



## Wilma Heloise English

September 25, 1947 - December 21, 2009

Wilma Heloise English was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina to the late William H. Herring and Fannie Mae Herring on September 25, 1947. She began her education in the Baltimore City Public School system and ultimately emerged as valedictorian of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School Class of 1965. While in high school, Wilma studied Business Education and would later go on to receive recognition as the “World's fastest Typist.” In the year 1966, she married the late Edward Lee English, and from that union, her daughter, Veronica Michelle English, was born. In 1976, her son, Matthew Wills, Jr. was born from the union with fiance, Matthew Lee Wills, Sr. Due to her business acumen, Wilma worked as a secretary for attorney William “Bill” Murphy in the early 1970's. She also served as a case worker with a East Baltimore Community Corporation, prior to landing a position as a Revenue Officer in the Collections Department of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in 1981. While at the IRS, Wilma was a loyal and dedicated employee who fought diligently for the clients she represented. Upon her retirement in 2006, Wilma was awarded the coveted Albert Gallatin Award by the United States Department of the Treasury in recognition for twenty-five years of outstanding service. Always outspoken, and known for her great sense of humor and quick wit, Wilma was a dedicated, giving and caring friend and relative who was loved and appreciated by many. In addition to being an excellent cook, some of her many talents included singing. Engaging in arts and crafts, and making flower arrangements. Wilma was extremely proud of her children,

grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In 2007, she was blessed to witness the marriage of her daughter, Veronica, to Maurice Wright and two years later, she was equally proud to witness her son, Matthew Wills, Jr. be recognized as "Employee of the Year" by the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) for his work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. As a doting grandmother, Wilma was thrilled to attend the graduations of her grandsons, Earl R. Schaffer, Jr., from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2009 and Maurice Wright from Megenthaler High School in 2008. In 2006, Wilma lovingly stood by the side of Tanyka Mo'ne Wright, her only granddaughter, as she received the Ben Carson Scholarship. Wilma gave her life to Christ at the age of 17 at the First Baptist Church of Baltimore, prior to joining Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1955. While at Ebenezer Wilma served faithfully as a member of the Combined and Mass Choirs, known then as the "Voice of Victory," and regularly attended Bible study. And in 1990, Wilma graduated from the Bible Institute at Ebenezer, under the leadership of then Pastor, Mark L. Saunders. Wilma was preceded in death by her father: William H. Herring, and mother: Fannie Mae Herring, her siblings: James Edward Lawson, Emma Jean Stewart and Owen Curtis (Herring) McIver. She leaves to cherish in memory, her fiancé: Matthew Lee Wills, Sr., her daughter: Veronica Michelle Wright, her son: Matthew Wills, Jr., her son-in-law: Maurice W. Wright, her grandsons: Earl R. Schaffer, Jr., Maurice W. Wright, and granddaughter: Tanyka Mo'ne Wright, her niece: Fannie Alyce Herring, her nephew: Bonnell Stewart, Jr., one dedicated great niece: Tiesha Mykia Stewart, and a host of other nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilma Heloise English*

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Wilma was my friend and co-worker for 25 years. She was our rock and anchor. I know that she is with God now with a smile on her face. Ronnie, Earl and Man, take comfort in knowing that she loved all of you dearly and although not present i body, she is there with you in spirit as God's newly crowned angel.##imported-begin##Earl B. Wight##imported-end##*

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“ *I want to express my sympathy. It seems unfair that death has the power to take away someone we love. The Bible is comforting in this regard. It promises that our loved ones now dead will indeed live again. You can read these words at John 11:20-27. May you find comfort and strength in God's word the Bible.##imported-begin##S. Brown##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Family, It was never Jehovah God's purpose for man to die. (Genesis 1:28) We eagerly look forward to the time when Jehovah will undue all that death has caused. (Job 14:14, 15)##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Wilma English, May God bless you and keep you during your time of sorrow. May He surround you with His comfort, His love and peace. Sincerely, Karen Thornton-Robinson###imported-begin###Karen Thornton-Robinson###imported-end##

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“ Ronnie, Man, Earl, and the rest of the grandkids. I have known your mother (grandmother) for more than 27 years. She was my first true friend at the IRS. Wilma and I shared many stories and especially about her children and later her grandchildren. You kids were always her pride and joy. Please take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering and that GOD got her. You never lose anyone when you know where to find them; and what better place is there to be accept in the Arms of Jesus Christ. May the Lord Bless and Sustain you all during your loss and know that others are feeling the pain too. Love you guys!###imported-begin###Jackie Benjamin###imported-end##

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“ Truly I was saddened to hear of your lost. I met Wilma when I was just beginning my career with the IRS. She was always willing to help me in any way she could. Wilma was a good friend and person. I will miss bumping into her in the hall or at a local store. Please except my sincere condolenses and know that God will comfort and keep you during this time. Sorrowfully submitted.###imported-begin###Joe Ann King-McQuaige###imported-end##

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“ Ronnie and family I'm so sorry to here about your mom Wilma.I will keep all of you in my prayers.Be strong.##imported-begin##Ms Norma &Turk##imported-end##

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“ May the peace of God, reign over all of the family, now and forever. Amen. From Great Aunt Willie Mae Lawson & Family##imported-begin##Mrs. Willie Mae Lawson , Aunt##imported-end##

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“ May the blessings of God, be with you now and always, and strengthen you forever.##imported-begin##Mrs. Fannie Lawson Jenkins, Cousin##imported-end##

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“ Sent message already but did not enter e-mail- God bless##imported-begin##Mrs. Fannie Lawson Jenkins, Cousin##imported-end##

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“ Matthew & Family Love & blessings to you and the family and keep moving on.##imported-begin##Verna Davis & Franklin Wills##imported-end##

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“ Great grace be with you all always. Amen.##imported-begin##Addie Lawson, Cousin##imported-end##

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“ To Wilma, Yesterday I prayed that a window of opportunity would open as the door to a life closed. It did, and you climbed thru it! Today I prayed that you would climb the stairway to heaven when the window of opportunity closed. You did, and the lord held your hand and welcomed you! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!! May the family find comfort in knowing what I know....Wilma is now in a better place!!! Sincerely##imported-begin##Danzell T. Cutler##imported-end##

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“ I extend my condolences to the family of Wilma at this time. Although I didn't know her, I know the pain of losing a loved one, and my heart goes out to you, her family. I just wanted to share a word of comfort with you all concerning the hope of the resurrection. At John 11:25 Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. "Everyone exercising faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." That is the bible hope for the dead; a hope made sure through the death and resurrection of our saviour, Christ Jesus. Jehovah sent this most beloved son to us because he loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten son, in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed, but have everlasting life. John 3:16. One day we all have the joyful hope of seeing our loved ones alive again. May Jehovah God comfort you with his love, and may your precious memories sustain you until that joyful day of salvation arrives.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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