



Loretta Fields Hill

April 17, 1938 - February 24, 2026

Life Reflections

Mrs. Loretta Fields Hill was born in Luling, Texas to Gussie Fields and Arnie Burgess Clark. From a young age, she confessed her faith in Christ and remained steadfast in her Christian walk throughout her life.

She possessed a special heart for the underserved, overlooked, and forgotten. Loretta never met a stranger—she met opportunities to serve.

She was a proud graduate of St. Edward's University, majoring in Community Health Education and Holy Cross Nursing School. She also matriculated at The University of Texas at Austin and pursued continued studies throughout her lifetime.

Loretta faithfully served at Grant A.M.E. Worship Center in Austin, Texas, holding numerous leadership roles within the Women's Missionary Society and serving sixteen years as Administrator and Connectional Officer of the Christian Debutante Master Commission (DMC).

Leadership & Community Impact

July 1992 Mrs. Loretta Fields Hill of Austin, Texas was elected the 2nd

Connectional General Administrator of the Christian Debutante-Master Dedication Commission. During Mrs. Hill's 16 years of leadership she created the CDMC Manual and handbook. She also established the Julma Crawford Scholarship as well as the current organizational structure for the program. She is a retired public health educator and an active lifetime member of Grant AME Worship Center, Austin, TX.

In July 1992, Mrs. Hill was elected Administrator of the Debutante Master Commission (DMC) of the A.M.E. Church, continuing a legacy of structured youth development.

Beyond the church, she organized voter registration drives, health fairs, Sickle Cell education programs, and served as a public health educator for the City of Austin.

Family & Legacy

Loretta was united in holy matrimony to Herman Hill, sharing sixty-eight years of devoted marriage.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gussie Fields and Arnie Burgess Clark; her son, Ronald Hill; her grandson, Reginald Hill Jr.; and her beloved siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Herman A. Hill; her children, Reginald Hill, Herman R. Hill, Sharon Hill Smith (Kenny); her grandchildren, LaKisha Hill Tenner, Stephanie Nivens, David Nivens Jr., Erika Nivens, Kendra Smith, and Caleb Hill; great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, extended family members; godson Scipio Brown; and a host of spiritual sons and daughters whose lives she impacted profoundly.

Her life embodied service in action, leadership rooted in love, and faith that never wavered.

Cemetery Details

Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery

14501 North IH 35
PFLUGERVILLE, TX 78660

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

A Life Celebration by Franklin – Austin
16912 N. IH 35
Austin, TX 78728
(512) 365-6000

Celebration Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grant Crosswork Community Church
1701 Kramer Lane
Austin, TX 78758

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Loretta was, indeed, a Valiant Woman. In 2019 she received the "Valiant Woman Award" presented by the Austin Unit of Church Women United; an award given to a woman who has given outstanding service to the community of Austin and has helped build and shape CWU--and that is what she did. I hold dear the memories of our work together and I join our current President, B.J. Johnson in saying, she will be missed. Sincere condolence is extended to the family. May God enfold you in His loving arms and give peace.

Johnnie M. Overton - March 06 at 05:42 PM

MR

“ Condolences and prayers for Loretta's family. A beautiful soul.

Melvia Randle

melvia Randle - March 05 at 08:22 PM

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“What more can you say about Loretta than that she was "Simply the Best". From her years of service to Grant Worship Center (formerly known as Grant Chapel AME Church; now newly merged and renamed Grant Crosswork Community Church) to her helming, with distinction, the Christian Debutantes and Masters Commission (CDMC) of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church from 1992-2008 as its' Administrator. Loretta loved the CDMC and learned her craft at the feet of its originator, Dr. Julma Crawford. I was honored to have assisted Loretta with drafting some of the printed programs during the initial years of her administration. I (and the Grant AMEC family) was very proud of her. She made bricks out of straw. No one really knows what goes on behind the scenes or what it takes to present something on that scale. She did it well. Love, Vicki Houston & David Houston (CDMC-'92) and family

Vicki Houston - March 05 at 10:20 AM

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“Loretta and I shared a treasured friendship of more than 30 years, beginning when I met her at Grant Chapel after moving to Austin. Over the years, we served together in various church ministries, including the Steward Board, Sunday School, New Members Class, and WMS. Her warm spirit, contagious smile and genuine kindness touched so many lives. She truly exemplified what it means to live as a faithful Christian. Loretta will be deeply missed by all who had the blessing of knowing and loving her. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May your cherished memories bring comfort and strength during this difficult time.
Christella Cain



Christella Cain - March 04 at 05:35 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta Fields Hill.*



March 04 at 05:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Loretta Fields Hill.

March 04 at 05:34 PM



“ *Lynnette Collins lit a candle in memory of Loretta Fields Hill*



Lynnette Collins - March 03 at 07:57 PM



“ *Rhonda L. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Loretta Fields Hill.*



Rhonda L. - March 02 at 05:29 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta Fields Hill.*



March 02 at 10:17 AM



“ *Loretta I've known you for a long time. You were involved with Debutant Masters, Church Women United. Condolences to Sharon Smith and family. Rest In Peace. Love Sister Mary V. Terrell.*



Mary V Terrell - March 01 at 07:09 PM



“ *Ms Loretta was my mom's, Jean Mays, closest friends. We are praying for the Hill family. Cherish the memories!*

Deb - February 28 at 06:41 PM



“ *Sue McDole sent a virtual gift in memory of Loretta Fields Hill*



Sue McDole - February 28 at 12:01 PM