



Vivian Jean Hill

April 19, 1935 - January 26, 2022

Vivian Jean Hill, 86, passed away January 26, 2022 in Tucson, Arizona. She was born in Jacksonville, Florida on April 19, 1935 to Lena Evelyn King (born Walters) and Fletcher Gordon King.

Jean Hill's life is best described as one of grace, love, and unflinching commitment to her Catholic faith. Central to her life was family. Jean married Richard Allen Hill (1932-2001) and is survived by their children, Kenneth Charles (K.C.) Hill and Cynthia Maressa Hill. Their youngest son, David Gordon Hill, died in 2017, and another son, Brian Edward Hill, died shortly after birth. Jean is also survived by her grandchildren, Colin O'Rourke Hill, Katherine Clare Hill, and Joanna Claire Maressa; her sisters, Mary Frances Ruddick and Evelyn Ann Stone; her sisters-in-law, Deborah Jane Hill and Patricia Kay Scott; her brother-in-law, Stuart D. Scott; her daughter-in-law Patricia Mary Hill; her son-in-law Joseph John Maressa; her many nephews, nieces, and grand nephews and nieces, and Dr. Gino Regalli, who for many years has been an adopted family member.

Jean's intellectual accomplishments included a Bachelor of Arts in English from Trenton State College and a Masters in Christian Education from the Princeton Theological Seminary. Jean was the director of the Chenango County Religious Education Office for the Diocese of Syracuse from 1977-1985 and for many years thereafter taught classes about the Bible. She left us

with much wisdom in her book, "Hearing the Voice of Mystery: Spirituality for the Wisdom Years". A talented writer, she also published several articles and poems. Family and friends will miss her laughter, her exclamations of joy when seeing a new bird or flower, the way she modulated her voice and expressed emotion while reading poetry or children's literature, her choices of flamboyant color in clothes and art, her love of God personified in thoughtful consideration of word and deed, and her confident bold tone during worship or song. May her grace and love reverberate forever.

Local arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

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“ Richard, Vivian Jean’s husband sponsored me to come to live in this country. Somehow from the very beginning I enjoyed the privilege to have Richard as my boss and mentor and the Hills acting towards me like stepparents. Their generosity and affection provided by them were just overwhelming and in the process I got the fortune to get to know them well. For many reasons, my life would have been different without their influence. Jean always came across as very intelligent and spiritual, capable of understanding and supporting her husband and children better than anyone could imagine. Always generous by placing other needs before her own. To describe Jean’s virtuosity in several aspects of life would take pages and pages and even after that I will be missing something. Years went by, nevertheless, I kept in contact with Jean until a few days before her departure. The main reason was that once in a while, it will please me to hear her voice, her laughter, and her point of view on many things occurring in life. She may have left now, but I know that in reality, she is still alive and with all of us. People like her and Richard, capable of providing such a level of positive influence to others with remarkable legacy just never die.

Gino Regalli

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