



## Sylvia Loretta Bailey

August 20, 1954 - November 24, 2021

Sylvia Loretta (Johnson) Bailey, was born August 20, 1954 in Valley, Alabama. She went to be with loved ones gone before November 24, 2021, at home in South Ogden, Utah. She was continually surrounded and loved by her husband, Colonel (Ret) Charles Bailey, her daughter, Major Shamika N. Woodruff, her son in law, Mr. Robert Woodruff, her granddaughter, Jillian, her Everest hospice team, Ms. Bobbie Salterain, her private aide, and the numerous thoughts and prayers of family members and friends from all over our country.

The youngest of eight children, Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents Marvin and Bessie Mae (Boyd) Johnson, her sisters Kattie, Mary Florence, Ruby and Cynthia, and her brother John (Bubba). She leaves behind her brother Joseph (Sonny) and her sister Carolyn along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sylvia graduated from the former Brown High School in Atlanta, Georgia and earned a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition Science from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She was a lifelong learner and enjoyed reading the latest research on all topics related to health.

Sylvia and Charles were high school sweethearts. They went on to enjoy almost 44 years of marriage which included 30 wonderful years of military service to our country followed by 14 years of blissful retirement. As a mother of two beautiful children (Curtis and Shamika) and a military spouse, Sylvia participated in numerous school and military spouse events. Personally, she excelled in distance running, winning numerous trophies that are still on display in her home. She also played tennis and golf. Sylvia was a member of the local Misfits golf team, where she also won numerous individual and team awards. She loved hikes in the mountains with her husband, her granddogs, Roxy, Gracie and Raven, being grandma to Jillian and was a relentless Scrabble player.

Sylvia started the battle for her life in February 2019 when tests revealed a brain tumor known as Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM). Sylvia had several surgeries to remove two

recurrences, both requiring multiple rounds of radiation and chemotherapy treatments. Though there were tough days, she was a fighter and was steadfast to the very end.

We are eternally grateful for the unyielding support from the medical teams who supported Sylvia. Finally, we could not have made it this far without the love and support received from all the family members, friends, and neighbors who were constantly praying for Sylvia and wishing her the best. Thank you.

We love you Sylvia, Mom, and Grandma!

There will not be a funeral. Sylvia's final wish was to be cremated and have her ashes spread in Alaska. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation on behalf of Sylvia to the Glioblastoma Foundation. To share the news of your donation with the family, list [shamika.woodruff26@gmail.com](mailto:shamika.woodruff26@gmail.com) on the donation form.

Link: <https://glioblastomafoundation.org/get-involved/glioblastoma-donations>

# Comments

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“ I knew Sylvia as a spouse, friend, golf competitor, and Charlies' nutritionist. Many of us can remember a loving and humorous story - these are what I want to remember. She could do anything she set her mind to - no matter the challenge. I saw her as a loving, grateful, nurturing, honest, and yet tough beyond belief person. CoVID kept Donna and I from the many hugs we wanted to give to both Charles and Sylvia - so prayers, texts, emails, and phone calls had to suffice. We would talk for however long they wanted. Sylvia received the very best care possible from Charles that kept me in awe of his strength too. The two of them made a great couple throughout their life together and was most important during the toughest struggle. Sylvia, you were loved and respected by many - RIP my dear friend. Charles, I am here for you if needed - a call away.

**Ernie Parada** - December 09, 2021 at 03:33 PM

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“ Sylvia was love at first sight for me. She was always pleasant and happy to me. We spent hours of reminiscing, talking about her granddaughter and how smart she was. Her daughter the pride of her and her accomplishments. I told her you could see all of that for the amount of pictures on the wall. Her Love and pride for her husband . She would sometimes ask him for money, she was never refused. She always told me, Charles can do that if I mention something needed to be done. I was very blessed to meet know and come to love this family. Thank you for allowing me to be you, you will all be remembered in my heart.

**Bobbie Salterain** - December 01, 2021 at 07:35 AM

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“ Sylvia a sister-in-law that would help you, she has no problem in sharing her knowledge.  
She is greatly missed.  
Willie Bailey Curtis

**Willie B. Curtis** - December 01, 2021 at 06:38 AM

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“ Sylvia was an incredible wife, mother, and grandmother. She was always pleasant to be near. She was concerned for others welfare and care. As a member of the Green Jacket Golf Team, we can always depend on Sylvia to compete in every match. In four years, she loss only one match and led us to four league championship. I will always remember her commitment to Charles and family. Needless to say, Charles lived up to and beyond his dedication his beloved wife Sylvia. Our community have a loss a very positive example for us all. Finally, the Bailey family are in prayers and wish you all the best! Please call us if you need anything. Dale and Mary Griffin

**Dale Griffin** - November 30, 2021 at 07:08 PM

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“ Donya sent a virtual gift in memory of Sylvia Loretta Bailey



**Donya** - November 30, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ Donya lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Loretta Bailey



**Donya** - November 30, 2021 at 05:19 PM

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**Premier Funeral Services** - November 30, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ Such a beautiful family. Thank you for sharing with me “Sylvia “

**Bobbie Salterain** - December 01, 2021 at 07:39 AM



“ We're are truly blessed to have you as friends since meeting you in the late 1980s. As Charles was the quieter of the two, Sylvia had no problem letting you know her position. Always kind and gracious, but firm and direct. She will be missed, but never forgotten. To Charles and the rest of the Bailey family, always know that you are never alone.

Friends Forever,

Rick & Brenda McClary

**RJ McClary** - December 05, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ Charles called me today and informed me of Sylvia's passing. I was so very sorry to hear of my friend's demise. I have known Sylvia for over 40 years and have been very impressed with her intellect, her competitiveness, and her love for her family. One only needed to spend a short time in her presence in order to see the love and affection for her family exuding from her inner being. Charles was a beneficiary of this great love and I know that he must be devastated by her loss. I pray God's blessings upon the Bailey family as they grieve this tremendous loss. I pray that God will let His face shine upon you and give you His peace.

Your Good Friend,

Ernest L. Foster

Powder Springs, GA

**Ernest Lee Foster** - December 05, 2021 at 08:36 PM