



Bennie "Lucille" Zayas

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Bennie "Lucille" Zayas of Upper Marlboro, Maryland peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the age of 81.

She was born in Mims, Florida on July 17, 1943. Lucille later moved to Syracuse, NY where she worked for 32 years for Bristol Myers before she retired. She later relocated to Upper Marlboro, Maryland to be close to her son and grandchildren.

Lucille was a faithful member of Mt. Enon Baptist Church of Clinton, Maryland, under the leadership of Pastor Benjamin Coates. Her favorite passage of scripture was Psalms 91, and her favorite song was "Nearer My God to Thee."

Lucille was a Bible Study teacher for many years in both New York and Maryland, and she enjoyed teaching God's Word. She held several leadership positions in various Christian organizations.

Lucille was the former President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Northeastern District's Women's Department, an area VP for the Women's Auxiliary of the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention of New York, Inc., an instructor for the Northeastern Congress of Christian Education, the Empire Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and the National Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Lucille was the daughter of the late Effen Cogger and Bennie Cogger Green. She was married to the late George Zayas.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Sandy Cogger, two sisters, Barbara Elmore and Sylvia Green, along with two brothers, Willie Cogger and Sugar-Ray Green.

Lucille is survived by her son, Reginald Zayas (Khandyce Judson) of Hyattsville, Maryland; five grandchildren: Jamar Cogger, Micah Cogger, Reginald Zayas, Jr., NeAva Zayas, and Noah Nance; and three great-grandchildren: Jamar Cogger, Jr., Olivia Cogger, and Kennedy Cogger; two sisters:



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Effie Armstrong of Syracuse, NY and Shirley Johnson (Lonnie) of Asheville, NC; one daughter-in-love, Saneva Zayas; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A calling hour will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 10:00 – 11:00 A.M., immediately followed by a funeral service in celebration of Lucille's life at 11:00 A.M. in Southern Missionary Baptist Church, 3143 Midland Ave., Syracuse. She will be laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse.



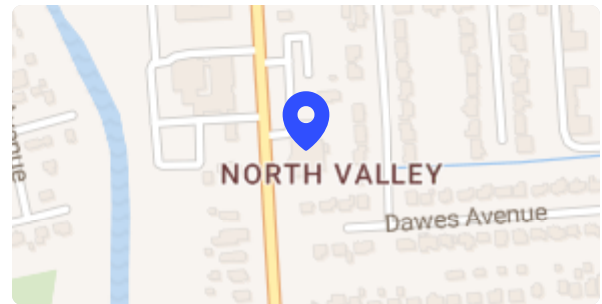
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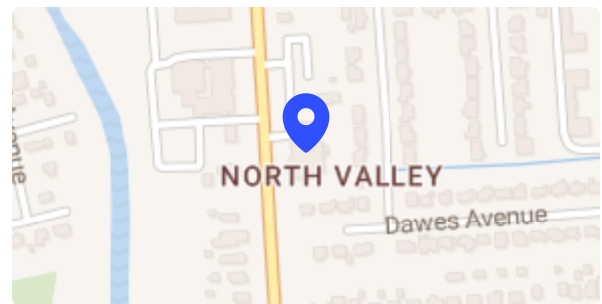
Calling Hour

- Wednesday**, October 16, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Southern Missionary Baptist Church**
3143 Midland Ave, Syracuse NY 13205



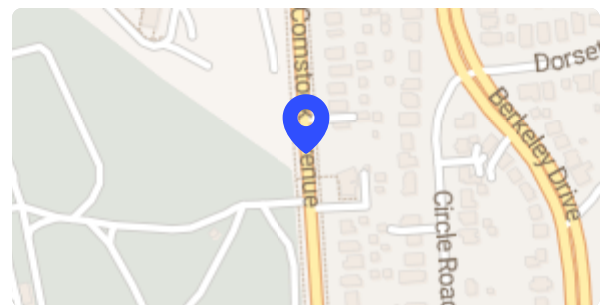
Funeral Service

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- 11:00 AM ET
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3143 Midland Ave, Syracuse NY 13205



Cemetery Details

- Oakwood Cemetery - Syracuse**
940 COMSTOCK AVENUE, SYRACUSE NY 13210
- 475-2194**





Tribute Wall

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Rodney M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bennie.



