



Lilly Gertrude Thomas Ousley

February 2, 1934 - December 1, 2023

Lil, the eldest daughter of seven (7) children was born February 2, 1934 in Davison County, N.C. to Russel and Blanche Thomas. Lil attended elementary schools in Midway, N.C., Lexington, N.C., following Kimberely Park and Adkins High School in Winston Salem, N.C. She moved from Winston Salem, N.C., to seek employment in Philadelphia, PA in 1955. She left at the age of 20 (twenty) years old and lived in Philadelphia for 12 years. It was in June 1967, she moved to Detroit, MI, and soon married Otis Ousley in 1975. Lil worked different jobs for a decade and landed a job at Ford Motor Company in 1977, where she worked as an Assembly Worker for 22 years and retired in December 1999.

She loved to travel, spending time with UAW Members at picnics, loved attending church, and loved the Lord. While in Detroit, she was a member of New Providence Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Solomon, where she was baptized. She was a member of New Providence for over 23 years and then moved her membership to the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership

of the late Rev. Dr. Wilma R. Johnson, where she served on the Circle of Sorrow and Hope Bereavement Board.

After living in Detroit for over 40 years, retiring from Ford Motor Company, she returned home to

Winston Salem, in 2007, being away for over 52 years. Lil purchased a home around the corner from her

sister (Savannah), both attended church, and joined United Methodist Missionary Baptist Church

(UMMBC), where she served on the Women's Missionary Board and a faithful member, loved by her church family.

Lil was predeceased by her husband, Otis Ousley, mother and father (Russel and Blanche Thomas), and a

host of other family members, Cynthia Thomas, Dejuan 'Peanut' Marshall, Charlie Frank Thomas,

Savannah Thomas Jones, Henry Lewis Thomas and Bruce Lindsey.

She leaves her precious and endearing memories to her beloved sister, Margie Thomas, other family

members, Monike, Jade, Jalen, Arrington (Jamila), Iris (Patrick), Jane (Dennis), Denoris, Reginald,

Voncille, Michael, Veniessa (Horace), Charlotte and Linda, and long list of great nieces, nephews, cousins

and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

2124 New Walkertown Rd
Winston Salem, NC 27101

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
450 Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, NC 27105

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby And Bonnie Henderson lit a candle in memory of Lilly Gertrude Thomas Ousley



Bobby and Bonnie Henderson - December 10, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lilly Gertrude Thomas Ousley.



December 09, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ Amir and Tonya Kegler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lilly Gertrude Thomas Ousley.

Amir and Tonya Kegler - December 09, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lilly Gertrude Thomas Ousley.



December 08, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ *You will be missed !* ”



Tanya Tuttle - December 08, 2023 at 10:10 AM