



Wilnette Estelle Taylor Lewis

August 18, 1929 - February 26, 2014

On August 18, 1929 the world welcomed Wilnette Estelle Taylor - the last born to Ferdinand and Carrie Taylor and a family of three sisters and one brother who loved and adored her. She was educated in the Richmond Public Schools graduating from Armstrong High School. She later married Bernard Clayton Lewis and together they became parents to Bernard Lewis Jr, (deceased), Bernetta Wilnette Lewis Washington, Bernice Elizabeth Loretha Lewis Carson, and Bernell Ferdinand Lewis. Her fulltime job as a parent teaching her children gave rise to her decision to become a fulltime teacher with Richmond Public Schools. During undergraduate matriculation, God blessed her with various jobs in the field of academia. She started as a cashier in Nathaniel Bacon Elementary School and was later hired as a teacher's aide. After obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Virginia Union University she was promoted to Youth Tutoring Youth Coordinator with Richmond Public Schools and became responsible for hiring/training high school students to tutor elementary students. After serving in this position for many years she was asked to enter the classroom and taught grades 3-5 at G.H. Reid Elementary School and George Mason Elementary School for the next 30 years. She was a humanistic educator who not only taught children but adopted them into her heart referring to her classroom as her palace and her students as little kings and queens. She was known to show unconditional love to students who lacked the powerful love they needed to grow and thrive.

As a child, at the young age of 10, she was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church where she remained a member for the duration of her life. There she served as a Girl Scout, member of BTU (Baptist Training Union), and member of the Sunday School. She attended services there religiously until she connected with Tabernacle Baptist Church where her son-in-law pastored.

Always a supporter of her children she felt led to align herself with Tabernacle and became a great supporter of her mission and ministry work until she became too worn to do so. Even then she was known to work from her bed to fulfill God's mission of seeking fishermen for Christ.

She was an avid member of the Delver Juniors Women's Club where she served to cater to the needs of others.

So loved unconditionally by all, she became "Gramma" to everyone. She evoked a smile from all as she always had a funny line to deliver that lifted your spirits. On her many visits to the hospital some would often ask, "Are you really sick?" because of her pleasant demeanor to all. Leaving to cherish her memory and continue the foundation laid by "Gramma" are her three children, Bernetta, Bernice (Norwood), and Bernell (Eleonor), daughter-in-law Arnette Sampson; six grandchildren, Bernard C. Lewis III "Chico", Jazzie Lewis, Marnetta Washington, Jerrell Lewis (Rosalia), Carrie Carson, and Camille Carson; and seven great-grandchildren who will miss her, Crystal Cempron, Tiffane' Tyler, Jazmaine Frazier, Malachi Patterson, Raikwon Lewis, Micah Patterson, and Rasheen Brown. Understanding family need not always be biologically linked she will be missed by adopted sisters Queen Haskins and Phyllis Fountain.

"God answered our prayer for sweet communion when her breath became His and His breath became hers as He whispered her name. "Although no longer visible to the human eye we will always see you with the human heart -

forever connected by that invisible thread called love”.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Due to Weather

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Baptist Church
11521 Coalboro Road
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilnette Estelle Taylor Lewis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few find the comfort they search for. The doctrines that are taught concerning death find their origins from men and not the Bible. As a result, they fail to leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. However, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29; Matthew 5:5). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32. It is of vital importance to learn what the Bible really teaches concerning death. For more information please visit the website jw.org.*

A Friend - March 17, 2014 at 02:29 AM

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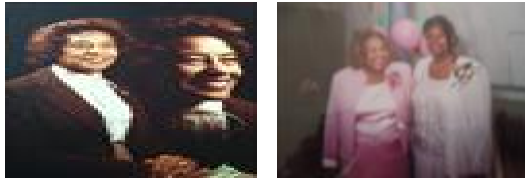
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Bernice Carson - March 03, 2014 at 07:50 PM

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“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother and grandmother. She was truly a joy to know I will really miss her. She will always come to mind when I think of her many famous sayings. May God bless and keep you in his loving arms. Joyce Pittman*

Joyce Pittman - March 03, 2014 at 07:05 PM

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“ I am sorry to read about your loss. May God’s words in the Bible at Ps 34:18 provide you comfort. The scriptures tells us “HE” is near to those broken at heart, and those crushed in spirit HE saves.


Peggy Land - March 03, 2014 at 11:01 AM

GL

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your mothers passing. I was blessed with the opportunity of knowing her for a short while but I know heaven just received one of its most special angels. Just know your mom is at peace. I hope that you and the family will find comfort in God’s love and peace for you. May the love and comfort of your family and friends help you to overcome the hurt you may be feeling. I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you. Gloria Byrdsong



Gloria - March 01, 2014 at 02:02 PM

 Natalie Prosser McCoy

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

Natalie Prosser McCoy - February 28, 2014 at 09:41 PM

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“ To the Family of Wilnette Estelle Taylor Lewis,
I wanted to express my condolences to you on the death of your loved one. We all know that death is such a painful thing. God gives us comfort though. The bible tells us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that 'the last enemy death will be brought to nothing'. So we are waiting on God to carry out his promise. We know it will happen too because Titus 1:2 says God cannot lie. If you have any comments or questions please e-mail me.

Faye - February 27, 2014 at 02:59 PM

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“ Our family would like express condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.

linn & family - February 27, 2014 at 01:28 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 - February 27, 2014 at 12:31 PM