

Clam Shell

You are smooth and hard on the outside. You show people that even under pressure you got this and are tough when it comes to your kid and family. I know some days you want to give up or give in, but the hard side of you says “Failure is not an option.”

The smooth side comes into play when the storm tries to throw you off your game, but you know God knows what and how much you can take, so no stressing.

But on the inside, there is beauty, grace and power. The beauty of love for others and being able to create life is a blessing and a gift just for you. The grace allows you to live for the day and let tomorrow worry for tomorrow. God’s grace through trials is to show you who you are with Him.

The power He has placed over you drives you to be a better you, and not settle for less than his best for you. It’s okay to feel a certain way, but don’t let it overtake you.

Life is a ride through valleys and mountains, know that as a clam shell survives the harsh elements, so will you.

YOU ARE TOO BLESSED TO BE STRESSED

Active Pallbearers

Kenny Tillis | Fred Perkins | James Thompson
Wayne Sutton Jr. | Robert Sutton Jr. | Henry Sutton Jr.

Interment

Annie Reed Cemetery
101 Annie Reed Cemetery Road
Denton, Georgia 31532

Acknowledgements

When our loss felt overwhelming, we looked up and found our friends standing by, offering support with flowers, cards, kind words, and open hearts. We are deeply grateful for the thoughtfulness of our family and friends, whose many acts of kindness prayers, comforting words, and heartfelt gestures helped carry us through our time of sorrow. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours. God bless.

- *The Family*

Celebration of Life for



Maxine W. Tillis

Sunrise: July 4, 1935 - Sunset: November 20, 2024

Sunday,
November 24, 2024
Eulogist, Pastor Joyce Jenkins

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
605 East Ross Street
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
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Life Reflections

A beautiful soul, both inwardly and outwardly, Mrs. Maxine Wadley Tillis was born to the late Mr. Henry and Mrs. Margaret Wadley in Denton, Georgia, on Independence Day, July 4, 1935.

She was reared in a loving Christian home, which she later replicated after marrying and having her own children. At an early age, she joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, in Denton, Georgia, where she faithfully served until her demise. Among her many Christian duties, she selflessly and tirelessly served as Program Coordinator, Church Treasurer, Missionary President, and Church Mother.

A devout believer in Jesus Christ, Mrs. Maxine frequently attended other churches, despite her working schedule and family obligations. If Bethel A.M.E. Church was invited, area churches could count on Mrs. Maxine to attend or to ensure her children attended. A liberal giver of her time, talents, and tithes, Mrs. Maxine generously gave to others in whatever capacity was needed.

The living embodiment of southern down-home hospitality, Mrs. Maxine was an excellent cook. Whenever Bethel A.M.E. Church had a program, she would prepare dozens of delicious dishes that were as tasty as they were eye appealing.

She was married to the late Johnnie Tillis. This union was blessed with six children, each of whom she nurtured in a special way. "Mrs. Maxine," as she was affectionately called, loved her children and dedicated her life to being their sole provider and protector.

