

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Vivian Wilkinson*



*Sunrise: July 8, 1936*  
*Sunset: December 30, 2017*

**Memorial Service**

**Saturday, January 13, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.**

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*Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## Obituary

**Vivian Wilkinson**, aged 81, made her peaceful transition listening to the soft music of Nina Simone and Paul Simon, on December 30, 2017, at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital, in New York City. Born July 8, 1936, in Mount Vernon, New York, Vivian is the daughter of William Fisher and Belva Bell Fisher.

Vivian was an original tenant of The Times Square Residence having resided there for more than thirty years. Before she took ill, Vivian thoroughly enjoyed cooking that was often expressed with flavorsome aromas escaping from her place of residence.

A self-taught entrepreneur, Vivian enjoyed making jewelry, especially earrings, and vending on the streets of New York along with her close friends. She had a passion for poetry and her fierce independence and rooted spirit connected her to the cultural truth of her African heritage. Undoubtedly, her greatest legacy will always be the deep personal way she shared her love and wisdom with family and friends.

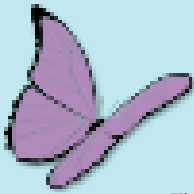
Vivian was a long-time donor to charities such as The New York City Rescue Mission, and Alzheimer's Disease organizations. In addition, she was a fervent giver to people who were homeless, providing them with a hopeful message along with a hot meal.

Vivian is preceded in death by sisters, Ernestine Green and Margaret Fisher; brother, Richard Fisher; and mother, Belva Bell Fisher. Vivian is survived by: her sister, Marjorie Scott; daughters, Desiree Wilkinson, Patricia Robinson, and Valorie Wilkinson; son, Francyss Whitley; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Vivian loved Nina Simone's music, its sassy truth and experiential depth; so, we close this remembrance with Nina's lyrics from "Feeling Good":

**Birds flying high you know how I feel  
Sun in the sky you know how I feel  
Breeze driftin' on by you know how I feel  
And this old world is a new world  
And a bold world  
For me  
And I'm feeling good  
I'm feeling good**

- Mommy's Favorite Scriptures from the Bible were Psalm 23 (KJV) and Psalm 121 (KJV).
- Mommy's Favorite Gospel Songs were "Where the Healing Waters Flow" and "Take My Hand Precious Lord."



## *A World Without Tears*

*Think of a world, a world without tears ... Rev. 21:4  
Where a man can live for a thousand years .... Rev. 20:6  
With never a grief, an ache or a pain ...  
And never a thought of dying again ... Isaiah 25:8*

*Think of a world where a man plants a vine ... Psalms 107:36-38  
He can sit in it's shade and say 'This is mine'... Isaiah 65:21  
He will dwell in the house his own hands have made ... Isaiah 65:22  
And none shall molest him, or make him afraid ... Micah 4:4*

*Think of world without bloodshed and strife ... Psalms 46:9  
Where no man can take another man's wife ...  
Where man everywhere will unite in peace ... Psalms 37:11  
And malice and hatred forever will cease ... John 13:35*

*Think of a world as a green paradise ...  
Where mountains and desserts dazzle your eyes ...  
With bountiful flowers, trees and skies ...  
With animals, birds and gay butterflies ...*

*Think, just as sure, as God's word is truth ... John 17:17  
A man will go back to the days of his youth ... Job 33:25  
His flesh will become as the flesh of a child...  
And the words that he speaks will be gentle and mild ... Matt. 5:5*

*Think of a world where a lame man will leap ... Isaiah 35:6  
Bounding for joy, like a deer or a sheep ...  
Where none will be deaf and the blind ones will see ..  
And those who can't talk will speak and sing joyfully ...*

*Think of a world where men are all Brothers ...  
Esteeming themselves not above any others ... Phil. 2:3  
Where a man greets a man as a friend to a friend ... John 15:14  
In a world without tears that will never end ... John 10:28*

*Think of a world where the dead will arise ... John 21:21,25,28-29  
From their silent tombs to a dreamed paradise ... John 11:23-26  
To live forever in true peace and love ... Psalms 37:9-11,29  
And all will be cared for by our Almighty God above ... 1Pet. 5:6,7*

*Now a world without tears is not just a dream ...  
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A world without tears now lies before you ...*

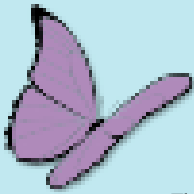
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*'Good News' of this Kingdom is still being sung ...  
Throughout every nation and people and tongue ... Matt. 24:14  
All who are thirsting for Truth are invited .... Rev. 7:16,17  
To accept this Good News, you're warmly united ... Rev.22:17*

*In praising our God, as well as our Savior and King ...  
Who gives to us all, our life, and everything ... Psalms 36:9  
So that we might live through endless years ... John 6:50,51  
In a world without sorrow. A world without tears ... Rev. 21:3, 4*







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*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

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*Remarks*

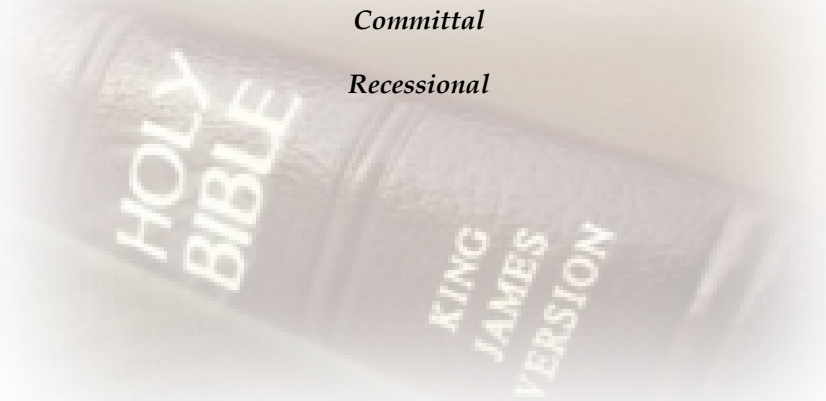
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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Recessional*



## *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

*The LORD shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

*Psalm 121*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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