



## Louise Tildon

April 30, 1926 - December 11, 2016

The daughter of Gladys Ruth Smith (nee Stewart) and Ambrose Smith, Louise Gladys Smith was born on April 30th, 1926 in Baltimore, Maryland. Raised in her early years in Baltimore's Sugar Hill neighborhood, Louise was the middle child to older siblings Ambrose and Elaine, and younger brothers Lewis and Stewart. Like her mother, Louise was passionate about education. A graduate of Douglass High School, Louise went on to attend Coppin State University and graduated with a BA in Teaching Education. Always striving to improve her skills, she also attended New York University and received her teaching certificate from its School of Education. Upon graduation from Coppin, Louise went on to teach in the Baltimore City Public Schools system. Her first teaching assignment was at PS 104, where she and all her siblings had attended school. Her teaching skills were so outstanding that one of her lessons was televised live on a Baltimore TV station during the 1950's. She later rose through the ranks to become principal at PS 86 Lakewood Elementary. After a long career working in the city school system, influencing the lives of thousands of Baltimore City school children, Louise retired from her "first" job in 1979.

In 1954, Louise met the love of her life during an evening out at the Sphinx Club on Baltimore's famed Pennsylvania Avenue. She was there with her then current boyfriend, but Charles flirted with her anyway and he was bold enough to ask for her phone number. She was so impressed that she gave

him her phone number. After a long courtship, Charles and Louise married in April of 1956 eventually settling down for over 40 years in the Ashburton neighborhood of Baltimore. Eventually Charles and Louise welcomed their son, Charles G. Tildon, III or “Chuck”. Louise and Charles’ love for Chuck, their only child, had no bounds -- they worked to meet his every need – encouraging his love for baseball, music and travel with them as well as with his uncle Tyson and cousin Jay.

Charles and Louise loved to socialize, whether with her sister Elaine and her husband Brown in Cape May New Jersey, or with the Guardsmen or the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, where they travelled all over the world to party and explore other cultures. In the midst of their exciting and jet-setting lives, a new obsession was revealed, her grandchildren – Drew and Kyle. While Louise’s love for her son Chuck was not to be outshone, when her granddaughter Drew and grandson Kyle came along her love rose to new heights. She was instantly transformed into grandmother extraordinaire, spending every opportunity to spoil, dote, and serve as an pure example, as Drew has said, “of kindness and selflessness” to her grandchildren.

While passionate about educating children, Drew and Kyle in particular, those who knew her well know that she was also deeply passionate about the church – serving the Lord and his people -- specifically the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great. Working hand in hand with her pastor and dear friend Father Damien Nalepa, Louise served in many roles at St. Gregory’s including Senior Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education for more than 30 years, reluctantly retiring only after her health made it difficult for her to continue to serve.

On December 11, 2016 surrounded by family and loved ones, Louise went home to be with her beloved husband Charles and her other friends and family who have gone before her. Louise leaves to mourn her dedicated and

devoted son Charles "Chuck" G. Tildon III, her daughter in-law, Maria Harris Tildon ("Penny"); her granddaughter Drew Ellen Tildon and grandson Kyle Charles Tildon, her brothers Stewart Smith (Loretta), Ambrose Smith (Joanne); sister in law Sania Amr, nieces Adrienne, Erica, Jill, Levia, Nicole, Sania and nephews Michael, Jay and Bradford.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Gregory The Great  
1542 Gilmore Street  
Baltimore, MD

## Wake

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

## Service

DEC 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Louise Tildon

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Chuck, Penny, and all the family. I was so saddened to hear of Mrs. Louise' passing. I just heard last Tuesday night. Mrs. Louise was such a loving and caring person, I often thought of her. She had a very kind spirit from the first time I met her, I knew the kind of lady she must have been even in her younger years. I am so sorry for your loss! Evangelin Redd

Evangelin Redd - May 15, 2017 at 01:15 PM



“ Mrs. Tildon was a compassionate, dedicated, and kind person who will be missed by all who knew her. My family and I were blessed to share our faith at St. Gregory and working with her in Religious Education was a pleasure. Please accept our condolences at this difficult time, and our prayers and gratitude for her life of service and friendship.

Cheryl Brown and Family

Cheryl Brown - December 19, 2016 at 11:08 AM

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“ Chuck and Maria(Penny), our family would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family, at this time of profound loss of your lovely mother and mother-in-law, Louise Tildon. I have many, many fond memories of how sweet, kind, smart and humble Ms. Tildon was to us. There is nothing that will ease your sorrow, but the fond memories make it a little easier to cope . You were so blessed to have such a wonderful mother , Chuck and Penny. Myself, along with my brother, Robby and Mother, Antionette Morton share your sorrow but also the joy that was bestowed upon you and your children. May she rest in peace. God Bless your family.

Sincerely,

Duane, Robby and Antionette Morton

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**Duane Morton** - December 15, 2016 at 08:08 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the family for the loss of your loved one. May the Most High God comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.(Psalms 55:22)

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**T.Parker** - December 15, 2016 at 05:32 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Louise Tildon.



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December 14, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one .  
May the fond memories shared and resurrection hope Jesus spoke  
of in the Bible at John 5 : 21,28,29 be a source of comfort doing this  
time of grief and pain .

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**D Allen** - December 14, 2016 at 05:59 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 12, 2016 at 04:46 PM