



Irene Elizabeth Wilson

February 24, 1935 - May 5, 2016

Irene, the second child of twelve children, was born February 24, 1935 in South Hill, VA., to the late Leigh Hunter and Zerah Bell Valentine Taylor. She received her early education from Mecklenburg County Schools.

Irene accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, at an early age at Lombardy Grove Baptist Church in South Hill, VA. She was the first African American to sing on Radio Station WJWS in South Hill. At age 10, she was asked by the late Rev. Skipwith to come on stage and sing at the then Baptist Allied Bodies Convention closing program at Virginia State College.

Irene relocated to Richmond where she matriculated at Virginia State University, later attended Virginia Union University, receiving a Bachelor of Art in Elementary Education, and attended Virginia Commonwealth University, receiving a Master of Arts in Exceptional Education.

Irene married the late Rev. Lawrence C. Manning, Sr. while at VUU where they both studied at the Theological Seminary. They became the proud parents of a son, Lawrence C. Manning, Jr. she later united in marriage to the late Frank Wilson and was blessed with two daughters, Rena Yvette and Leandra Francine.

Irene retired from Richmond Public Schools after 30 years of service. She was a devoted member of Fourth Baptist Church for over 50 years, uplifting and

inspiring many. Irene was active in many roles while at Fourth Baptist Church, which include Music Ministry, Vacation Bible School, After School Program, Youth Advisory Council, Children's New Member's Class, Sunday School, Christian Education, CARITAS and Pastor's Search Committee. In 1995 she received the City of Richmond's Proclamation presented by the past Mayor, the late Rev. Dr. Leonidas Young. February 25, 1995 was declared "Irene T. Wilson Day."

Irene's love for family and fellowship, gave her the vision to start the first Taylor Family Reunion in 1973 and this has remained an annual event even today.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, step-mother Carrie B. Taylor; three brothers, Beverly, David and William; one beloved sister, Jeanette Richardson. She leaves to cherish her legacy one beloved son, Lawrence; two daughters, Rena Wilson-Spence and Leandra Wilson; five grandsons, Jordan, JaMichael, Antwione, Japheth and Jamari; one great grandson, Jaiden; three sisters, Martha T. Rollins, Freda T. Lawrence (Raymond) and Queen Harris; four brothers, S. Lewis, Calvin Sr. (Leona) James A., and Samuel Taylor; one aunt, Lucille T. Hudson; one son-in-law, Antwione L. Green; two sisters-in-law, Frankie Taylor and one devoted, Frances M. Taylor; four godchildren, Joel Glass, Stephen Taylor, Ra'Neiqua Broadnax, and Darrick Tabb; a host of nieces and nephews, one devoted, Calvin L. Taylor, Jr. Devoted friends, Helen Armstead, Rebecca Mason, and the wonderful Rev. Wilda Carr Jones; and a host of cousins extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fourth Baptist Church
2800 P Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Elizabeth Wilson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lawrence and Family, you have my and my mother's deepest condolences. May you be comforted by your many memories of Mother Wilson. I will always cherish mine. God Bless, I hope to see you soon. Jarene Fleming*

Jarene Fleming - May 16, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Lawrence,*

I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. While your heart aches now for her loss she will always be there in your heart. If you listen quietly, you will hear her in your heart. May the Lords blessing be with your mother on her passing and with you and your family for her loss.

Peace be with you..

Dana E. Knight

Dana E Knight - May 13, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ *Lawrence I wanted to reach out to you and your family at this difficult time. Your mom was a beautiful and kind lady. May the lord give you strength and bless you and the entire family. Take care, thoughts and prayers. Michael D Gray. AT&T/ Lucent. Co worker.*



Michael Gray - May 12, 2016 at 10:53 PM

DD

“ *Leandra*

Please know my prayers are with you and your family. I know your mother was a very special lady!!! She will be missed.

Darlene Dailey

Darlene Dailey - May 12, 2016 at 03:19 PM

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“ *Telka Thomas-Smith lit a candle in memory of Irene Elizabeth Wilson*



Telka Thomas-Smith - May 12, 2016 at 07:51 AM

MP

“ *Monique Pride-Poindexter lit a candle in memory of Irene Elizabeth Wilson*



Monique Pride-Poindexter - May 12, 2016 at 07:43 AM

MP

I am deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Ms. Wilson. I use to assist her at Henrico County. She would always tell me she was "Queen". I will greatly miss her.

Monique Pride-Poindexter - May 12, 2016 at 07:46 AM

LT

*“ Mother Irene, thank you for embracing me in 1983 and allowing me to be a part of your beautiful family. Your influence on my life helped to make me the servant I am today.
Thank you. Luke E. Torian*

Luke E. TORian - May 11, 2016 at 11:42 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 - May 10, 2016 at 02:21 PM