



Leola Ray Wilder

August 3, 1921 - April 22, 2018

Leola Ray Wilder was born in Norwood, Georgia on August 3, 1921 to Ella Jackson and Johnny Ray. Leola departed this life on April 22, 2018. She was the second of six children, William Charles (CB) Calvin, Willie C. Gladys and Essie. She was a caring and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Leola loved God, was kind and gentle and never said anything unkind to others. She always read from the Bible and prayed daily until her illness.

Leola's fondest memories were of her life in Georgia. Leola loved sharing stories about her cousin and friend Dawsie Mae and about her adventures of living on a farm, such as getting into the food that was to go to market, climbing trees, riding her goat and riding her favorite big black and white pet pig.

Leola received an eight-grade education in a one room schoolhouse with children of all ages. During her young adult years, Leola worked as an elevator operator in Georgia. On November 18, 1938, Leola married Foshie Lee Wilder. From this union they had four children, James, Thelma, Fannie and Anthony. Following their marriage Leola and her family moved to Augusta, Georgia, where Foshie worked as a farmer, devoting most of his time in providing a better life for his family.

The family moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1945 in search of better employment opportunity. While in Baltimore, Leola worked as a domestic while rearing her children. She loved growing plants and flowers. Leola enjoyed going on trips with her family. When her children were young, she loved riding the roller coaster with them. Leo's especially loved her soap operas! Later in life, she enjoyed going to Senior Day, Opening Day and other events at Pleasant Yacht Club with her family. Leola was known for her delicious home-made biscuits that neighbors and friends would line up for with their paper bags. Leola was a devout Christian and faithful member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church for over 30 years until her health began to decline.

Leola's suffered from health problems for many years. Her health began to decline in late January and was called home to be with our Lord and Savior while at Manor Care Home.

Foshie preceded Leola in death. Leola leaves to mourn her children: James, Thelma, Fannie, Anthony; Sister: Gladys; Grandchildren: Damia, Jonathan, Kim, Robin, Rodney, Tammy, Anthony Jr., Evan; Daughter-in-laws: Yvonne, Dianne; Grandson-in-laws: Ronald, Darin; Great Grandchildren: Latesha, Daniel, Ebony, LaTrell, Deneen, Jessica, Darin Justin, Alex, Montrell, Alicia, Akayla, Anthony, Avery, Alec; Great Great Grandchildren: Caiden, K'myra, K'mielle and host of relatives and friends. She will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge

Previous Events

viewing

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

APR **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church
4502 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leola Ray Wilder*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss may God comfort you and the rest of the family during this time of bereavement. From Michelle Duvall and Family.*

Michelle Duvall - April 26, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *I send my condolences to the family for the loss of your beloved Leola. May the holy spirit comfort and strengthen you at this most difficult time. One day, in the near future, Leola will come back to life in the resurrection. Jesus said, "For this is the will of my Father that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day. May you put faith in GOD's wonderful promise.*

Rita Johnson - April 26, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *We offer our deepest sympathy along with comfort from God's word sy 1Peter 5:7.*

Harris Family - April 25, 2018 at 01:39 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 - April 24, 2018 at 03:29 PM