



Geraldine M. Wilson-Valentine

February 28, 1951 - February 11, 2018

GERALDINE MARIA WILSON-VALENTINE, also known as Marie, was born on February 28, 1951 to the late Geraldine E. Barry and George E. Barry Sr. Shortly after her birth, she was baptized in St. Ann Catholic Church. Marie loved the Lord; she attended St. Ann's Catholic Church until the time of her death. While at St. Ann's she sang on two choirs as a first soprano. Singing was her passion. She also sang throughout her junior and senior high school years. She loved to sing around the house creating joy. Marie attended Baltimore City Public Schools. She received her High School Diploma from Western High School in 1969. Her extracurricular activities during high school included GLEE club, basketball, volleyball, softball, and archery. After high school she graduated from ITT business Institute as a Keypunch Operator.

Marie's first job was at USFG Company and Commercial Credit Corporation as a Key Punch Operator. On January 26, 1972, she was hired by the Department of Transportation as a Key Punch Operator. On October 3, 1974, she was promoted to Senior Key Punch Operator. After working in this position for some time, on February 12, 1981, she was promoted to Data Entry Operator II within the Transit and Traffic's Signal Engineering Division. Marie's last promotion was on January 18, 1990 as a Statistical Traffic Analyst. She spoke highly of this position as she enjoyed the various duties that she performed. She would work overtime, compensatory time or any time deemed necessary to stay on top of her job.

Al of Marie's life she was plagued by Acute Sickle Cell Anemia complicated later by Diet-Controlled Adult Onset Diabetes. The Sickle Cell Anemia would cause her to have mild to severe Sickle Cell Anemia crises, which caused her a lot of pain and suffering. She never complained when the attaches occurred , but pressed on through them. The doctor said that she wouldn't live past her teen years. But God, Who is the Ultimate Doctor, saw otherwise. She lived to be 66 years old. The doctor also recommended that she not have any children due to possible complications Marie by faith didn't listen to the doctor's advice and had her only child Demetrius T. Wilson, born on February 18, 1+983; who was a healthy, bouncing baby boy. Demetrius was the love of her life and she felt blessed to have him under the circumstances. They had a very special bond.

In 2005 Marie married Ricardo Valentine. They enjoyed their life together and attended numerous activities, festivities and functions. Ricardo is an avid guitar player and he enjoyed writing and singing love songs about Marie. During their time together, Ricardo helped take care of her during her many crises. Having years of experience with her illness, he knew exactly when it was time to take her to the hospital; most times she was reluctant to go. He vowed to stick by her side through sickness and health, till death do they part and that is what he did.

Marie had a zest for life and made friends wherever she went. She didn't just meet people, she embraced them. She was a consistently kind and generous person. She would go out of her way to help others, even when she didn't feel well, which was most days. Marie touched a lot of people's lives and was also very motherly. She enjoyed being a mother, grandmother, aunt and godmother more than anything. She was the "Ultimate" mother.

Marie did things that she enjoyed that would also help he along her journey as

she consistently battled Sickle Cell Anemia. Every day she would go for long walks. On every Tuesdays and Thursdays, after working a long day, she would go line dancing. She often went line dancing during her lunch break. The doctors anticipated that Marie would eventually have to undergo bilateral hips and knee replacement. They could not understand how she was still standing, walking and dancing. Marie, strong in her faith, knew that all that she did was by the grace of God. She never took for granted that God is the ultimate doctor and what He says go.

God decided that she did enough good deeds, fought a good fight, suffered enough. He said "Well done, My good and faithful servant" and took her home on February 11, 2018.

Marie leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Ricardo; son, Demetrius Wilson, Sr. (wife Alisha); two grandchildren, Ka'Lisha and Demetrius, Jr; two sisters, Barbara Cotton and Vickie Barry. She was preceded in death by her sister Sylvia Lee and Brother George E. Barry, Jr., devoted niece Phyllis Slade and two aunts Agnes Wheeler and Theo Barry. She also leaves a host of great-nieces, nephews, godchildren, other relatives and friends.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them who are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so

shall we ever be with the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:13-17

I am asleep and resting now, but when Jesus descends from Heaven, I will meet Him in the air;

And to all my family and friends, I hope to meet you there.

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Previous Events

Wake

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
528 E. 22nd St.
Baltimore, MD 21218

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine M. Wilson-Valentine*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Vivian Ballard sent a virtual gift in memory of Geraldine M. Wilson-Valentine*



Vivian Ballard - May 05, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *C.James-Gardner lit a candle in memory of Geraldine M. Wilson-Valentine*



C.James-Gardner - March 23, 2018 at 11:38 AM

JG

“ So sorry didnt receive notification of services held on the 10th and so many people were waiting to get that info from me. I would definitely have been there because I so needed that Final Farewell and the closure it would have provided! Those waiting to hear from me also intended to be there.

MEMORIES: Still catch myself before I pick up phone to call you re TV shows we would watch and discuss the next day at lunch; having gone to your last b-d party, Val's b-day party, the St. Bern adult prom, St Bern bull/oyster roasts, St Bern annual concerts, Carver annual reunions, line dance events w/Mechel, and Renee's and Joanne's groups; New All Saints dance affairs w/Vicki; thrift store and wig shopping; Lexington Mkt, Five Guys and Chic Filet lunches; walking lunch time and sitting at Gallery, you rehearsing a new song for church, etc. Especially thankful for your company when had foot surgery and you taking me to Sam's after foot surgery, making me get a riding cart while we were there, to help me heal and get me back on my feet again; you trying to teach me to park; our talks about our families - how you loved and was so proud of Demetrius and "Lil Man." These are just a few of the memories and the times I will miss sharing with you. You will always be my best friend and to quote Oprah - "this I know for sure," I have an Angel in Heaven watching over me. Til we meet there, I will always carry you in my heart and have loving memories of you. I thank God for bringing us together and for you being around long enough for us to have formed an iron-clad bond. With Our God all things are possible! and you knew that better than most, because he brought you thru many a time, even those I witnessed! Love you Always, to Heaven and back, gurl. I just keep reminding myself you have no more suffering or pain - that's my consolation.

Joyce Graves

Joyce Graves - March 14, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ 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 12, 2018 at 06:52 PM