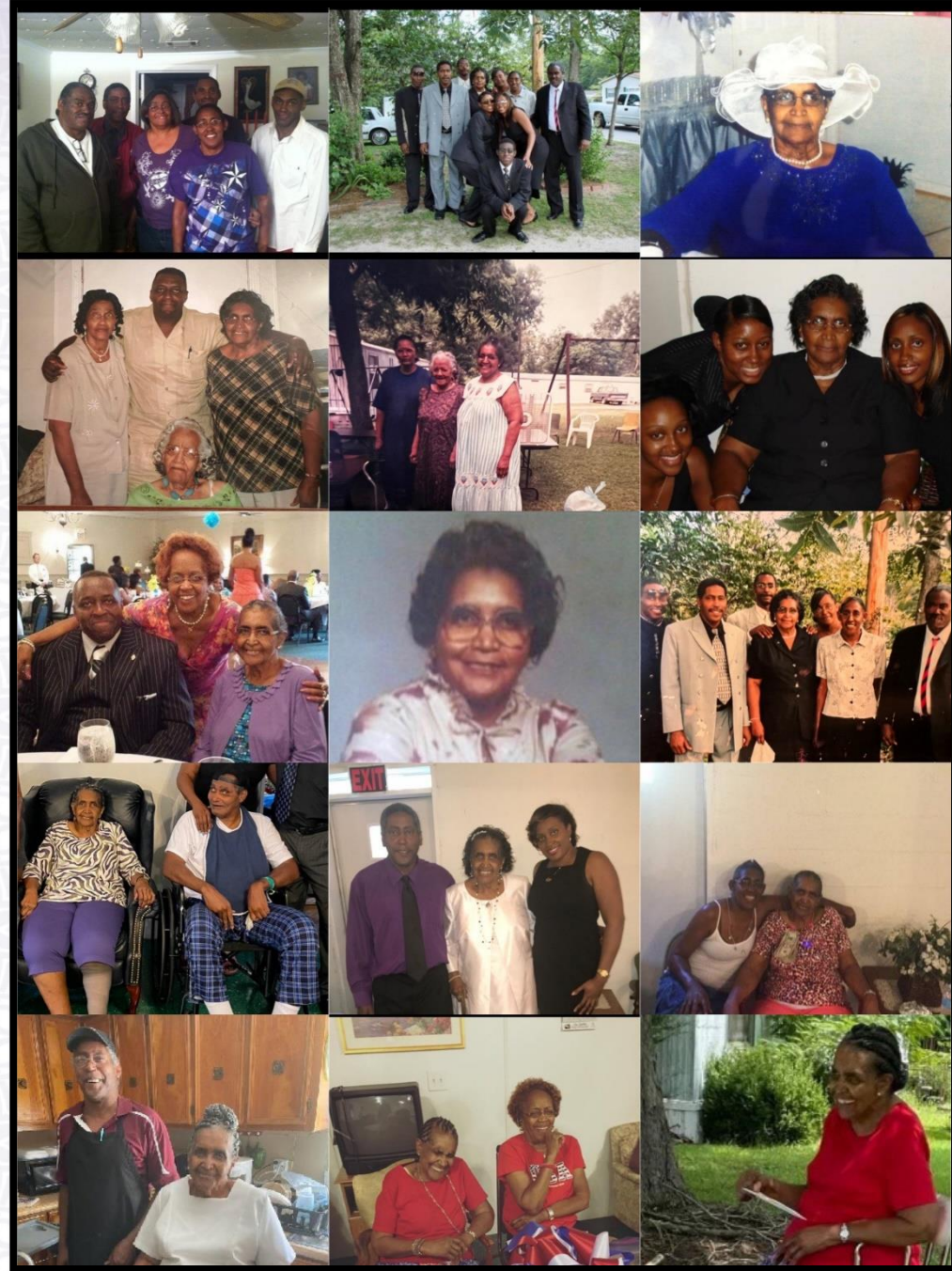
She was gainfully employed at Amoco Fabrics, Hazlehurst Mills division, for 23 years, and upon her retirement, she became a housekeeper, a position which allowed her to fill many homes with a warm outpouring of love. Mrs. Maxine was noted for her caring manner, her cordial spirit, and her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty.

For several years, she was a member of the Headstart Parent Council, on which she served honorably and dutifully in support of her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Maxine Wadley Tillis answered the Master's Call on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Tillis; her father and mother, Henry and Margaret Wadley; her sister, Joyce Sutton; and a beloved grandson, David L. Tillis.

She leaves to mourn her passing and celebrate her homegoing: a sister, Annette W. Samuels of Jacksonville, Florida; a brother, Charles H. Wadley of Douglas, Georgia; her children, Virginia Tillis of Jacksonville, Florida, Richard (the late Laura) Tillis of New Carrollton, Maryland, Alphonso (Deak) Tillis, Deanna Tillis, Jerome (Earl) Tillis, and Kenneth Tillis, all of Denton, Georgia; additionally, she leaves ten grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren, all of whom she showered with loving attention. She also leaves a host of cherished nieces and nephews, along with numerous loving friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Presider, Pro Tem James Thompson Jr.

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Solo.....Anterius Vickers
- Prayer of Comfort.....Lakiesha Thompson
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Reverend Henry Josey
 - New Testament.....Annette Samuels
- Solo.....Anterius Vickers
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes
- Anyone Desiring to Speak
- Resolution.....Pro Tem James Thompson Jr.
- Solo.....Betty Thompson
- Eulogy.....Pastor Joyce Jenkins
- Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Staff
- Committal Service
- Benediction

A Grandmother's Love

Grandmother you were, but "Mama" you were called.
 A heart so big; you just didn't love one, you loved us all.
 Although the pain hurts so bad,
 We can never replace the grandmother we had.
 It seems like the days are short and the nights are long,
 But, "Glory be to God," you're singing a new song.
 We will never forget our grandmother's love,
 Even if it was a hug or a simple smile.
 It was an honor to hear you say, "That's my grandchild!"
 We love you and will miss you dearly,
Your Grands: Tammy, La Kiesha and Jemesha