



Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson

March 12, 1920 - March 26, 2021

WILKERSON, Mother Lillian Martiel - Age 101, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021 at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Thursday, April 8, 2021 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Dr. Mark Anthony Jones Sr., officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30 AM Thursday. Mother Wilkerson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Wednesday.

Mrs. Lillian Martiel Wilkerson was born March 12, 1920 in Belzoni, Mississippi, the oldest of 10 children born to Washington and Beatrice Mathews. The family moved to Gary, IN during the great migration from the South. Her father obtained employment with the United States Steel. Lillian attended Public School in Gary and was a member of the "Class of 1938." She married Thomas Horace and they were blessed with 2 beautiful daughters, Marcel Rachel and Lillian Rita. Lillian accepted Christ at a very young age and was a long-time member of Israel C.M.E. Church in Gary, IN, prior to moving to Flint, Michigan. The Lord blessed Lillian to live a very long fulfilling life. She traveled throughout the United States, the Caribbean Islands and the Hawaiian Islands. Her favorite pastimes were gardening, sewing and ceramics. She also enjoyed Jigsaw Puzzles, cooking gourmet food, Bingo, reading and of course the Sunday Crossword Puzzles in the New York Times.

During the formative years of her girls, she held various positions with the PTA, she made all her girls school clothes, during their youth and was an actively involved in their education. In her later years she became a member of the NAACP, the Red Hat Society and the United Council of Negro Women. In 2005 her Chapter of the Red Hatters appeared on The Price Is Right. Lillian moved to Flint to be with her daughter Marcel. She moved into Rosehaven Manor where she enjoyed taking trips with her senior citizen neighbors and countless birthday parties until she could no longer care for herself. For the last four years Michele Griffin, her granddaughter has been her caregiver until she made her transition. As we celebrate Lillian's homegoing we commemorate six generations of family love. Mrs. Lillian Martiel Wilkerson leaves to cherish her memory and a legacy will be forever remembered by: 2 daughters, Marcel R. Chandler of Flint and Lillian Heidelberg of Laurel, MS; 5 grandchildren, Michael (Delores) Brown of Gary, IN, John (Felicia) Chandler, Angela (Dwight) Hairston, Michele Griffin of Flint, Twp., MI Perrean L. Dexter of Bloomfield Twp., MI; 15 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Canova Mathews of Elk Grove, CA; a host of nieces including special niece, Beatrice Benson of Flint; a host of nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Harold and Linda Ryan, and Rosehaven Manor family. Mrs. Wilkerson was preceded in death her parents, Washington and Beatrice Mathews; 9 siblings and 2 husbands.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
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Family hour

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 08, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ *Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Douglas And Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Douglas and Mayrene McGruder - April 10, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Eddie & Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Eddie & Linda Booth - April 09, 2021 at 01:17 AM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Eddie and Linda Booth - April 09, 2021 at 12:51 AM

MS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mother Wilkerson family.
We will continue to keep the family in our prayers.*



Benny & Mae Vern Spence

Marietta Ga.

Mae V. Spence - April 08, 2021 at 12:07 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson.*



April 06, 2021 at 05:55 PM

JB

“ James & Lisa Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson



James & Lisa Blakley - April 05, 2021 at 01:14 PM

HR

“ If roses grow in Heaven LORD please pick a bunch for me, place them in our Aunties arms, and tell her they're from me. Tell her that we love her and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day, but theirs an ache within our hearts that will never go away. R.I.H.



Love Always,
Harold and Linda Ryan

Harold/Linda Ryan - April 02, 2021 at 03:18 PM

LF

“ Leonard & Patricia Mathews & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson.



Leonard & Patricia Mathews & Family - March 31, 2021 at 06:03 PM

WH

“ *Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Wanda Harrison - March 31, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Gloria Jenkins - March 30, 2021 at 01:14 PM

MA

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.*



Margaret Anderson - March 30, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Jean Durrett - March 30, 2021 at 02:47 AM

NL

“ *What a wonderful lady! Mrs. Lillian brightened many lives here at Rosehaven Manor!! remember only a year or two ago how she would scold me for not exercising more frequently..... as she worked out vigorously on the rowing machine!!! The LORD blessed me with knowing her for only a short time but what a blessing it was! May the family be comforted by many rich memories!*



Nina M. Lewis - March 29, 2021 at 06:36 PM

HR

“ *Harold/Linda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Harold/Linda Ryan - March 29, 2021 at 04:43 AM

VW

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Wilkerson family. May God continue to give you strength. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; Lean not unto your own understanding; In all thy way acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path. Proverb 3:5-6.*



Valerie Jean Williams - March 28, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Pandoretta Jackson - March 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Wilkerson's family. Ms Lillian was a rare gem just a beautiful person she will be missed* 🙏💔💔



Anita WiseWilliams - March 28, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mother Lillian Martiel Wilkerson*



Iris Hare - March 27, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF MRS LILLIAN WILKERSON. DEATH LEAVES A HEARTACHE NO ONE CAN HEAL LOVE LEAVES A MEMORY NO ONE CAN STEAL. REST ON THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.*



Johanna Houston - March 27, 2021 at 07:17 PM