

Life is But a Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, different paths along the way.

We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.

For some the journey's quicker, For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward.

And find an everlasting peace, Together with the Lord.

—Author Unknown

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Beatrice Wilburn wishes to express their sincere thanks for the flowers and other expressions of love during their time of bereavement.



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CELEBRATION *of Life*



Mrs. Beatrice Phyllis Strong Wilburn

April 27, 1934 – March 3, 2020

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

12:00 Noon

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Reverend Sharon Thompson, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Beatrice “Bea” Phyllis Strong Wilburn was born in Hartford, CT on April 27, 1934 to the late Mr. Otis C. Strong and Mrs. Florence Caples Strong. Beatrice gained her wings on Monday, March 3, 2020.

At an early age, Beatrice accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at Faith Congregational Church. In the early 1970’s, she became a faithful member of The Salvation Army Hartford Northend Corp. When she moved to South Carolina, her membership was transferred to the Salvation Army Irmo Corp.

Beatrice received her education in the public schools of Hartford, CT. Her passion was serving the community hot soup, sandwiches, coffee and hot chocolate for the children during the winter. She served the community until she moved to South Carolina in 1998.

Beatrice was employed by the Hartford Board of Education as a paraprofessional and office assistant, as well as, a mother figure to many. She retired after 20 years of service.

She leaves to cherish her memories her sons, Willie “Poncho” (Norma) Wilburn, Timothy “Popado” (Shantel) Wilburn, and Victor Sanchez; two sisters, Eleanor Manselle and Barbara Wiggins both of Hartford, CT; several godsons; many foster children; nine grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving relatives and friends..

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thelman “Jim” Wilburn; one son, Pete Wilburn; sisters, Florence “Tootie” Strong, Ethna “Dottie” Reaves, Dorothy Freeman, Elizabeth “Pinkie” Watson, Gladys “Tweet” Stewart, Alice Ray, Mildred “Millie” Williams, Christine Benford; and brothers Edward, Robert, Norman and Richard “Dickie” Strong.



Order of Service ***Reverend Sharon Thompson, Presiding***

Musical Prelude ----- Ms. Belinda Wilson

Solo ----- Mrs. Barbara Wylie

Scriptures----- Reverend Carol Woodard
Old Testament-----
New Testament-----

Prayer ----- Reverend Carol Woodard

Reflections----- Mr. Edward Harrison

Words of Comfort -----Reverend Sharon Thompson

Committal Rites -----Reverend Sharon Thompson

Closing Prayer-----Reverend Sharon Thompson

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors