

Eva J. White, departed this life surrounded by family on October 31, 2014, at the age 89. She was born in Greeneville, Tennessee on September 28, 1925. She was the first child born to loving parents: Belle Mae and Dave Hill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John Frank Hill and her husband, James White.

She was survived by a son and daughter-in law: Dennis and Annette White. A daughter and son-in-law: Sharon and Isiah Jefferson. A grand-son: Alfie Jefferson. A grand-daughter and grand-son-in law: Tamara and Maurice Harris. A grand-daughter: Giavonna Jefferson. Great-grand-children: Dechaea Dobson, Jasmine Jefferson, Koryei Jefferson, Jabian Harris, Cassidy Jefferson, Avery Harris, Zoryian Harris and Evan Harris. Loving special relatives and friends: Nancy Hamilton, Valerie Rogers, Fannye Jones, Virginia Jones, Geraldine Everette, and Lucille White.

She graduated from Greeneville College in Greene County on the 26th day of May 1939. Graduated from Morristown College in 1941, with a degree in Secretarial Science. She was offered a job in Washington, DC but instead she remained in Greeneville, Tennessee and married James White. In this marriage they were blessed with two children.

Later she attended and graduated from A & I (Tennessee) State University in 1943, with a degree in Special Education. She taught special education at George Clem School for several years. In 1961, she graduated from Tusculum College, with a bachelor of science in Education. She always believed that she was the first black to graduate from Tusculum College but during my search for that information all I could find is that In 1806, emancipated slave John Gloucester became the first African-American student to attend Greeneville College. But after Greeneville College became Tusculum College in 1912, racial integration started there in the year of 1956, which would put her pretty close to that date. Eva graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1972 with a Masters in Elementary Education.

She was a school teacher. One of those teachers that dedicated her heart to the teaching of young minds. Many of her past students have remarked that she was their favorite teacher ever. She taught at George Clem until full integration of the Greeneville City Schools in 1965. She was then sent to teach at Highland Elementary School where she was readily accepted and respected. Eva received many teacher awards during her teaching career.

Eva worked for the Greeneville City School System for 30 years, retiring in the year 1984. She belonged to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society for many years.

She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and was very active in organizations of the church as long as she was able. Her health began to decline but she continued to attend church and brought joy to many church members until her last day in church, September 28, 2014.

In this year of 2018, She is missed and remembered by friends and family as a loving, caring person. God put his best stuff in the creation of this beautiful person.