



Sandra B Roach

March 5, 1943 - January 21, 2022

Willie Sandra Beatrice Myers Roach, affectionately known as “Billie” was the youngest of two born to the union of Frankie Beatrice Hayden Myers and Johnnie Frank Myers on March 5, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri and bowing in humble submission to the Lord, before taking her flight on Friday, January 21, 2022, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY after an extended illness. Both parents preceded her in death.

Affectionately known by many names such as “Billie, Aunt Billie, Sandy, or just “Sandra”. She attended Kingsway Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo. where she found the Lord at a young age and was baptized by Rev. Herman Greer.

Billie was educated in the Missouri educational system where she graduated from Soldan High School in 1961. Loving her cousins in Lexington, Billie spent many summers with one of her favorite cousins, Mary Lois Brown, and her family. Even though she continued her studies within her college journey by attending the University of Missouri for her under grad program. Sandra longed for those she loved dearest in Lexington. As such, she transferred to Kentucky State College in Frankfort, later finishing her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Kentucky, where she majored in English. Following her time at the University of Kentucky, she further educated herself by taking classes at Eastern Kentucky University where she obtained her Master’s degree in Education. She was very dedicated to learning and reading, always

encouraging all to attend college and get the best education possible.

An avid reader, Billie was known for her outstanding book collection—often reading two to three books at the same time! She took pride in attending book signings of famous authors where she would buy their books and get them autographed at local bookstores like Joseph Beth.

Billie was a lover of all sports but was a strong supporter of the Kentucky Wildcats! She had season tickets to the University of Kentucky basketball team, with a great view of the court and players. If not watching sports events in person, she was tuned in on television.

On September 30, 1967, Billie was joined in Holy Matrimony to Thomas C. Roach. This past September, they were married 55 years. From this union was born a son, Ashley Devlin (San Francisco, CA). An avid sportsman, she had Ashley very involved in sports, especially soccer. Much of her spare time was spent taking him to his practices or travelling with the teams to famous soccer events and tournaments. Soccer went on whether it be rain or shine!

Billie having a strong interest in social work, was always a dedicated, hard worker and carried out her professional career at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the office of Blue Cross/Blue Shield where she would retire from both organizations respectively. Her final retirement came after her work with Community based services at the State of Kentucky Medicare, Lexington, Kentucky, where she worked to provide help with many families and elderly individuals.

While attending school in Lexington, she continued her study of the word of God by first joining under watch-care at the Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church and actively worked under the stewardship of Reverend Thomas H. Peoples, Pastor. Billie was a dedicated member, often driving her husband to his church first, the First African Baptist Church, when

he was physically able, then making her way to Pleasant Green. She was a member of the PNBC Women's Unit, where she paid her dues and appeared on their various programs. She also loved to participate on annual Women's Day services. She took pride in wearing colors or the attire of the special events. In fact, Billie was a lover of nice clothing and fine attire down to beautiful hats and dresses. She took pride in finding a great sale and or bargain—even if it meant waiting until the price was drastically reduced!

She enjoyed her social groups where she was an active member of “the Links”, several local bridge clubs, and her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority family. Billie joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated in March 1965. Beta Gamma Omega is the local chapter. She was a Golden Soror. In 1972, she joined the Frankfort-Lexington Chapter of the Links, Incorporated —she joined at the same time as her late step mother-in-law, Lettie Roach. She was a very active member of that organization—attending all meetings, functions, and conventions. Billie did not live long enough to be recognized as a Platinum Alum member but was the longest living member with years of service. She loved the fellowship and sisterhood of both groups!

Billie was a very friendly and social person. Rarely, did she meet a stranger—a true “People person”. Billie loved playing bridge and was in several Bridge groups—even as a substitute. Her Wednesday Bridge Club was a popular one—meeting at various restaurant and club locations. Even with the COVID virus, they managed to try and figure out ways to come together and play several rounds of this fascinating card game each week or every other week.

