



Wilma Wise

Pallbearers

Keithan Dillard
Corey Johnson
Rance T. Robinson, Jr.

Latrelle Simmons
Marcus Ware
Steven Carnes

Terrell Jamison

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. Charles Phillips

Taylor B. Robinson, Jr.



Acknowledgement

Our hearts are full from all the expressions of comfort support tears, hugs, calls, and texts during this time of loss. We are so grateful to have a village of support in our lives and we don't take that for granted. We will continue to pray through all those times. Love the family of Wilma D. Wise.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF *Wilma D. Wise*

SUNRISE:
MAY 15, 1929

SUNSET:
JUNE 11, 2022

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

Wake: 10:00 a.m.

Funeral: 10:30 a.m.

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2020 W. Roosevelt Rd

Broadview, IL 60155

Rev. James Shannon, Officiating Pastor

Peoples Community Church

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

THE LIFE & LEGACY OF *Wilma D. Wise*

Wilma Dean Franklin was born May 15, 1929 in Gorgas, Alabama to the parents of James Franklin and Bennie Lee-Allen Franklin. She was the fifth of eleven children. During her childhood, her parents relocated to Jasper Alabama. Wilma received her High school diploma from Walker County Training School in Jasper, AL.

Deeply rooted in the Franklin family was the love of God and service. Wilma accepted Christ earlier in life at Shiloh Baptist Church in Jasper, AL. Wilma's love for teaching developed early when she became a kindergarten teacher in Jasper and she instilled that foundation of learning in all of her children and grandchildren. In 1949, Wilma married Wilburn Phillips. Their first born son was Reverend Charles Phillips. Like many others migrating from the South, Wilma and her son came to Chicago to join her other siblings on the South Side of Chicago. While she was working and finding her way, in 1955, she remarried. Three children came from the union to Clarence Wise Sr.: Clarence Wise Jr., Carol Annice Wise-Dillard, and Celina A. Wise-Robinson.

Wilma's strength was cultivated and tested as she navigated the "Windy City" and she moved to the West Side of Chicago where her devotion to community and service began. Wilma's strong work ethic was an inherited trait from the "Franklin Genes".

Wilma dedicated over forty years to the service industry before retiring from Montgomery Wards in Chicago's River North area. I remember her telling me when she met Diana Ross at her place of employment while she was filming the movie Mahogany. I also remember her describing to me the tension-filled day when King was assassinated and Black workers scrambled to get home safely to their families.

Wilma encouraged education and exposure to her children and grandchildren. "You can't be bored." "Read a book." "Go to the museum." "Just do something." These are the loving reminders that her grandchildren will remember with affection. Anyone that met Wilma would immediately know these three things about her :

1. If you needed help, she was there.
2. Family meant everything to her.
3. Alabama has it all, why go anyplace else?

On June 11, 2022, at the age of 93 Wilma was called to come home.

Preceding her in death are her two children; Clarence Wise Jr. (Joyce) and Carol Annice Wise-Dillard. Wilma leaves to cherish her memory, two children; Rev. Charles Phillips (Carolyn) Broadview, IL, and Celina A. Wise-Robinson (Taylor) Oak Park, IL. Two brothers; Milton Franklin (Ida) Sheffield, AL, and Joel Franklin (Bernice) Munster, IN. Two sisters; Bennie Jean Franklin (Tommy Lloyd) Chicago, IL, and Dorothy Reed (Don) Jasper, AL. Eight grandchildren, Twelve great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Tributes



Momma Wilma

I remember your smile when we first met.
I remember your smile when I married Celina
I remembered your smile when I made you breakfast
I remember your smile when we found all those sugar packets
and creamers in your pockets
I remember your smile when you would tell the nurses that
you were going home.
I can't see you now, but I know that your are smiling now
because you are now home.
Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you!!!"

Rest well Momma Wilma.
Your Son -in-Love, Taylor B. Robinson Jr.



Beloved Mother

Mom, you use to always say, "Celina, Wisdom is the principal thing, and with all thy getting get understanding, get understanding." Because of you, I understand the true meaning of strength. Not how Webster, or Oxford, or Alexa defines it, but strength according to Wilma. I'm talking about that down home Jasper, Alabama, Walker County, single mom, hard working, limited resources, Chicago West Side, unwavering, God-filled, make a way out of no way, Black Mama strength. The strength that kept you smiling when you were hurt, the strength that allowed you to help others despite your needing help. The strength you displayed when the nurses were trying to keep you from getting out of bed because you were going to Alabama, or the strong grip of your hands when I would rub them with lotion. Dementia was a blessing and a curse. You relived the past out loud, and I learned of the strength you had even before I was born. I don't know if I ever said thank you. And time ran out. I Thank God I have your DNA. I guess Wilma's Wisdom is the principal thing, and I will look to God for understanding.

Love, your daughter, Celina.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Daniel Garrett

Processional.....Pastor James E. Shannon
(Old Testament: Psalm 121:1-2 KJV)
(New Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 KJV)

Prayer.....Pastor James E. Shannon

Solo/Selection.....Daniel Garrett
"Amazing Grace" Aretha Franklin Version

Acknowledgement
& Resolutions.....Living Word Christian Center

Remarks (2 mins).....Grandchildren/Great Grandchildren
Celina, Daughter
Rev. Charles, Son

Obituary Reading.....Carolyn Phillips

Selection....."I Look To You" Whitney Houston Version
Dedication From Celina

Message of Comfort.....Pastor James E. Shannon
Peoples Community Church, Glen Ellyn, IL

Benediction.....Pastor James E. Shannon

Recessional.....

Interment

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1400 S. Wolf Road
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Repast

Harvest 365 Restaurant
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Forest Park, IL 60130