



Minnie H. Hill

May 27, 1936 - December 29, 2018

Minnie (Harris) Hill transitioned this life on Saturday, December 29, 2018, in Dover, surrounded by her loving family.

Minnie was a native of Milford, Delaware, where she was nurtured under the loving care of her late parents, George T. Harris, Sr. and Naomi Thomas Harris. She received her early education at the Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in Milford, and later attended the William Henry Comprehensive High School in Dover, graduating in 1954. Minnie married her sweetheart and soulmate, William Henry Hill, and the two embarked upon raising their family.

Minnie entered Delaware State College (now University) to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Education, graduating in 1959. Shortly thereafter, she was invited by Dr. Jerome Holland to join his staff as the secretary to the business manager. She ultimately ascended to the position of Supervisor of Student Accounts, where she helped countless numbers of students to navigate their financial challenges and achieve their goals.

Once Minnie completed her degree program, she was supportive when Henry entered Delaware State College to advance his career goals. With her encouragement he graduated, in 1963, with a degree in Biology. Being an alumni couple was one of the many aspects of their mutually supportive

relationship that they enjoyed throughout their 64 years of marriage.

Along with Henry, Minnie supported the causes and the people that they held most dear: family, church and community. They were actively involved in all three.

The two shared a great capacity to nurture, which was manifested in the care of their children, grandchildren, and Minnie's siblings. Minnie gave love and care as freely to her siblings as she did to her own children. She and Henry always maintained an open-door relationship with their extended families, balancing tenderness and tough love, providing the stability that made their home a haven and hub for family unity.

Minnie had a capacity and desire for continuous spiritual development. Her personal journey led her to be a dedicated member of Whatcoat United Methodist Church for 48 years. She actively participated in the Senior Choir and Chancel Choir, adding her melodious voice to the soprano section. She especially enjoyed the traditional hymns that she grew up singing and she knew most of them by heart. Minnie would credit her vast knowledge to having spent a lot of time in church services with her grandfather, who was a United Methodist minister.

Minnie also had a capacity for service and was a proud life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. For nine consecutive years, she was the campus advisor to Epsilon Alpha, the undergraduate chapter at Delaware State University. As an advisor, she was forthright in her guidance and was known to be a stickler for following protocol and policies. She always tried to instill in her young sorors the values, behaviors and life skills that would make them successful. When she was elected president of the sorority's Dover Alumnae Chapter, in 1987, Minnie was respected for her leadership style and attention to decorum. Minnie served as president four consecutive years.

When Minnie retired from Delaware State with 37 ½ years of service, she took on volunteerism; working with the Read-A-Loud Program of Delaware for 14 years and serving as a secretary for Whatcoat Church. She was also a member of the Whatcoat finance committee and spent time after church services reconciling accounts. She was recognized by Read-A-Loud, Whatcoat Church and the American Association of University Women for exemplary volunteerism. Minnie also received a dedicated service award from the Delaware State University Alumni Association in 2010.

Minnie walked the walk of faith which was her foundation and strength. She continued to love and to believe unto her transitional moments. She leaves a legacy of a life well-lived and a heart well-loved.

Minnie leaves to cherish and celebrate her life, her devoted and loving husband of 64 years, William H. Hill; two sons, Andre Hill (Jackie) of Camden, DE and Stephan Hill, of Dover, DE; one daughter, Jocelyn Hill, of Silver Spring, MD; four grandchildren, Jermaine Hill, of Atlanta, GA, Charisse Hill, of Wilmington, DE, Barry Hill, of Philadelphia, PA and Angel Hill, of Alexandria, VA; and eight great children. In addition, she is survived by nine siblings: Eugene “Jimmy” Harris, George T. Harris (Mary), Kathryn E. Harris, Clarence F. Harris, Janice Daniels (Jimmie), Austin W. M. Harris (Diane), Phillip L. Harris (Beatrice), Gwendolyn C. Harris and Deborah P. White (David). She is also survived by one aunt, Ruth Thomas Jackson, of Wilmington, DE and one uncle, Nathan O. Thomas (Lolia) of Philadelphia, PA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

To her husband, children, and siblings, Minnie was the embodiment of love and caring. She represented the greatest lessons of the love chapter in the Bible; I Corinthians, particularly, Verse 13 which reads: And now these three

remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

She gave freely of herself to her family who loved her dearly. We will keep precious memories forever in our hearts until we are reunited. Our dear one is now with our Heavenly Father who has granted her peace and rest.

Lovingly Submitted by the Family

Tribute Wall

OD

“ Words, however kind, can\u2019t mend your heartache, but those who care for you share your grief and wish you comfort and peace of mind \u201cA great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again\u201d ~ Maya Angelou -with my deepest condolences. God Bless, Omar L. Drummond

Omar L. Drummond - January 03, 2019 at 06:19 PM

CF

“ Deepest Sympathies..

Cathy Melvin and Michelle Sapp and Family - January 02, 2019 at 08:14 PM

AB

“ The Officers and Members of William Henry High School have been saddened on the loss of one of our fellow alums, Minnie Harris Hill. We will sincerely miss her. Our hearts go out to you during this trying time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones. Sincerely, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF WILLIAM HENRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Anita McDowell Boyer- President, Gloria Deputy Minus-Vice-President, Sheila McDowell Griffin-Secretary, Vivian Brown Starnes-Assistant Secretary, Shirley Riley-Treasurer, William Holden, Jr.-Asst. Treasurer/Historian, Harvey Riley,-Parliamentarian, Bessie Stroud Crain-Ways and Means, Roger Young-Parade Coordinator.

Anita Boyer - January 02, 2019 at 07:04 PM

RS

“ To Gwen Harris & Family Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. We pray for peace and comfort for you and your family in your time of need. Love Rosemarie Stockton & Family

Rosemarie Stockton - January 01, 2019 at 08:10 PM

JO

“ Dear Family, Grief can be so hard, may your family find strength in God's promise at (Isaiah 25: 8) that soon he will swallow up death forever. You have my deepest sympathy.

joyceA - January 01, 2019 at 02:52 PM

HS

“ My condolences to the family of Minnie H. Hill. During this very difficult time, you can really find comfort and support by praying to God. He will give you strength to endure your loss. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 May you have many happy memories. Acts 24:15 There is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Heartfelt Sympathies - January 01, 2019 at 02:24 PM

PW

“ To the family, My sincere condolences in the passing of Minnie. Please note the words of Psalms 90:10, "The span of our life is 70 years, or 80 if one is especially strong. But they are filled with sorrow. They quickly pass by, and away they fly." Life is short. Minnie was exceptionally strong to reach 82. Paradise awaits her. (Luke 23:43) To learn more please go to jw.org.

Phyllis Watson - January 01, 2019 at 12:03 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - January 01, 2019 at 11:12 AM

JI

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. May the God of comfort give you strength and the memories bring you peace. Hosea 13:14

JI - December 31, 2018 at 09:21 PM

MW

“ To the Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Matthew 22:32, Jesus quoted God as saying: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Then he continued: He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living. I know that those words mean that those retained in God's memory and will return in the resurrection. Ms Woodson

Ms Woodson - December 31, 2018 at 07:53 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - December 31, 2018 at 07:38 PM

JA

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I hope you will find comfort in knowing that God is ready to heal the brokenhearted. - Psalm 147:3

jay4m@yahoo.com - December 31, 2018 at 07:25 PM

IR

“ Sorry for your loss of a loved one. Read Psalms 34:18 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - December 31, 2018 at 06:33 PM