

**Pall Bearers**  
**Family and Friends**  
**Floral Bearers**  
**Eastern Stars**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The family of the late  
**ALICE LILLIAN WIGGINS AMES**  
 would like to express the sincere  
 gratitude for all acts of kindness  
 shown during their time  
 of bereavement.  
 Whether it was a phone call,  
 house visit, or silent  
 prayer, we greatly  
 appreciate you!  
 Thank You!



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**Lillian Wiggins Ames**

*Alice*

ALPHA - June 12, 1933  
 OMEGA - November 15, 2022

**HOMEGOING SERVICE**

Saturday, November 26, 2022, 11:00am  
 First Baptist Church of Capeville  
 25283 Lankford Highway  
 Cape Charles, Virginia 23310

# Order of Celebration

## PROCESSIONAL

Opening Hymn..... "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand".....FBC Mass Choir

Prayer of Consolation.....

Scriptures:

Old Testament: *Psalm 23 / Ecclesiastes 3:1-4*

New Testament: *John 15:1-4 / I Corinthians 15:50-54*

Selection.....Keith Blake

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Cornish Funeral Home

Remarks.....Friends and Family (\*2 minutes or less\*)

Selection.....Keith Blake

Remarks.....Eastern Stars

Sermonic Selection.....FBC Mass Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. K.F. Jones

Farewell Viewing.....Cornish Funeral Home

Recessional.....

Interment.....





# Alice Lillian Wiggins Ames



1933 was an exciting year. America was a young struggling country yet trying to find itself in the world community. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President and John Garner was Vice President. The movies "Alice In Wonderland" and "King Kong" were the box office hits. In the world of music, Big Band Leader, Cab Calloway was the man! In 1933 a dozen of eggs sold for \$.52, a gallon of milk for \$.41 and a loaf of bread for \$.07. Wow how the prices of groceries have changed! Also in 1933, the average annual income was \$1,409. The price of a new house was approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. You could put a car in the driveway for approximately \$550. For \$.18 per gallon, you could keep your car running. This would allow you to drive to the Post Office to mail your house note and car payment bill for \$.03 per stamp!

Along with all the exciting and busy things that were happening in 1933, another historical event took place in a quiet town of Scotland Neck, North Carolina. On June 12, 1933, Lougene Nevilles and Marcus Wiggins became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl who they named **ALICE LILLIAN WIGGINS**. The first 14 years of Alice's life was spent with her grandparents, where she received much love and direction for her life.

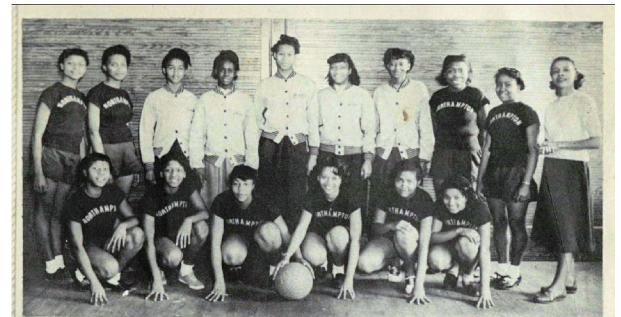
After their death, Alice moved to Eastern Shore, Va. where she united with her parents and other siblings on the factory yard in Cheriton, Va. At 18, she met and soon married Cecil Ames who preceded her in death. Their **50-YEAR UNION** lasted until his death. To continue their lineage, they were blessed with 10 amazing children.



Alice attended Northampton High School in Machipongo, VA. She excelled as an athlete, particularly in the areas of basketball and softball. Her outstanding abilities allowed her to be the

only freshman to play on the school's varsity team during the 1940s. Her first experience with television was during her visits to the small corner store. It was the only place on the Factory Yard where there was a TV. Alice remembered how people crowded into that small store to see the Joe Louis fight.

Sports were not Alice's only interest. While in High School, she also developed a love for shoes. This love affair has been passed on to her daughters. The love affair started when a lady, who lived near to Alice, who owned a lot of shoes and allowed Alice to wear her shoes to school

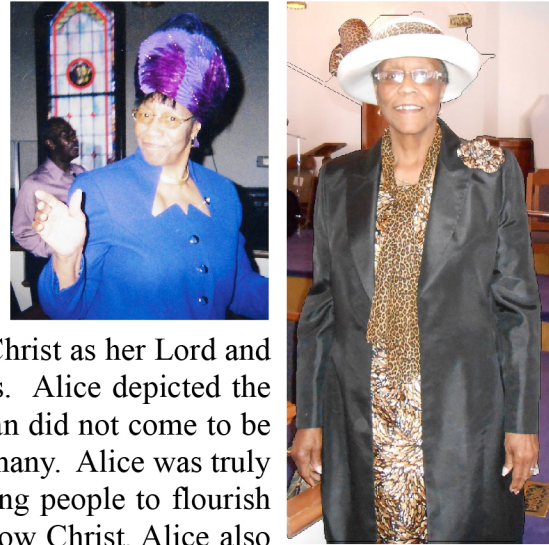


On January 13, 1950 the girls basketball team organized with Miss Z. E. Patterson as coach. We bowed to Accomac High in our first game to the tune of 4 to 2. Several other games are on our schedule for the year. Members of the team are (from left to right standing) Vivian Trower, Shirley Johnson, Gwendolyn Rogers, Delois Rogers, Beatrice Bailey, Alston Morris, Alma Weeks, Dorothy Kates, Mary Smith and Miss Leona B. Patterson. (Kneeling) Estella Robinson, Helen Bland, Alice Wiggins, Thelma Wright, Daisy Downing and Virginia Rowley. Alice Wiggins is Captain, Thelma Wright Co-Captain and Miss Leona B. Patterson Coach.



