



Patricia E. Hilliard-Nunn

July 22, 1963 - August 5, 2020

A powerful and dedicated humanitarian has been called to rest. Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn passed away Aug 5, 2020 surrounded by family at her home in Gainesville, FL.

Dr. Hilliard- Nunn moved to Gainesville thirty years ago with her family and was employed with the University of Florida. She was a Graduate of Hampton University where she received her BA degree, she received her MFA from Howard University and her PHD from Florida State University. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, The Links, Inc., American Association of University of Women.

Hilliard-Nunn, M. Patricia E. Jul 22, 1963 - Aug 5, 2020 Survived by husband, Kenneth Nunn, Gainesville; daughters, Foluke Nunn & Dayo Nunn, Gainesville; mother, Patsy Jo Hilliard, East Point, GA; sister, Robi Hilliard Herron, Stone Mountain, GA; brother, Hakim Hilliard, East Point, GA; brother-in-law, Robert Joyner, Sr., Ayden, NC; sister-in-law, Gina Nunn Moore, Omaha, NE; niece, Maia (Alphonso) Lightner, Atlanta, GA; nephew, Terry Bailey, Atlanta, GA; nephew, T'shaka Bailey, East Point, GA; nephew, Xavier Herron, Stone Mountain, GA; niece, Shaidah Herron, Atlanta, GA; niece, Asa Pearl Hilliard, East Point, GA; nephews, Kenneth Moore (Amy); Jason Moore; Keith Moore, Jerome Moore (Abby), all of Omaha, NE; numerous aunts,

uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by her father, Asa G. Hilliard, III; brother, Asa G. Hilliard, IV.

Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Omega, Omega Services, followed by the Links, Inc. Memorial Service.

Dr. Hilliard-Nunn will repose in Chestnut Memorial Chapel on Thursday, August 13th, 2020 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm; Internment will be at Pleasant Plain Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

"A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Red Hawk Woman*

Now you are among us and now gone the way light diffuses through forest and only remembers the sun.

Now you are red sky woman who sets fires to paint the clouds. Now you are white breath woman rising through mountains at dawn.

Now you are yellow pollen woman who gives birth to blossoming plants. Now you are black night woman with eyes that grow round in the dark...

You led us into Washington, that city of bones, where we spoke with earnest words the dreams our ancestors wished into us.

Now we give you back to the green skin of earth and here lay down the quarrels and obsessions that weaken us all.

Now we take up your life in our hands and walk together, our prayers the simplest act of remembrance.

O, Native woman wearing the songs of ten thousand years in your hair, who among us is like you?

Walk with us through the darkness where we arm ourselves knowing it was not dying you taught us to do.

By Karenne Wood

In memory of Tricia...

Raquel Garcia - February 15 at 03:13 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Chestnut Funeral Home - March 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CD

“ *As I am writing my Personal Statement to begin a doctoral program at Howard, I still remember that time you taught us about how to take action on the campus of UF. How you showed us how to be true and real activists.*

How the last time I saw you, I was in City Year in Orlando and you pulled me up to give an impromptu African dance with you. You were the moment and the truth, and you will be missed. Much love Dr. Hilliard-Nun.



Christopher Dotson-Robertson - January 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *To the Patricia E. Hilliard-Nunn Family, God needed another sweet-smelling flower for His garden; so he looked down upon us and selected Patricia. Continue to hold on to God's unchanging hand. Paulette Walker 25th National President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*



Paulette Walker - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To the family of Soror Hilliard-Nunn, my sincerest prayers for your strength during this time. God as called home a special, special soul but he knows best. You are cherished. Rest well my dear soror!



Joanell Lawson - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Sending love and peace in memory of our colleague, whom we deeply respected and admired, Dr. Hilliard-Nunn.

Kendal Broad-Wright & Danaya Wright - August 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and condolences are with the family during this time. Praying Gods strength and peace to you all.

Johnny Mims & Family - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our hearts are heavy with loss. Sending our love and condolences to the Hilliard-Nunn Family. May the Lord comfort you now and the years to come.

