choir

Old Testament Reading Minister

New Testament Reading Minister

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Selection “He’s Sweet I Know”
Mr. Craig Hill, Jr.

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks

Resolution

Selection “He Knows My Name”
Mrs. Joanna Lawrence

Eulogy Rev. William Thompson

Recessional

Committal/Interment
Maiden Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery
Maiden, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Family & Friends

Pall Bearers

Family & Friends

"I'M FREE"

Don't Greive for me, I'm Free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Acknowledgement

The family of Celestine Newsome Voorhies wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.
May God forever bless you.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE Celestine Newsome *Voorhies*



Saturday, April 5, 2025
4:00 pm

Maiden Chapel Baptist Church
Maiden, North Carolina

Rev. Russell Harrington, Pastor
Rev. William Thompson, Eulogist