



A LIFE *Well Lived*

She danced through life with grace and cheer,
A radiant spirit, to all so dear.
From Lincoln Heights to far and wide,
Her faith and service were her guide.

With steadfast hands, she worked each day,
In justice, truth, she paved the way.
A wife, a mother, a friend so true,
Her every step God's love shone through.

She wore her crown in quiet might,
A champion for what was just and right.
Through laughter, food, and warm embrace,
She made her home a sacred place.

Delta's flame and Bethel's song,
In every heart she still lives on.
Her dance now rests on streets of gold,
A story of love forever told.

Though gone from sight, she's never apart,
For her light still burns in every heart.
"Well done," the Savior's voice proclaims—
Forever etched are Lillian's name.

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The Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
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Family and Friends

THE FAMILY'S MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The family of *Sister Lillian Amanda Bailey Tate* wishes
to extend our heartfelt appreciation to each of you who have
surrounded us with your prayers, visits, calls, kind words, and
expressions of love during this season of sorrow. Your support has
been a source of strength and comfort, reminding us that we do
not walk this journey alone.

We are especially grateful for the memories you have shared,
which beautifully reflect the warmth, grace, and spirit of our
beloved Lillian. Each remembrance has uplifted us and reminded
us of the remarkable legacy she leaves behind.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless you richly for the
many ways you have blessed us.

We take comfort in the promise of 1 Corinthians 2:9:
"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart
of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love
Him."

With deepest gratitude,
The Family

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for
the trust you have placed in us during the Homegoing Services of
your loved one. Our fervent hope is that all measures of assistance
rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your
confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Lillian AMANDA BAILEY TATE

A GRACEFUL JOURNEY
February 20, 1938

A GLORIOUS CROWN
August 22, 2025

CELEBRATING HER LIFE
Friday, September 5, 2025 | 11:00 Ante Meridiem

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
501 West Orange Avenue | Tallahassee, Florida 32310

The Right Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II, Presiding Prelate
The Reverend Dr. Carlton Taylor, Presiding Elder
The Reverend Michael B. Price, Senior Minister | Eulogist

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

LIFE STORY

Sister Lillian

AMANDA BAILEY TATE

FEBRUARY 20, 1938 - AUGUST 22, 2025

“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!” ~ Matthew 25:23

LILLIAN AMANDA BAILEY TATE, born on February 20, 1938, in Cincinnati, Ohio, was the second of four daughters of Floyd Columbus Bailey and Lerlean Lucy Holley Bailey. Her parents raised her in the historic Lincoln Heights neighborhood where she developed a genuine appreciation for cultural activities and a passion for dance and sports. During this time, she also developed a strong work ethic. Lillian graduated with the Class of 1956 from Central High School with a career focus in Business Administration.

Subsequently, Lillian began her career with the federal government holding positions in the Treasury Department, the Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Department of Agriculture. When a chance of a lifetime employment opportunity presented itself, Lillian made the career move to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she ultimately met the love of her life, Ronald L. Tate, Sr. After their marriage in 1964, they moved to Chicago, Illinois, and welcomed their children, Pamela Ann and Ronald Jr.

Her sense of duty and discipline were evident in all aspects of Lillian's life. She balanced her career and family with grace and determination. After they relocated to New Jersey with their young children, she enrolled in Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and in 1975, she graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Lillian's spiritual foundation was as strong as her professional one. She allowed compassion to be her moral compass. It guided her through years of dedicated activism and public service which directed her to espouse causes that needed a champion and to the people who needed a friend and/or an advocate. This woman of knowledge, wisdom, and courage was an esteemed member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. as well as one of the founding members of the Roswell-Marietta Chapter of Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1992, Lillian and Ronald Sr. made their final relocation to Tallahassee, Florida, where she quickly found her niche and became an integral part of the community. For the past 30 years, she was actively involved with the chapter and public service activities of the Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Likewise, she was a dedicated parishioner of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and faithfully served as the church secretary under the leadership of Reverend (Bishop) A.J. Richardson, taught Church School, was actively involved with the Black History Committee, and a graceful member of the liturgical dance team. Her enthusiastic involvement helped raise the bar of excellence to its highest level.

Lillian's life was a testament of her unwavering faith and commitment to service. Her rich legacy is one of warmth, creativity, and love for mankind. She will be remembered for her generous hospitality, her passion for the arts, and her dedicated service to both her church and the community at large. Most of all, she created a home that was a haven - a place where laughter, delicious food, and joyful company were always in abundance.

Sister Lillian Amanda Bailey Tate lived to die only to live again. On Friday, August 22, 2025, her life journey came full circle in the city where it began, Cincinnati, Ohio. She obediently answered the Master's call for her to come home. She was then welcomed into the Kingdom to receive her crown of righteousness from the righteous Judge.

Sister Lillian Amanda Bailey Tate was a devoted wife, beloved mother, and loyal friend. She is gone from her loved ones' sight but never from their hearts. Those who will cherish her precious memory until they meet again are her beloved husband of 61 years: Ronald L. Tate, Sr.; her children: Pamela Tate (James) Draper and Ronald Tate, Jr.; her grandchildren: Dominick (Nicole) Draper, Jared Draper, and Oliver Tate; great-grandchildren: Dominick Jr. and Dawson; sisters: Flora Lee Bedell of Cincinnati, OH, Jacqueline Cornist of Las Vegas, NV, and Edith Hardy of Cincinnati, OH; sister-in-love: Marilyn Johnson; brother-in-love: Jeffrey (Mary) Tate of Minneapolis, MN; along with many other cherished nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding Lillian in death were her parents: Floyd C. Bailey and Lerlean Lucy Holley Bailey.



PRECIOUS FAMILY MEMORIES

THE DIVINE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Bethel Memorial Choir

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family The J.P. Moore Staff

Opening Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Bethel Memorial Choir

The Prayer of Consolation Brother Ric Mathis

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament Brother William Lamar III
New Testament Sister Eartha Lamar

Selection..... Bethel Memorial Choir

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Two Minutes Each, Please

As a Friend – Dr. Connie Evans

As a Mother – Brother Ronald Tate, Jr.

Elegance in Motion – Produced by Dominick Draper, Grandson

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Brother Darryl Jones

Selection..... Bethel Memorial Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor Michael B. Price

Mortician's Brief Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

Recessional Clergy & Family

“Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live;
their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise
up and sing for joy!” -Isaiah 26:19 KJV

THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL & INTERMENT

Hymn | Committal | Final Presentations

Culley's MeadowWood Memorial Park

700 Timberland Road * Tallahassee, Florida 32312

REPAST

Immediately following the Interment,
the family invites you to join them for a Repast in the
Fellowship Hall of Bethel AME Church – Tallahassee, Florida.