Loree Hartsfield and Hartsfield Family - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ You have been my inspiration since I was 6months old.. My earliest childhood memories included you and Maia & The Hilliard family. You are cherished.

Chay Hartsfield-Watkins & Donald Watkins, Jr. - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ While I never had the pleasure of taking a course from her, I did have the pleasure of teaching one of her daughters many years ago and seeing how much she loved and nurtured them. I was fresh out of college at the time and had just started becoming interested in photography. She was one of the first people I remember who really encouraged me to pursue that creativity, which eventually led to a small photography business. She had the gift of making people feel heard and valued and supported. I know so many UF students who are so grateful for her knowledge and presence in their lives. My thoughts go out to her family and our community at large for her loss.

Christine - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Trish will always be the North Star for many members of Gainesville, FL, the University of Florida, and others that share her worldly vision.

Drs. Mark A. Reid and Sylvie E. Blum - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

YE

“ What can i say Queen to your now Spirit? You were one of the most down to earth Professor i have met and known. You kept it real, your personality full of joy and a demeanor of splendor, class and yet friendly to all. Children that reflected your culture and morals. You will always be my friend, and spiritual sister, loved and in my memory for ever. Ase Ase' oo. Hotep. Queen Ya

Yakitah' EI-Bey - August 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We loved Patricia so much. We are here if you need us. Love, Makeda, Nefertiti, Myia, and Yazzy.

Dr. Ruth Thompson-Miller - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

“ While I did not have the pleasure of personally getting to know Dr. Hilliard-Nunn very well during my time as a graduate student at UF, I will be forever grateful for the kindness that she and Professor Nunn showed me one day in 2015. One day when I was babysitting at the home of another UF professor, Dr. Hilliard-Nunn and her husband stopped by to say hello to the kids. Shortly before their arrival, I'd found out that my car battery needed to be replaced. AAA had arrived at the home and had begun the battery replacement process by the time the Nunns had arrived. Although I knew of and admired the Nunns from their campus reputation (and as a student studying race and crime), I had never met either of them before this day. After they caught up with the kids, I got the chance to talk to both professors, but especially Dr. Hilliard-Nunn, about life as a Black graduate student, my research, and so many other things that we were able to squeeze into their spontaneous visit. Just as we were wrapping up our conversation, the AAA worker came to the door to tell me that my car was finished. As I went to go get my wallet to pay, Professor Nunn said, "We'll pay for this." My jaw must have dropped from shock-they had met me for the first time that day and my bill was over \$200. I tried to push back and decline their offer. But Dr. Hilliard-Nunn then came to stand beside me and said, "We've got you. Let us do this for you. We're here for you." It took everything I had not to burst out in tears of gratitude. Little did they know (or maybe in some way they did know) that paying for my battery would have wiped out my bank account at that time. I was a PhD candidate living off of a stipend, and I was trying to save any money that I could to help me relocate after I graduated a few months later. Their kindness in that moment, and Dr. Hilliard-Nunn's words of affirmation that made me-a stranger-feel loved, seen, and supported is something that I will never, ever, forget. I remember this event like it was yesterday despite the fact that it was over five years ago. Because of them, I now assist Black graduate students at random with little things that they may need to help get them through. It could be anything from getting them a massage for wellness or paying their car note for a month. I make sure they are students I don't know ahead of time, and I always reiterate Dr.

Hilliard-Nunn's words, "I'm here for you. I got you." to emphasize that I am part of their village even though they didn't know it. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Dr. Hilliard-Nunn and Professor Nunn for being part of my village. Dr. Hilliard-Nunn's impact on my life, through both her scholarship and her kindness, will never be forgotten. -Andrea Davis, PhD

Andrea Davis, PhD - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“*My deepest and most heartfelt sympathies go out to the Hilliard and Nunn family on Trisha's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. The news truly saddened me. As young students away from home together, she always encouraged and directed me through self-awareness and positivity. Trisha's infectious smile and laughter will remain with me forever. Attached are some photos from Hampton University taken in 1983. "What was once enjoyed and deeply loved, we can never lose. For all that we love deeply becomes part of us."*

David J Sanchez - August 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM