



Ethel Jane Wells

January 9, 1947 - March 9, 2023

On Thursday, March 9th, 2023, just a few hours before midnight at VCU Medical Center Hospital in Richmond, VA, God whispered into the ears of our beloved Ethel J. Wells, "It is time to reunite with your beloved heavenly family and enter into the joy of the Lord." God knew she had been battling many severe medical issues, yet she never gave up but faced life challenges with a smile and her signature infectious laugh.

Ethel was reared in a Christian/Baptist home, born to the late Charles A. Wright, Sr., and Gladys M. Tillar on January 9th, 1947. She was the third born out of five siblings, three of her siblings preceded her in transition: David Lee Wright, Joe Louis Wright, Sr., and Charles Amos Wright, Jr.

Ethel was educated in the Richmond City public school system and attended Maggie L. Walker High School, where she graduated class of 1965. She then enrolled at Flair Beauty Institute and became an accredited Beautician. Ethel had a strong passion for making people feel and look their best. She would service clients of all nationalities for over twenty-five years, culminating in her profession by retiring to devote her years to her family and faith. She was baptized and accepted Christ at an early age and joined Six Mount Zion Baptist Church, Richmond, VA. She actively participated in church worship services as long as her health would allow.

At the tender age of seventeen, Ethel met the love of her life, Leon Wells, Sr.; (who preceded her in transitioning on January 8th, 2022). It was LOVE at first sight. They were married two years later and had two children: Leon "Monty" Wells, Jr., the oldest son who preceded both parents by transitioning on April 23rd, 2020) and her remaining son, Deon D. Wells. Ethel was a virtuous woman, a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, coworker, and great friend. Ethel was known for having a generous heart and infectious laugh and loved traveling to new places and attending family and social gatherings. Here is a Fun Fact: Most know and address her as Ethel Jean Wells. However, her legal middle name is Jane (similar to Mary Jane). This inaccuracy was primarily due to the southern accent that most Virginians spoke with during those times. Therefore, when she would tell people her full name Ethel Jane Wells, when they repeated it back to her, Jane sounded like Jean. She went along with it being the person she is, even signing her name as such (Ethel Jean Wells). This fact was only known by the immediate family, well, at least until reading this obituary.

Ethel leaves to cherish her memories: her beloved son, Deon; one dear brother: Stanley B. Wright; ten sisters-in-law, Rose Washington (John), Theresa Gaillard, Deloris Ransom, Peggy A. Carpenter (Grady deceased), all of Jersey City, NJ, Carol J. Wells of Henrico, VA, Tricia Newsome (Arlester) of Petersburg, VA, Ruth Jeannette Curtis (Gary-deceased) of Woodbridge, VA, Alice M. Wells (Clifford B. Wells, Jr. deceased), Gloria Wells (Ronnie) and Charlotte Wright (Charles deceased) both of Richmond, VA; and one brother-in-law, Ronnie Wells (Gloria) of Savannah, GA., along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with live streaming

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Ethel Jane Wells, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Ethel Jane Wells*



March Funeral Homes - March 15, 2023 at 06:42 PM

HE

Words can not convey the amount of heartfelt prayers offered for your healing during this time. You are dutiful son and brother and they love you for it. You are loved!

Hemi - March 17, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RW

*MAY GOD KEEP YOU UNDER HIS WINGS FOREVER!
AUNT RITA*

ROSE WASHINGTON - March 22, 2023 at 12:07 PM

BL

“ *We thank Jesus for you and growing up with you, I will be praying for the family and may God keep you. Jacksonward childhood friend
Rev. Beatrice Taylor Lowry
Peace*



Beatrice Peeples Lowry - March 25, 2023 at 04:34 PM

KR

“ I send my sincere condolences to Deon (Salahdeen) as I know him. I was very saddened to hear that Mrs. Wells passed away. I've only spoken with her on the phone, but even in that time I could sense her joyful spirit. I saw so many pictures of Mrs. Wells who always looked so stylish. I loved seeing pics of her getting her nails done. Too adorable! Deon took such great care of her! Rise in peace Mrs. Wells. To Salahdeen, the Wells' & extended family-May God and the holy spirit give you peace, strength and courage during this trying time. Praying for you always. Kharyzma R.

Kharyzma R. - March 22, 2023 at 02:02 AM

KL

“ We send our condolences, prayers, and love to the Wells and Wright families. May our Almighty Father comfort you all. Milton and Kathy Lewis



Kathy Lewis - March 21, 2023 at 03:10 PM

SL

“ Deon....So sorry for the loss of your mother. May reflecting on time spent with your mom comfort you. Keeping the Wright and Wells families in my thoughts and prayers.



Sondra Lee - March 20, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Jane Wells.*



March 20, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Jane Wells.*



March 19, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ *To Deon and the Wells and Wright families. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you in the coming days and always.*

Terri

Terri Vines - March 16, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVE ONE ELWOOD BATTLE*



ELWOOD BATTLE - March 16, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ethel Jane Wells.*



March 16, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Deon & family members, Very sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. I'm going to miss my Aunt. Love you!*



John 14:27- "27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Rachel Baldwin - March 15, 2023 at 02:45 AM



“ *To Deon and family members,
Extending our heartfelt condolence with the transition of Ethel Jean.
Pray that you will experience the peace that only our Heavenly Father can give. Time truly is in God hand. God bless.
When I last talked to Ethel she asked when were we coming to visit.
Sorry that we weren't able to. With our love
Gloria and Ronnie.*

Gloria Wells - March 14, 2023 at 07:31 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 14, 2023 at 10:12 AM