



## Ella Mae Downes

December 8, 1930 - November 3, 2021

Ella Mae Hollis Downes A.K.A. Mommy, Mom-Mom, Mom-Mom Mae, Miss Mae, Aunt Mae, Cousin Mae was born in Hope, Maryland on December 8, 1930, to the late Howard Hollis, Sr., and Frances Dean Hollis. She transitioned from this life to eternity on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Christiana Hospital. She was 90 years old. She was raised in Hope, MD where she also attended school. At a young age, she moved to Wilmington, DE.

Mommy held several jobs in her lifetime with the most recent being Allen Family Foods where she retired twice, once in 1995 and again in 2010. Her favorite things to do were word search puzzles, watching old westerns, old TV sitcoms and listening to country music. Walking to the mailbox everyday is how she got her exercise. To keep herself busy Mommy insisted on washing and ironing clothes. Everything had to be ironed and folded just right. She also loved to brag to everyone about her new car that she never got to drive.

Mommy loved all of her family, especially the boys, sons and grandsons alike. According to her, they could do no wrong. Every day she anticipated her daily call; sometimes twice from her grandson Tomarious, who was also the only one who could get her out of the house. He would say Mom-Mom lets go riding and her response would be as she was putting on her shoes, "Where we going."

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sons; James

Hollis and Phillip Hollis; brothers; Howard Hollis, Sr, and Clarence Hollis; her sister and brother-in-law, Rosetta and Eddie Johnson, Her bonus son Mervin Johnson, granddaughter Lashaya' Stanford; great grandson Ta'Jhon Hammond; bonus grand and great-grandchildren Valerie Johnson, Valnique Freeman and Janaija Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories her sons Wilson Downes (Paula), Smyrna, DE; Arthur Downes (Alfreda), Dover, DE; Nathaniel Downes (Sharon), Clayton, DE and bonus son Keith Chester, Felton, DE. Her daughters Charlotte Stanford, Preston, MD; Nancy Downes, Denton, MD; Dedra Hicks (Arvel), Ridgely; and Sia Mullen, Washington DC., 31 grandchildren; 58 great grandchildren; 56 great great grand children and 2 great great great grand children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Memorial Cemetery

Goldsboro, MD 21636

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Beginning United Methodist Church  
12020 Central Ave  
Ridgely, MD 21660

## Service

NOV 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Webcast in memory of Ella Mae Downes*



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - November 12, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Ella Mae Downes*

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October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Ella Mae Downes*

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October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *The Greensboro Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ella Mae Downes.*



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**The Greensboro Staff** - November 12, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Downes.*



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November 10, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *Ceres Simpson Pennington sent a virtual gift in memory of Ella Mae Downes*



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**Ceres Simpson Pennington** - November 10, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Our sincere and heartfelt condolences and prayers to Minister Arthur Downes and the entire family! We pray for strength, peace, love and unity within your family during this time and the days ahead. Cast your care on Jesus as He cares for you. We will continue to lift your family in prayer. The Shiloh Temple Church of God in Christ family. Bishop Marvin Sanders, Pastor St. Louis, MO*

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**Ceres Simpson Pennington** - November 10, 2021 at 09:06 PM

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“ Dagsboro Boys & Girls Club staff purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ella Mae Downes.

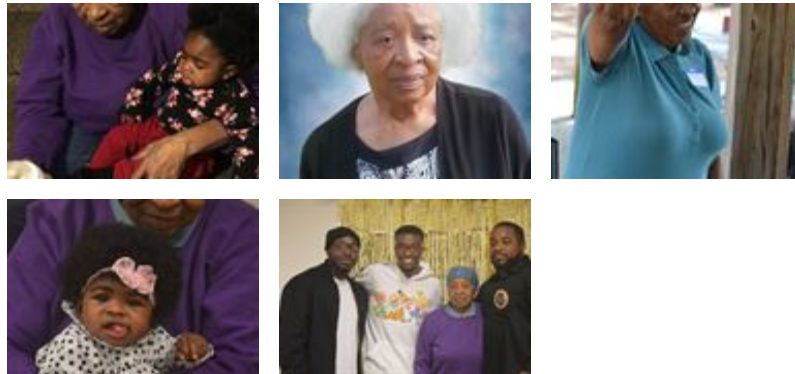


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**Dagsboro Boys & Girls Club staff** - November 10, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ 46 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - November 08, 2021 at 03:38 PM

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*Condolences to all my family who received the blessing of unconditional love from one of God's precious favored jewels. The years of wonderful memories will help heal the temporary sting of grief. I love you all... Cousin: Patsy/Pat Hollis*

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**Patricia A. Hollis** - November 10, 2021 at 11:52 PM

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“ To my Great Aunt your in the Arms of your heavenly Father. Smiling how beautiful the heavenly kingdom and golden road are. As you wear your crown and robe proudly. I'm not going to cry because you fault an long and hard battle.

*I will hold on to all your kisses and love you would give us when Dad would drop past. So I see you when I get there , give everyone a big Aunt Mae Kiss for me. Love Donald ,Purnell and Alma Son.*

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**Rev. Rakim ElAmin Great Nephew** - November 06, 2021 at 02:03 AM