



## Mrs Minnie A. Lilly

August 24, 1923 - January 1, 2011

### Minnie's Story

Minnie A. Lilly, 87, went into the garden of heaven on Saturday, January 1, 2011.

Our beloved, loving mother, devoted grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, our “Good Mama”, had her faith become sight as she entered the arms of her Savior.

She came into this world on August 24, 1923, as the precious daughter of Alice Lewis and Tiburcio Villegas in Hempstead, Texas. At the passing of her parents she was adopted by a loving couple, Ed and Julia Jones. At an early age she confessed her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized at Mt. Corinth Baptist Church. She spent her childhood in Hempstead where she graduated from Sam Schwartz High School. On July 16, 1942, she united in marriage with the late Rev. O. A. Lilly, Sr. This marriage produced ten beautiful children. They began to travel throughout Texas doing the work of the Lord in ministry, to various churches. Later Minnie pursued a career in nursing and spent many years caring for other.

Her children remember Minnie as the “sweetest and most loving mother imaginable.” She doted on her family. Minnie loved to cook and worked hard preparing delicious home-cooked meals. Blessed with a natural wit, and

intuitive and inquisitive mind, a gregarious nature and a thirst and longing for perfection, Minnie participated in life with the sensitivity and passion of Jeremiah, the zeal of Ezekiel, the authority of Elijah, and the will to work of Nehemiah. Her life truly is a reflection of her own personal philosophy: "One should live a life of service with emphasis on involvement in that which will assist mankind in the continuous struggle toward complete fulfillment of the purpose of existence."

Minnie's nurturing spirit grew to facilitate the development of family commitment and love for each other in each of her children. Perhaps the most significant aspect of Minnie's parenting is the fact that each of her children thought they were her favorite. She taught by example, and she utilized her love to embrace all who came in contact with her. She touched the lives and made an indelible impression upon the legions of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, friends and others and encouraged them to run life's race with integrity, honor and lofty aspirations. Her love of family was exemplary, and her commitment is worth of emulation. Her transition from earthly life into eternal peace will leave a void for all who knew her.

She left a good testimony pointing to the reality of her faith in Jesus Christ, which gave her a triumphant passage through death. She transitioned in faith, just as she lived in faith.

She is deeply missed, but our hearts rejoice and are comforted knowing she is with her Lord and Savior.

Preceding her in transition is her husband, Pastor Oran A. Lilly, Sr., daughter, Alma V. Irving, grandsons Hurbie S. Irving, and John Troy Irving, sisters Rose Taylor, and Louise Smith, brother John Eddie Lewis.

She leaves her love and memories to four sons, Oran A. Lilly, Jr., Hempstead,

TX; Rev. Edward Lilly (Annette) Booth Wyn, PA; Rev. Kenneth Lilly, Houston, TX; Chester Lilly (Pam) Houston, TX; five daughters, Rosa J. Lilly Grant, Okmulgee, OK, Doris Lilly Thomas, League City, TX, Brenelsa Lilly Tiburcio, Hempstead, TX; Korotha Lilly Lambright (Leroy), Anaheim, CA; Wanda Lilly Weathersby (Ric), Aurora, CO., sons-in-law, John Irving, and George Thomas both of Hempstead, TX; sisters Johnnie B. Pendleton, Dallas, TX and Ora Lee Jackson, Houston, TX; Brother and sister-in-law Arthur C. and Hazel Lilly, Houston, TX.

The family has been cared for by Singleton and Sons Funeral Home.  
Interment at Houston Cemetery, Hempstead.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston Cemetery

Hempstead, TX 77445

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Singleton & Sons Funeral Home  
627 New Orleans  
Hempstead, TX 77445  
(979) 826-2425  
info@singletonandsonsfh.com  
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com>

## Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM (CT)

Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church  
806 7th Street  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Service

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church  
806 7th Street  
Hempstead, TX 77445



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Minnie A. Lilly*

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *My favorite memories of my Aunt Minnie go back to the days when I would spend the summer with my cousins; we would play and play, and eat and have fun; but when Aunt Minnie said it was time to do something, Oh Boy, we didn't waste time moving to it or she'd be on us!! No way did I want to feel that extension cord on my butt. A loving mother of ALL her children and a wonderful Aunt. They never came to California without making sure that we visited. So, I proudly say that I was the "Favorite Niece" of my Aunt and Uncle. They always made me feel special.*



**Johnnie Lilly-Taylor** - February 21, 2011 at 11:30 PM



“ *Wanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs Minnie A. Lilly*



**Wanda** - February 18, 2011 at 11:13 PM



*I've missed my Mom very much. Will forever cherish the great memories and my times with her. A day does not pass that I don't think of her.*

**Wanda** - February 18, 2011 at 11:14 PM

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“ Remembering Mama today and always.



Doris Thomas - February 18, 2011 at 06:39 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Minnie Arie Lilly



Singleton & Sons Funeral Home & Staff - January 19, 2011 at 03:39 PM

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“ We will surely miss Good Mama as we all called her. She was always encouraging to our family. She would pick me up from school and keep me until my mom got home from work. I thank you Good Mama for sharing in my life and for continuing to encourage me and for saying that you were proud of me for obtaining my education. You would always say stay in school and do well. Rest in peace for you have worked hard to obtain your rest. With lots of love.  
JoKeisha, Ayeshie & Jady



Ida Campbell - January 07, 2011 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Ida Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs  
Minnie A. Lilly*



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**Ida Campbell** - January 07, 2011 at 09:32 AM