

Name Going Celebration
For
Mrs. Leemell Wilson
"Nana"



Quarice April 14, 1934 - Sunset July 6, 2017

Service

Saturday, July 15, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

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Obituary

On April 14, 1934, Fleming McFadden and Dora Robinson gave birth to their second youngest daughter Leemell (also known as Ann) in Sumter, South Carolina. In 1949, she married her first husband, Sonny Smith and they attempted to grow their family until his untimely death at the tender age of 32. Leemell then relocated to New York City, with her five children hoping for a better life. She worked for many years as a domestic worker. Leemell finally settled on being a housewife to her second husband, Bernard Wilson.

Leemell was full of life and was always out shopping for clothes and shoes. She loved looking good. She had such a big heart and always told her children "in life you have to have a good attitude or you weren't going anywhere." Leemell always encouraged her children to get a formal education because she was unable to do so. During her youth she had to leave school to help support the family by working in the cotton fields. She was always willing to cook a meal at moment's notice. As a young adult, she loved having Fish Fry's, card games and listening to music. Her favorite songs were "Love and Happiness" by Al Green and "We've Come This Far By Faith." She loved caring for her grandchildren. Leemell helped her only daughter to raise her four children into loving caring adults. She may not have gotten the recognition that she deserved in life, but God has rewarded her in Heaven. We have been fortunate to know her, blessed to be loved by her, and will be comforted by our memories of her. She leaves us to join her second husband, Bernard and three sons, Monroe, Henry and Willie, and granddaughter, Shawn Nacole Chappell.

She leaves to mourn: her sister, Vera Owens; sister-in-law, Ruthalee Conyers; brother-in-law, Thomas Smith; there are four children, Leon Smith, Bobby Lee Smith, BettyAnn Whaley and Andre Smith; son-in-law, Victor Whaley; daughter-in-law, Susie Winston-Smith; grandchildren, Monique Brown, Michelle Winston, Seneca Lyons, Lechelle Belmond, Asia Kinsey, Shauna Lyons, Lamell Stevenson, Robert Smith, Corey Smith, William Jones, Cherry Jones, Tatiana Smith, Tiquel Whaley and Dajon Smith; and seventeen great grandchildren.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Leemell Wilson** express their thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and other acts of kindness to everyone that reached out in their time of bereavement.

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