



Tillie R. Gibson (SOUTHEAST)

September 5, 1939 - December 13, 2024

Tillie Ray Gibson, age 85, passed away on December 13, 2024.

She was born on September 5, 1939, in Springfield, KY, to parents James Louis and Sarah Elizabeth Edelen. Tillie graduated from Presentation Academy, a college preparatory school for young women and the first Catholic school in Louisville KY. In 2022, she was honored as the first black female graduate of the class of 1958, with a scholarship established in her name to recognize her achievement. Six years later, she married Joseph A. Gibson and relocated to Washington, DC. Together, they had four children, and Tillie dedicated 12 years to being a homemaker before taking a teaching position at Holy Name School. Their marriage lasted for 39 years until Joseph's passing. Tillie was preceded in death by her husband and parents, her brother James Edelen, her sister Betty Thurman, and daughter, Karen Gibson.

She is survived by her daughters Sharon Glover (Jeff) and Kathy Wylie (Melvin), and son Russell; her sister, Margaret Bentley; her 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also continue to cherish her memory and carry her legacy.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2025 from 11am - 12 noon at A.D. Porter & Sons-Southeast Funeral Home, 4501 Bardstown Rd., with the funeral to follow at 12 noon.

Burial will be held at 12:30pm Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Lebanon National Cemetery, Lebanon, KY.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon National Cemtery

Highway 208
Lebanon, KY 40033

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Southeast
4501 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40218
(502) 491-7885
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Celebration of Life

JAN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Azocha Nkobena purchased the *Celestial Love* for the family of Tillie R. Gibson (SOUTHEAST).



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“ Azocha Nkobena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tillie R. Gibson (SOUTHEAST).

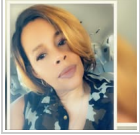
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“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Tillie R. Gibson (SOUTHEAST).



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“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to Ms. Tillie Gibson.*

To Sharon, we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. On behalf of the Glitter Girlz, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love you, sis.

*With love,
Arrette, Charlotte, Leslie & Shalonda*

Arrette Harvey - January 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss❤️,
From you cousin Barbara Walker-Smith*

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