



Mother Arlean Wilson

December 9, 1943 - April 22, 2025

WILSON, Mother. Arlean - Age 81, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Henry Ford Providence Hospital-Novi, MI. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, May 3, 2025, at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Dequan Ford, officiating., Pastor William Henry Johnson, Eulogist. Interment Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, 2020 East. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mother Wilson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Friday.

Mother Arlean Wilson was born December 9, 1943, in Leland, Mississippi to the Reverend Peter and Rosie Lee Johnson. Arlean was a member of Beulah Grove Missionary Baptist church in Leland. She gave her life to Christ at an early age under the leadership of the Rev. F.T. Turner. Arlean graduated from Breisch High School and went on to be the first in her family to attend college. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Home Economics from Alcorn A & M College. Soon after graduating, she supervised one of the first Head Start programs in the Mississippi Delta area. Arlean's husband, David Wilson, relocated to Flint, Michigan upon honorable discharge from the United States Army. There, he purchased a home and found stable employment working at General Motors before traveling back to Leland to claim his bride-to-be. The couple married on June 8, 1967. Upon arriving in Flint, Arlean began working

as a substitute teacher for Flint Community Schools. Soon after, Arlean left the school system to work for General Motors' Service Parts Operations as a quality parts inspector. She retired from General Motors after 25 plus years of service.

Wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, Arlean was a phenomenal woman. The words beautiful, smart, patient, supportive, dedicated, selfless, and caring only scratch the surface of defining her impeccable character. Arlean was a devoted wife and mother. Her beautiful daughters, Sheila and Sandra, are prime examples of the wisdom and love she poured out on a daily basis. She was a fantastic cook and talented seamstress. No one will ever duplicate her German chocolate cakes or her famous dinner rolls. Arlean also cared deeply for her church family. This was made evident through her years of dedicated service to the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years. Arlean loved to sing and had an exceptional voice. She utilized that voice as a soprano in the HOP choir. She also served as the superintendent of the Sunday School Department where she actively organized many vacation Bible school sessions including annual trips for the children to Cedar Point, Michigan's Adventure, and Boblo Island. Every year for Easter, Arlean assembled and distributed Easter baskets to the youth of the church and organized and cooked with her faithful kitchen volunteers many of her famous Sunrise Service breakfasts. During her later years, she was a faithful member of the Mother's Board and participant in the Progressive Women's Ministry under the leadership of Irma J. Stewart.

We will truly miss her smile, laughter, sense of humor, and friendship. Although our hearts ache today, we know that if we stay faithful on this Christian journey, we will be reunited with her and all the saints of God in Heaven one day. Arlean leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Sheila Hartfield of Grand Blanc, MI and Sandra (Paul) Newby of Sun Prairie, WI. Two amazing grandsons, La'darius and La donte' Hartfield of Grand Blanc, MI.; Two brothers: James (Stella) Johnson of Virginia Beach, VA and William

Henry (Mae) Johnson of Greenville, MS. Three sisters: Louise Wilson of Flint, MI; Ruthie (Mose) Wright of Leland, MS; and Bernice Johnson of Leland, MS; Two brothers-in-law: Louvell (Katherine) Houston of Chicago, IL and Earnest (Lucindia) Wilson of Hampton, GA. Four sisters-in-law: Josephine Robison of Mt. Morris, MI; Alice (Tommie) McCall of South Holland, IL; Dorothy Wilson of Memphis, TN; and Elizabeth (Joe) Garth of Leland, MS; Three goddaughters: Clarice (Wilmer) King of Aubrey, TX; Tynee (Terence) Rogers of Dallas, TX; and Ceceilia McNeal of Swartz Creek, MI. Two godsons: Jeremiah Evans of Swartz Creek, MI and Andrew (AJ) Scott Jr. of Dallas, TX. She will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mother Arlean Wilson was preceded in death by her devoted husband, David Wilson; parents, Reverend Peter and Rosie Lee Johnson; and two brothers, Roosevelt Johnson and Peter Johnson Jr.

The family would like to thank Chaplain Shaun Gardner and the Palliative Care Team of Henry Ford Providence Hospital, the nursing staff (4th & 5th floor) of Henry Ford Providence Hospital in Novi, MI, the nursing staff (4th floor) of Henry Ford Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI, and Pastor Dequan Ford and the House of Prayer M.B. church family.

