

## *A Mother's Crown*

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence,  
as the Angels all looked down.  
Today the Lord was placing the jewels  
Into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown,  
as my darling mother looked on.

He said in His gentle voice,  
'I will now explain each one.'

'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby,  
and it's for endurance alone,  
for all the nights you waited up  
for your children to come home.'

'For all the nights by their bedside,  
you stayed till the fever went down.

For nursing every little wound,  
I add this ruby to your crown.'

'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby,  
for leading your child in the right way.

For teaching them the lessons,  
That made them who they are today.'

'For always being right there,  
through all life's important events.

I give you a sapphire stone,  
for the time and love you spent.'

'For untying the strings that held them,  
when they grew up and left home.

I give you this one for courage.'

Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

'I'll place a stone of amethyst,' He said.

'For all the times you spent on your knees,  
when you asked if I'd take care of your children,  
and then for having faith in Me.'

'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice  
that you made without them knowing.

For all the times you went without,  
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'

'And last of all I have a diamond,  
the greatest one of all,

for sharing unconditional love  
whether they were big or small.'

'It was you love that helped them grow  
Feeling safe and happy and proud

A love so strong and pure

It could shift the darkest cloud.'

After the Lord placed the last jewel in,  
He said, 'Your crown is now complete,

You've earned your place in Heaven  
With your children at your feet.'

## *Floral Bearers*

Grandchildren and Friends

## *Casket Bearers*

Sons and Friends

## *Acknowledgement*

**We, the Wilson family, would like to express our sincere  
thanks**

**and love to all of you, the ministers, musicians, vocalists,  
and everyone who gave their condolences, food, texts, calls,  
and flowers, etc. To our extended family, Linda (Otis)**

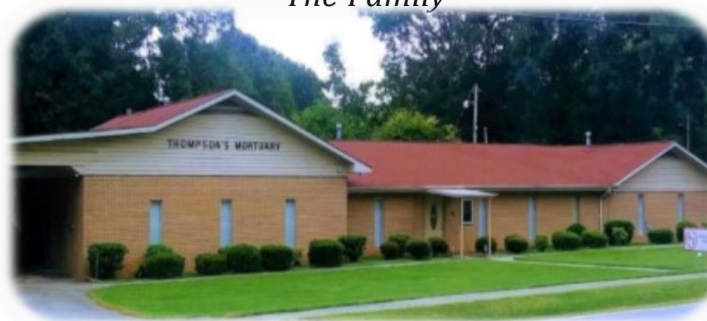
**Langford,**

**Greg Richards, and Alfredia Philson, we say thank you.**

**We would also like to extend a special  
thank you to Sanders-Thompson Mortuary for  
their kindness and professional service.**

**May God keep each of you.**

*~~ The Family ~~*



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"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints!" Psalm 116:15

## *In Loving Memory*

*Clara  
Grant  
Wilson*

October 19, 1959- March 23, 2023

*Celebration of Life*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**

**TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

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**CHAPPELLS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND RAY A. PILGRIM, PASTOR**



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PROCESSIONAL	CLERGY AND FAMILY
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NEWBERRY, SOUTH CAROLINA



## Finally Home

Your life in Heaven has just begun.  
I watched your every breath.  
And I prayed that each wasn't your last.  
The time we got to share together  
Went by too quick... too fast.  
I wanted you to wake up-  
Please mama open your eyes.  
Tell me this is a nightmare  
And not our goodbyes.  
I held your beautiful face,  
Wrapped you tightly in my arms  
And prayed you'd breathe again.  
I wasn't ready for you to go-  
I couldn't admit that this was the end.  
Life wasn't easy by choice or by fate,  
A decision made, sometimes too late.  
A fight to the finish- always so strong-  
Rest easy Mama Duke-You're finally home.

*Lovingly submitted by your son, Carlos*



## Obituary



**Mrs. Clara Grant Wilson**  
was born on October 19, 1959, in  
Laurens County, South Carolina to  
Jessie Mae Grant Williams.

She attended the public schools of Newberry  
County, South Carolina and graduated in  
the Newberry High School Class of 1978.

Clara was a dedicated member of St Vaughnville Baptist Church in  
Chappells, South Carolina where she was a member of the Mass  
Choir, Praise Team, YWA, Pastor's Aide, and the Kitchen Committee.

She was always known for her affection, her lovely smile, kisses and hugs.  
She was employed for almost twenty-two years with Newberry County  
Disabilities and Special needs and would have retired on April 01, 2023.

Clara enjoyed singing in her church choir. If you didn't show up, she  
would be a one man show. She would sing, pray, and testify – She would  
do anything for the Lord. She also enjoyed collecting family and friends'  
pictures, watching movies, doing word search puzzle books, motivational  
speaker, dancing, being a comedian, and spending time with her family.

On Thursday, March 23, 2023, Mrs. Clara Grant Wilson  
departed this life at her home in Newberry County, South  
Carolina and entered Eternal Rest at the age of sixty-three.

Her loving memories will be forever cherished by her mother, three  
sons: Carlos Wilson of the home, Otis Ladale (Kristen) Wilson of  
Blythewood, SC, and Christopher (Charlsie Mayers) Wilson of  
Newberry, SC; nine grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Kameron, Aniya, Amari,  
Kelsey, Christianna, Kaiden, Sinaia, and Passion; two step-  
grandchildren: Rayshon and ZaQuinton; two god children:  
Leshawn and Crystal; one brother, Howard Carson Williams of  
Newberry, SC; one sister/best friend, Juanita (Greg Richards)  
Williams of Newberry, SC; two aunts: Josephine Alston of Newberry,  
SC and Annie Lee Grant of Columbia, SC; one uncle, Robert Lee  
Grant, Sr. of Hodges, SC; one special "sister", Linda (Otis) Langford;  
and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