She was also known for membership in several social clubs—including the Elites Club and Unique Ladies. These social clubs were known for their parties, including those at Derby time. Billie, a great cook, took pride in her fried chicken, rolls, green beans that she canned herself and other tasty

homemade salads and desserts. She loved to visit the Fresh Vegetable markets, where she would purchase goods for her canning of green beans or her homemade Chow-Chow (yum!)

Billie was blessed with longevity on both sides of her family which is attested by two of her closest cousins who both reached the age of 90 years old in 2018. Cousin Eddie Mae Carter, Indianapolis, IN (Father-Johnnie Frank's side) remains to cherish her memory and Cousin Dolores Williams, Chicago, IL (Mother-Frankie Beatrice's side) who preceded her in death in November 2018.

Billie accomplished so much in the life the Lord provided and was loved by many. The Lord embraced her as she GOT HER WINGS and the key to the gates of heaven where pain and suffering is no more. Before retirement and other health issues, Billie loved to travel—to a Links convention or just to learn about a new place she had never been. She and one of her travelling partners, Clara (now deceased), enjoyed life and meeting new friends. She now continues her new life and travels in a peaceful—restful and eternal land..... We all loved “Billie, Aunt Billie, Sandy, Sandra” or whatever you chose to call her.....however, God loved her more!

Sandra leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy her husband of 55 years, Thomas C. Roach; one child, Ashley Devlin Roach, San Francisco, CA; one grandson, Sequoia Christian, California; a special cousin and caregiver, Benjamin Brown (Susan) Lexington, KY; five nieces; Frankie Stephenson, St. Louis, MO; Bonita White (Carl), Chicago, IL; Henri Sandra Ramsey, Berea, KY; LaTaysha (Clinton) Jackson, Rowlett, TX; Wahsieka Payne, Chicago, IL; one nephew, Kwanda Eugene Cross, St. Louis, MO; special family friends, Rev Wendell Emerson (Alyce) and family; her church family; and a host of other family and friends.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and only sibling, Harriett Myers Tillman, special cousin Mary Lois Brown and little Benny/Benjamin Brown.

Visitation on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:00am until time of service at 12:00pm Livestream:

Zoom: 3aluwg ID: 2429931006 Facebook: cpsgministries

Cemetery Details

Cove Haven

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Smith and Smith Funeral Home
340 East Third Street
Lexington, KY 40508
(859) 255-6273
<https://www.smithandsmithfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandra B Roach*

February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Sandy was a loving and thoughtful person. We shared a love for cooking and often shared recipes and information about where to find specific ingredients and which stores had a good buy on specific items. We attended cooking expos together and shared subscriptions to a Taste of Home magazine.*

She loved to play bridge and was usually at the top of her game. She could do more with a mediocre hand than most of us could do with a winning one.

Sandy was always willing to share her knowledge and information. She sent the most beautifully handwritten thank you notes for any and every kindness that had been extended to her and would present you with unexpected gifts to show her appreciation for every act of kindness that anyone bestowed upon her.

She was loved and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to get to know her. I am blessed to have called her friend, sister, cooking buddy and bridge partner. She made the world a better place and we thank God for life.

With loving memories.

Margaret Bell Davis

Margaret Davis - February 11, 2022 at 01:12 PM

BB

“ *Betty Ann Davis Bivina lit a candle in memory of Sandra B Roach*



Betty Ann Davis Bivina - February 08, 2022 at 07:11 PM

BB

*To Tommy & family,
My condolences to you & I am praying God's strength for you during this time of grieving.*

Betty Ann Davis Bivins - February 08, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Myers family photos*



LaTaysha Jackson - February 07, 2022 at 12:28 AM

LJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Connecting -Link Roach and their family. Link Roach was such a sweet and kind lady. R.I.P. my dear Link Sister.*



Link Michaelene Swann James - February 04, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ *Joanne Roibu purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sandra B Roach.*



Joanne Roibu - February 02, 2022 at 02:34 PM