Cemetery Details

CRESTWOOD MEMORIAL CEMETERY

2020 E. HILL RD.
GRAND BLANC, MI 48439

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAY 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *KuJuanna Hammon lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



KuJuanna Hammon - May 05, 2025 at 05:41 PM

CJ

“ *chris jones lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson*



chris jones - May 03, 2025 at 01:13 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Watts sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlean Wilson*



Ruth Watts - May 03, 2025 at 10:20 AM

FB

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to Sheila and the family, friends and loved ones of Mother Wilson. Keeping you all in my prayers.*



Felicia Badger - May 01, 2025 at 11:37 PM

CA

“ Charles, Tisa, and Dale Adley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mother Arlean Wilson.



Charles, Tisa, and Dale Adley - May 01, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DH

“ Deborah Harris lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson



Deborah Harris - May 01, 2025 at 11:53 AM

SW

“ Missing you dearly, momma.



Sandra Wilson-Newby - April 30, 2025 at 11:42 PM

LH

“ Love, Q, Ms Ajuan, Raynese, and Herb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mother Arlean Wilson.



Love, Q, Ms Ajuan, Raynese, and Herb - April 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

LH

“ Love, Q, Ms Ajuan, Raynese, and Herb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Arlean Wilson.

Love, Q, Ms Ajuan, Raynese, and Herb - April 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson



Denise Dixon-Weatherspoon - April 29, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Arlean Wilson.



April 29, 2025 at 11:48 AM

DY

“ Donna Young lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson



Donna Young - April 28, 2025 at 10:32 PM

VH

“ Valerie Humphries lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson



Valerie Humphries - April 28, 2025 at 10:27 PM

KM

“ Kelvin M. Mackey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson



Kelvin M. Mackey - April 28, 2025 at 12:53 PM

CP

“ My prayers and condolences to the Wilson family. Mother Wilson was a long standing member of House of Prayer. She was such a beautiful, sweet and kind lady. I've known her since I was a little girl. She made an impact in my life on being kind to others. I loved her smile and seeing her laugh. She was an awesome woman of God. She will be missed.



Cheryl Payton

Cheryl L Payton - April 28, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SL

“ Sam And Lisa Lee lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson



Sam and Lisa Lee - April 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM

AC

“ Antionette Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Arlean Wilson



Antionette Cook - April 26, 2025 at 08:31 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson



Dorothy Jones - April 25, 2025 at 09:42 PM

MW

“ Mother Mary A. & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson



Mother Mary A. & Diane Williams - April 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

NN

“ *Natasha M Nesbitt lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Natasha M Nesbitt - April 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - April 25, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DJ

“ *R.I.P. Sis. Wilson*



Dorothy Jones - April 25, 2025 at 06:14 AM

LC

“ *Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Lois cunningham - April 24, 2025 at 02:19 PM

HP

“ *House Of Prayer lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson*



House Of Prayer - April 24, 2025 at 12:40 PM

HP

“ *House Of Prayer lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson*



House Of Prayer - April 24, 2025 at 12:39 PM

PI

“ *We are sending condolences and prayers to the Wilson's family. We are thinking of you now and in the days ahead. May your mother's precious memories bring your family peace and comfort. From Mr. & Mrs. Paul L. Newby and family!*

Paul L Newby II - April 24, 2025 at 12:20 PM

JC

“ *Jennie Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Jennie Cooper - April 23, 2025 at 09:35 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Sandra Payne - April 23, 2025 at 08:10 AM

CG

“ *Sending love, hugs, and prayers to the family of Sis. Wilson. She was a very sweet woman of God.*



Carol Gardner - April 22, 2025 at 09:18 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Mary Wilson - April 22, 2025 at 08:26 PM

GP

“ *Gloria Proby lit a candle in memory of Mother Arlean Wilson*



Gloria Proby - April 22, 2025 at 07:44 PM

RC

“ *Rahsheem J Covington lit a candle in memory of Arlean Wilson*



Rahsheem J Covington - April 22, 2025 at 11:11 AM