

## Memory Lane



### **Mom (My Best Friend)**

**You've Touched My Life in so many Ways  
I cannot begin to share what you mean to me**

**We faced many struggles, pains, disappointments, and heartaches where we cried together bringing healing to our souls;**

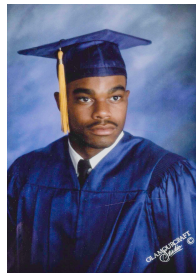
**I will never forget the nights we talked, laughed, prayed, wiped tears from our eyes thinking about the Goodness of God;**

**I will never forget your wisdom, strength, guidance, spiritual counseling, teachings, and how you showed me to stand on God's word.**

**I have lost my best friend, my mom, my confidant, but one thing is for sure you left something greater Jesus!**

**I love you mom!**

*Love, Vic*



*A Confident, Courageous, & Virtuous Woman*

## *The Life of*

*"I believe that Being a Proverb 31 woman is not about being Perfect. A Virtuous Woman you will find freedom from perfection and the confidence to live Your Life with Purpose." Proverbs 31:10*



## *Barbara J. Hilburn*

**Alpha  
March 1, 1939**

**Omega  
November 29, 2020**

## *Memorial Service*

**Saturday, December 12, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.  
Cunningham Funeral Chapel**

*600 E. Main St.*

*Kilgore, TX 75662*

**Evangelist Victoria Holmes-Gordon-Eulogist**

**"I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears."  
Psalm 34:4**

## ***Reflections of Life***

**BARBARA JEAN HILBURN** was born March 1, 1939 in Kilgore, Texas to the late Ernest H. Hilburn and Rosetta "Dear" Benson Hilburn. She attended elementary school and middle school with the Class of 1957 at (KCHS) Kilgore Colored High School. She continued her education in New Jersey and California after moving to Bremerton, Washington to live with her dad. While leaving in Newark, New Jersey she married Bernard Russ (2) children were born Kenneth and Yvonne. She later moved to Los Angeles, California, and married Proverb "Paul" Holmes, Jr. (1) child was born Victoria.

In 1975, she received Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and the gift of the Holy Spirit. She was devoted to ministry by serving as Greeter, Head of Bookstore, Missionary President, Teacher (taught classes about Christ), served as a member of the Daughters of Eve, Spiritual Counselor for young women, Prayer Warrior, and Intercessor, and served in the Choir. She was employed at AT&T for 30 years-New Jersey Bell, Pacific Telephone, and Southwestern Bell-began as an operator/clerk to later work steadily and was promoted into management. During her years in telecommunications, she volunteered with many various organizations.

She was known for hospitable spirit by sending birthday cards, baking her famous pound cakes, and just calling to say hello. She had a heart for God's people and whenever you would visit her home it felt like Home!! Most of all, she was a woman of her word!!! In her spare time, she traveled to United Kingdom, Mexico, Canada, Bahamas, Belize, Alaska, and other states across the country.

She departed this life on November 29, 2020 with peace and joy knowing that she would spend an eternity with her Savior Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents Ernest H. Hilburn and Rosetta "Dear" Benson Hilburn, sister Julia Ann Hilburn Lee, son Kenneth Russ and daughter Yvonne Russ.

She leaves to cherish her memories to her loving daughter Victoria Holmes-Gordon (Kilgore, TX); (2) grandchildren, Anthony Kenneth (A.K.) Spoon (Fort Worth, TX) and Yvonne Si'mone Gordon (Kilgore, TX); one sister Peggie Smith-Parker (Los Angeles, Ca.); one niece Cynthia Smith Cox (Little Elm, TX); one nephew Bobbie Smith (Los Angeles, Ca.); play brother Billy Bennett (Los Angeles, Ca.); son-in-law Anthony L. Spoon (Fort Worth, TX); special nephew Sydney Smith (Los Angeles, Ca.); Class of 57 and play daughters (3) Kathy Kirk (Fort Worth, TX), Roxie Williams (Kilgore, TX), and Karen Mitchem (Tyler, TX) and a host of nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends.

## ***Order of Service***

**Processional  
Family is seated**

*Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge*

**Processional.....Soft music**

### **Scriptures:**

**Old Testament..... Sis. Karen Mitchem  
(Psalms 34:4 Amplified)**

**New Testament.....Sis. Dorinda Williams  
(1 Timothy 6:12 Amplified)**

**Prayer.....Sis. Cynthia Smith Cox**

**Obituary.....(Read Silently)**

**Reflections.....Please limit to two minutes**

**Slideshow**

**Special Tribute.....Yvonne Si'mone Gordon**

**Eulogy.....Evangelist Victoria Holmes-Gordon**

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me,

I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.