



Lillie Mae Hatcher

June 21, 1926 - June 21, 2026

“Revelation”

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow,

Peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes...”

Revelation 21:4

Lillie Mae Hatcher was born on June 21, 1926, in Westfield, North Carolina, to the late Villard and Fannie Mae (Dodd) Penn. She received her formal education in Pinnacle, North Carolina.

Lillie was united in holy matrimony to the late Thomas Paul Hatcher in 1950. Their union was blessed with four beautiful children: Vicki S. Hatcher-Brown, the late Thomas “Gary” Lee Hatcher, C. Anthony Hatcher, and Kenneth P.

Hatcher.

Lillie and her family relocated from North Carolina to Steelton, Pennsylvania, where Paul was employed by Bethlehem Steel Mill. They later relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where they continued to raise their family.

She dedicated her career to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She worked for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and later the Department of General Services, ultimately retiring in 1990 to spend more time with family.

Lillie was a faithful and devoted member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton, where she served in the Nurses Ministry and briefly sang in the choir. She held a deep love for the Lord and her family—both blood and chosen. Lillie exuded a quiet grace and dignity, always prioritizing her family's well-being. She firmly believed in the unity of the family.

Lillie cherished her daily routine, which included her beloved soap operas. Feeding her loved ones was a passion of hers, and you could always count on Lillie for a home-cooked meal. Also known for her delectable pound cakes and banana pudding, she was affectionately referred to as “Mother Hatcher.”

Whether at home or leaving the house, Lillie took pride in dressing to impress. It was rare to see her in church without one of her signature hats and her jewelry.

Lillie had a treasured tradition of reading the Bible every night, a habit she shared with her late sister, Peggy Sue, for many years. We can all quote her favorite Bible verse, John 3:16:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

On Sunday, June 21, 2026, celebrating her 100th birthday and surrounded by family, she was called home to glory to be with the Lord. Lillie, was the last living sibling among her eleven brothers and sisters, embarked on her journey to eternal life after the passing of her parents, husband, and eldest son.

Lillie's legacy will be celebrated by her three children, Vicki and C. Anthony, both of Harrisburg, and Kenneth (Mary) of North Carolina; her eight grandchildren, Misty of Harrisburg, Eboni (Cedric) of Baltimore, Shaunta, Raynece, and Alfreda of Florida, Shannon and Noah of New York, and Anthony J. of Harrisburg; her nine step-grandchildren, Tameka and Taleba of Pennsylvania, Nakisha, Tamara, Lamora, and Da-Jon of Florida, Jerry of Nebraska, and Tierra and Anthony of North Carolina; her nine great-grandchildren, Khyre, Siena, Tobias, Xavier, Anthony Jr., Alaysha, Anyla, Quentin, Marcale, and Quajuan; her fourteen step-great-grandchildren; her two great-great-grandchildren, Thomas and Peyton; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS, OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Thursday, July 2, at WFD.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Upcoming Events

Viewing

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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