Members of the team standing from left to right: Anna Mapp, Vivian Trower, Mildred Stewart, Daisy Downing, Dorothy Kates, Mabel Chapman, Vivian Chapman, Alice Collins, Hilda Belote, Myrtle Peckett, Thelma Wright, Mary Savage, Alston Morris, Lucille James, Helen Bland and Miss Leona B. Patterson (Coach). Kneeling left to right: Ruth Lyons, Shirley Johnson, Barbara Beach, Jacqueline Barteo, Delores Onley, Virginia Rowley and Alice Wiggins.

each day. They both wore the same size shoe, so it worked out fine for Alice. Alice made a promise then that when she got older, she would also have a lot of shoes. This is a promise that she kept. Alice kept up with the other fashion trends of her high school days such as the gathered and broomstick skirts, Gibson girl blouses, peddle pusher pants and black and white oxford shoes. All neatly coordinated with the “Updo” hairstyle of the day.



At an early age, Alice was baptized and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. She joined First Baptist Church in the 1950's. Alice depicted the scripture in Mark that states that Jesus, the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many. Alice was truly a servant of God. She loved serving others and helping people to flourish and empowering everyone to honor, worship and follow Christ. Alice also had a warm and generous heart. She instilled in her children to learn the word of God. At the breakfast table on Sunday morning, each child would have to quote a scripture before they would bless and began eating their food. She took her children to church every Sunday morning and evening if there was an evening service.

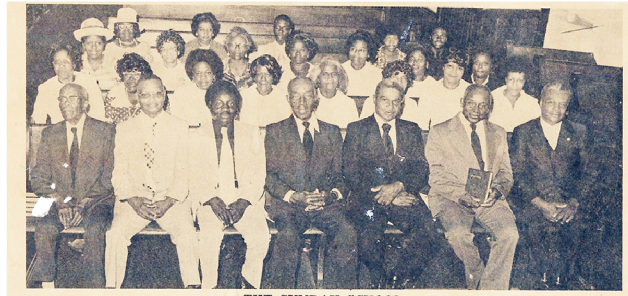
### Alice loved worshipping and praising the Lord.



At First Baptist Church, Alice served as Senior Missionary, Senior Usher, Starlight Choir, Senior Choir, Director of Jr. Choir, Elementary Sunday School Teacher, directed, and was a member of the culinary team. She served faithfully.

She was also on the Virginia Eastern Shore Economic Empowerment Housing Corp (VESEEHC) board and District 1 community organization to bring better housing and homeownership to low income residents of Northampton County.

Alice served as President and Secretary of Ladies Auxiliary Organization-Post 400. She rose in the ranks of the Eastern Star Organization: She was a “Life Time Honorary Member.” Member of the following Houses: Bright & Morning Star OES #40 (Star Redemption OES) Celestial Court Royal Exalted; Amaranth Rehab Court #2; Heroines of Jericho; Hannah Council #2; Lady Knight Templar; Matile Court #2; Daughter of the Sphinx; and the Roses of the Seven Seals.



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



THE SENIOR MISSIONARIES



THE STARLIGHT CHORUS

Alice was employed by Webster Canning Factory because working in the fields was not for her. In her 70's, Alice received a certificate and training for Home Health Care. As a Home Health Care worker, Alice would not only care for her clients, but she would clean their homes. Cleaning was not part of her responsibilities. Mrs. Mary Belote was one of those clients. Alice became her friend, personal companion and chauffeur.

Both parents (Marcus and Lougene Wiggins), husband (Cecil Ames), daughter (Vivian Wiggins), brothers (Isaac, Marcus, James, John, and Jesse Wiggins), sisters (Katie Mae Mosley, Catherine Wiggins, and Maggie Moses) all preceded Alice in death.

Alice leaves to mourn, (son) Agailious, (Sonny) Ames (Betty) of Philadelphia, PA, (son) Larry Ames of Cape Charles, VA, (son) Alvin Ames of Cape Charles, VA, (daughter) Dorothy Robinson (Luther) of Wilmington, DE, (daughter) Deborah Selby (Michael) of Kiptopeke, VA, (daughter) Maxzine Ames of Cape Charles, VA (James), (son) Cecil Ames (Shirley) of Kiptopeke, VA, (daughter and caregiver) Esme Theresa Morgan (Maynard), (daughter) Regina Ames of Wilmington, DE, (brother) Lonnie Wiggins of Bayview, VA, 21 grandchildren, of which 5 she helped raise – Donna Howell, Chappelle Ames, Bernard Carter, Taquita Carter, Iesha Ames; 44 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

