

**Obituary as it appeared in the Sierra Vista Herald Review  
on August 20, 2023**

**Lillian M. White**, 96, died peacefully in her sleep on May 2, 2023. She was born on August 25, 1926 to Arnetta Winrow Ferguson and Martin Ferguson in Trenton, NJ. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers; William, Martin, Charles, and Nelson. She is survived by nieces, Carol Ferguson Johnson, Patricia Ferguson Hicks, Donna Ferguson, her nephews, Charles Ferguson Strickland, William Ferguson Strickland, and numerous great nephews and nieces. Close to her heart, however, is the Hicks family, her Goddaughter, Cheryl Hicks Ziegler; Cheryl's sister, Donna Hicks; and her brother, Dr. Clifton Hicks, who she affectionately called "Clif, her Godson," Fay Baptiste and Ida Biddle-Mayer, her sister-in-law's brother's children; Charles Bates, a good friend and caring landlord who thought of her as a "second Mother;" and many friends who loved her as family.

She attended grade school in Eldridge Park, NJ and high school in Trenton, NJ before transferring to Girls High in Brooklyn, NY. Lillian wanted to go to nursing school but instead stayed home to take care of her mother who died of cancer when Lillian was 19. She had a caring spirit and was always available to help and assist anyone in need.

Lillian moved to Sierra Vista in 1989 after her cousin, Helen Rhodes, sung the city's praises during a visit back East. Soon after moving, Lillian visited Faith Presbyterian Church, Helen's church, and became a member. She was very active in the church in her earlier years, serving as Elder, and as Moderator of Presbyterian Women. Her network of friends grew through the church. Special to her were Jo Ready, Martha Schuttner, Betty Ferguson, Jeanne Gerdes, and Grace Davidson.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2053 Choctaw Dr., Sierra Vista, on August 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sierra Vista, AZ

**Lillian Marion White**

**August 25, 1926 - May 2, 2023**



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me shall not die but have life everlasting."*

Rev. Brian R. Louis, Pastor

Janis Wheat, Director of Music



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*At the sign of the \* asterisk, all who are able please stand.*

**PRELUDE** “*In the Garden*” - Miles

**GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER** - Rev. Brian Louis

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

**All:** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

Pastor: the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

**All:** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.

**All:** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

Pastor: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

**All:** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “*Life's Railway to Heaven*” Snow & Tillman

Heather Carter, Soloist Richard Carter, Guitar

### PSALM 23 (unison)

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

**MEDITATION** - Rev. Brian Louis

**SPECIAL MEMORIES:** Hicks Family, Sonny Coble, Paul Lewis, Linda Pattison, Pam Winters, Don Townsend, Rev. Dr. John Stevenson

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “*One Day at a Time*” - Wilkin & Kristofferson  
The Back Row Boys

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\* **HYMN:** “*Amazing Grace*” - #649

### CLOSING PRAYER

### POSTLUDE

*Please join Rev. Louis in the Memory Garden  
for a brief prayer followed by the interment.*

*Refreshments are provided in Stevenson Hall. All are welcome!*