



Cora Lee Wilson

November 19, 1938 - March 4, 2026

Cora Lee Mack was born in Darlington County, South Carolina, to John Balti and Alma. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Ernest Wilson, infant daughter Daisy Patricia; son-in-law Bradley Mickens; very special cousins Ann Belvin, Preston Belvin, Sr., Joan Ham and Dorothy Sweeny.

She is survived by her devoted daughter Brenda Wilson Mickens; loving grandsons Ernest Wilson Goodwyn and Julius Lee Goodwyn; loyal granddaughter Nakita Mickens; great-grandchildren Lyric, Emerald and Messiah; faithful sisters Ethella Byrd, Johnn Shabazz and Gwendolyn Wingate (Charles); and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, including very special cousins Rosa Lewis, James Peters (Rebecca); Martha Grooms, Jessie Jones and nephew Julius Williams; along with long-time friend Hattie Jones.

Upon moving to Richmond in 1957, Cora and her baby girl Brenda were led to Sixth Mt. Zion by her husband Ernest who came before them to prepare a home. Over the years, she served as an Usher Board President, Deaconess, Choir member and was ordained as a Deacon, a position she held until the rise of her health issues.

In 1972, she became the youngest Deaconess to serve in the Ministry and served under five of the church's seven pastors, including Pastor Tyrone

Nelson.

Ms. Cora was employed 15 years by the May Company/Miller and Rhoads department store and retired from VCU Health Systems in 2001.

She was kind beyond measure and never met a stranger. It was her mission to make people feel good, whether through her cooking, gift giving or hosting her fabulous Christmas parties. Known for her brilliant smile, beautiful white hair and timeless fashion sense, the memory of Cora Lee Wilson will remain in the hearts of many.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222-2413
(804) 321-4200

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church
14 W. Duval Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cora Lee Wilson.*



March 12 at 06:39 PM



“ *I remember the first time I attended Ms. Cora’s virtual birthday party. She showed up with that perfect red lipstick—like she was ready for a photo shoot, not a video call. You could tell she loved being dressed up and celebrated, and honestly, she was the star of the screen.*

I "believe" this was even before COVID made virtual gatherings the norm, which makes it even better—your family was doing “Zoom birthdays” before they were trendy. When everyone sang “Happy Birthday” and she looked into the camera, surrounded by so much love, it was one of those moments that was both sweet and unforgettable... and also a little hilarious in the best way, because you could tell she knew she was being adored.

My thoughts are with you and your family during this time of loss. Even though she’s gone, she’ll never be forgotten—her memories (and that iconic lipstick energy) will stay with all of us.

Stephania Harris

Stephania - March 12 at 04:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Cora Lee Wilson.*



March 12 at 03:54 PM



“ *John & Cassandra Goodwyn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cora Lee Wilson.*



John & Cassandra Goodwyn - March 11 at 12:54 PM



“ *Cora will be greatly missed . She was one of the nicest people you could meet . She was always so kind to me and my children . She had a warm welcoming smile each time we met . James said he will miss his sweet cousin and so will I . We send our deepest condolences to Brenda and all of the family . We will continue to keep you in our prayers during this difficult time . James and Rebecca Peters & Family 🙏❤️💔*



Rebecca Peters - March 10 at 04:42 PM

MG

*Brenda, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My heart goes out to you and your family and I'm here for you. I'm grateful for every memory that Cora and I shared. Cora would always remind me that we are family and need to spend time together. Just remember that those we love don't go away, they walk besides us every day. Love you
Martha and family*

Martha Jane Grooms! - March 10 at 09:09 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - March 09 at 05:50 PM

PB

*Mrs. Wilson was one of the kindness people I have met. She always made you feel seen.
She and my mother (Lethia R. Brown) shared a long friendship.
Prays of comfort to the family. Sincerely, Pannell and Alma Brown*

Pannell Brown - March 10 at 10:51 AM

DE

We love Mrs Wilson she was so sweet to our family always smiling and making us feel like family our condolences to the whole family much love. Bernard and Dorothy Edler!

Dorothy Goodwyn Edler - March 10 at 01:51 PM