

Obituary

Lillie Tennessee was born on January 6, 1933 in Belzoni, Mississippi to the late Emra and Louise McCoy.

Lillie was a homemaker. She devoted her life to taking care of her children and grandchildren. Lillie loved spending time with her family, laughing and always wearing a smile on her face. She was a loving, caring person and a devoted mother. To know her was to love her.

Lillie's joy and happiness was fishing. She also enjoyed baking, cooking, shopping, planting flowers, decorating her home and TV game shows. She was a very stylish woman who loved to dress. She was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

In 2004 Lillie received a very special gift, something she could call her own, her first house in Oak Park, MI, where she resided for 19 wonderful years, before moving to New Haven, MI.

Lillie Tennessee departed this life peacefully on Thursday, October 14, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emra & Louise McCoy; the father of her children, Thomas Tennessee; her son's Jerome McCoy and Rodney Tennessee; grandson Markeith A. Tennessee; brothers, A.D. Downing, S.G. Downing, Emra McCoy, Melvin McCoy, Walter McCoy and Jessie McCoy; and sisters, Nelina Daniels and ReElla Simpson.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children: Debra (Douglas) Mann of New Haven, Larry Tennessee of Emporia, VA, Collette (LaKeisa) Williams of Franklin, Lillian Tennessee of Auburn Hills, Cynthia (Terry) Tennessee-Manning of Clinton Township, Darlene Welch and Thomas (Trina) Tennessee of Eastpointe, Patricia Tennessee of Rochester Hills, Lisa (Robert) Tennessee-Dady of Adrian and Latonya (Jack) Tennessee-Thomas of Detroit; her sisters Alease Bankhead of Mt. Clemens and Sadie (Larry) Simpson of New Haven; 28 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.