



## Willie Bell Perkins

December 29, 1934 - February 1, 2025

Willie Bell Perkins of Somerset, NJ died February 1, 2025. Services were held Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, 771 Somerset Street, Somerset.

Willie Bell Perkins was born in Pactolus, NC on December 29, 1934. She was the only daughter of Nora Bell Moore and Willie Daniels. While in North Carolina she met and married Willie “Cool Cat” Perkins, with whom she shared a life for 52 years. From this union, they had four children: one son and three daughters. Willie Bell accepted Christ at a young age and later rededicated her life to Christ in 2000, becoming a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. Shortly after her marriage, they moved from Pactolus NC to New Jersey. Upon moving to New Jersey, Willie Bell was employed as a domestic worker, helping to clean other people’s homes. Her passion for cooking soon made her realize that she could make a living by bringing joy to others with her delicious food. She started her career at Rutger’s University as a cook in the frat house. Making meals for the fraternities on campus. Later, she began working at Franklin

Convalescence Center as  
the head cook, where she retired in 1999.

To her family, she was affectionately known as Mommy, Willabell, Nana or  
Pretty Lady, because she  
was always dressed to the nines. Aside from cooking, shopping was her  
second favorite love. Her  
grandchildren will remember her having two TVs in her bedroom: one on HSN  
and the other on QVC,  
because she couldn't miss a sale.

Christmas was her favorite time of year, because it involved her three favorite  
things: cooking,  
shopping and family. Her home in Somerset had five generations living under  
one roof at one point  
Which was something that she took pride in. When she finally fully retired, she  
wanted to keep he  
home in the family and gave her granddaughter the gift of homeownership.  
Her family will always  
remember her generosity. Anyone who met her always talked about her sweet  
and giving spirit. She  
will be greatly missed by so many.

Willie Bell's memory will be cherished by daughter-in-love, Mary Perkins  
(deceased Jimmie), New  
Brunswick, NJ; her 3 daughters: Peggy Porter (David) Riverview, FL; Octavia  
Sanders (Jerry)  
Somerset, NJ; and Noretta Perkins (deceased Steve) Kendall Park, NJ; 18  
grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and a host  
of cousins

# Previous Events

## Church Viewing

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens  
771 Somerset St  
Somerset, NJ 08873

## Church Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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771 Somerset Street  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
<http://www.fbcsomerset.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane Small lit a candle in memory of Willie Bell Perkins*



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**Diane Small** - February 17, 2025 at 05:14 AM

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“ *I met Mrs Perkins when I was about 10 years old. Her family became like family. I admired how she was always dressed in the latest fashions from head to toe. She also had nice jewelry to match. In her later years HSN became her store. She will be missed. Condolences to her family. May she rest well*

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**Monique Davis** - February 05, 2025 at 02:11 AM