

If I could write from *Heaven*  
this is what I'd say,  
Please don't miss me too much,  
I'm with you throughout your day.  
You may not see or hear me,  
but if you're quiet and still,  
You may just **FEEL MY PRESENCE;**  
because, in Heaven, there is free will.  
Don't worry for the day,  
it will come and go as planned,  
*Enjoy each moment* you are given,  
keep worry from your hand.  
Keep sorrow to a minimum;  
For if Heaven you could see,  
You'd know I'm **SAFE AND HAPPY,**  
I did not cease to be.  
Moments in time are brief,  
until we'll be together again,  
as *Eternity lasts Forever,*  
our lives, they have no end.

**Flower Bearers**

Nancy Burns  
Rose Dill  
Pat Dumas  
Judy Wilson

**Pall Bearers**

Michael Dill  
Anthony Edwards  
Jonathan Knox  
Rodney C. Thompson, II  
Douglas Williford  
Johnny Williford, Jr.  
Sammy Williford



**Acknowledgments**

The family of the late Lois E. Williford wishes to thank everyone for your acts of kindness. Your compassion shown during this time will always be remembered. **To Wilson Calvary Church Family** - Thank you for being a constant source of spiritual strength and presence; **To our cousin Doug**- A special thank you for being there for our sister Karen and mama every day. We love you! **To Mainstream Therapeutic Services** - Thank you for your invaluable services provided for the care of our mother. **To Hospice of the Upstate** - Thank you for your complete Wrap Around Services and guidance. Your professional staff demonstrated day to day care that was amazing.



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**Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home, Inc.**  
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**"An Eternal Flame of Remembrance"**

*Homegoing Services*

for

*Mrs. Lois E. Williford*



Sunrise  
January 4, 1930

Sunset  
March 10, 2019

Thursday, March 14, 2019  
11:00 a.m.  
Wilson Calvary Baptist Church  
Anderson, SC  
Pastor James Clark, Officiating

## Order of Service

Prelude.....Soft Music  
Processional.....Ministers & Family  
Selection.....Wilson Calvary Church Choir  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament.....Minister Vinnie R. Dill  
    New Testament.....Pastor James Clark  
Prayer.....Deacon Michael Dill  
Acknowledgments.....Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home  
Selection.....Wilson Calvary Church Choir  
Remarks.....Sis Rose Dill  
    (on behalf of the Church Family)  
Musical Tribute.....Dr. Jaryn B. Crosby, Granddaughter  
Words of Comfort.....Pastor James Clark  
Recessional.....Soft Music  
Interment.....Anderson Memorial Gardens  
Committal Service.....Ministers



### *No Regrets*

*I left before you passed away  
Shattered and racked with pain.  
I couldn't be there, to watch you suffer  
Though I knew, I wouldn't see you alive again.  
Some call it weak, but I just couldn't do it  
I didn't want to see, you take your last breath  
I walked away feeling helpless and numb  
Knowing to well, of your imminent death.  
I'd be sorry they said that I didn't stay  
With the time, that I couldn't replace,  
But regret, I have not, my memories secure  
I could never forget your face.  
I carry no guilt, our time was well spent  
I had said my final goodbyes  
But that doesn't mean, my heart didn't break  
At the moment you closed your eyes.  
I do miss your face, and that you would know  
Your smile, your love and your touch.  
Your memories kept safe deep in my heart  
For the one that I'm missing so much.*



## **Mrs. Lois Caroline Emerson Williford**

Lois E. Williford, age 89, daughter of the late Lawrence Emerson and Alma Emerson of Anderson County passed away at her home on March 10, 2019. Having lost both of her parents at an early age, she was reared by her aunt, (Mama) Dora Harris of Anderson, South Carolina.

She was married to Johnny A. Williford, Sr. for sixty years until his death in 2008. They were the proud parents of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Lois attended Northside Elementary School in Anderson and graduated with honors from Reed Street High School. She could not attend the Anderson Hospital School of Nursing due to segregation, but pursued her interest in nursing as a student at the Good Samaritan Waverly Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. She earned her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in 1962.

She was employed as a nurse at Anderson Memorial Hospital and the Anderson Family Practice Center for thirty-two years. She also served as the director of Wilson Calvary's Head Start Program for several years.

Lois was a devoted and faithful member of Wilson Calvary Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Gospel Choir, the Senior Choir and the Missionary Society. She enjoyed singing and was the church musician for over forty years.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Johnny A. Williford, Jr. (Annie) of Holt, Michigan and Sammy A. Williford of Stockbridge, GA; three daughters, Andreeka W. Thompson (Rodney) of Greenville, SC; Katherine W. Knox (James) of Toccoa, GA and Karen W. Bates, her devoted caregiver, of Williamston, SC; cousin, Mrs. Liza Mae Sloan of Belton, SC; nine grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Other survivors include relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents; (Mama) Dora Harris and her husband, Mr. Johnny A. Williford, Sr., she was predeceased by one great grandchild, Jaryn Leigh Crosby.