October 19 at 10:02 AM



Barbara Elmore lit a candle in honor of Bennie.



October 16 at 6:07 AM



Cassandra Jones Ingram posted:

I had the pleasure of traveling with Ms Lucille Zayas and Ms Nina Eudell on a few occasions to the Empire Baptist Association Meetings and events. One particular time and I drove the 3 of us to and from Albany in Ms Zayas' vehicle...weather was good going however coming back there was a severe snow storm. We drove slowly but as quickly as possible as the weather became worse and worse. Praise God we made it in several hours safely and minutes before the thur-way was shut down. Thank God!!!This wonderfully blessed woman of God did what she loved very well. That was teaching and living God's word. Thank you Ms Lucille😊 My Condolences to the family ,praying you strength🙏

October 16 at 4:32 AM



Joyce posted:

Sister Zayas had a gift of teaching God's Word with clarity. She initiated an on-line Thursday afternoon Bible Study class more than eight years ago that I participated in that had hundreds of followers. She authored several Christian books, of which I have nine of them. Last month, the class was studying Old Testament kings. She told me to review her book, " Rulers in the Era of Monarchy" where I read to the class about the reign of King Hezekiah to her delight. I will remember Sister Zayas as a faithful Godly discipline who demonstrated God's love during good and difficult times. She loved to teach God's word, to share it with others, and to live it. At this time, our prayers are with the family for comfort, strength and peace.J. Campbell

October 15 at 8:46 AM



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Love The Davis Family sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Zayas family.



October 14 at 4:22 PM



Hattie Hart posted:

When I heard of Sister Zayas passing, I was not saddened. I could only think of her spiritual being as a soldier for the Lord. She was a woman who study the word and didn't mind sharing it with those of us who attended bible study sessions in person or via zoom. She would enlighten many of us with clarifying what it meant to study the word for our own understanding. Her knowledge and interpretation of the word simplified many scriptures. I among many at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church will truly miss this wonderful soldier in the army of the Lord. Family, it should give you great comfort in time, knowing that your mom, grandmother and others are gone to be with the Lord.

October 14 at 10:24 AM



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MM

Marsha Merriweather lit a candle in honor of Bennie.

I remember Sister Zayas as a kind caring person who loved the Lord. She always had a welcoming smile on her face. She and I worked at Bristol Myers Squibb for thirty years. I was glad to visit her at her apartment in Upper Harbor, Maryland this past June 19th 2024. She had the same welcoming smile and just finishing one of her Biblical lessons on the phone. I thank God I was able to see her one more time before she transition. As our past Pastor L.C. Walker said "To be kind to the people, you meet on the way up for they are the same on the way down". I believe Sister Zayas was a real person and not a phony Christian.



October 13 at 3:59 AM

RS

Rev Irene Smith October 16 at 9:26 AM

Sister Zayas was a student of the Word of God. She shared her testimony of the goodness of God, the worth and value in knowing His Word and she taught with love and compassion. Sister Zayas a faithful member of Mt Ennon Baptist Church. She was loved and surely will be missed by all who attended Morning Bible study! Rev Irene Smith

EM

Emma October 15 at 9:17 PM

My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lucille who was a very kind, loving and caring person . Her love for teaching others of God will always be a legacy of hers that will live on in the many lives she touched. Lucille always wore a smile on her face. Her son, grands, sisters, nieces , nephews, friends and acquaintances should all have fond memories to sustain them during their time of mourning. Rest in Peace my friend. Emma L.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bennie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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