

*Service of
Triumph
for*

*Deacon
Betty
Lou
Wilson*

Sunrise
January 9, 1946

Sunset
March 10, 2018



Reflections of Life

Deacon Betty Lou Wilson was born to Moses and Creola (Jones) Burgess on January 9, 1946 in Lake City, South Carolina. She was one of 10 children.

She attended the local schools in Lake City for her education and completed her education at Carver High School Lake City, SC.

Betty Lou married her first love, Theodore Wilson, Jr. in 1967. From this union of 50 years 4 beautiful children were born. Once married the happy couple relocated to Paterson, New Jersey to begin their life journey together.

Betty Lou worked for Universal Manufacturer Company for many years until the company relocated to another state. She then began working for Paterson Board of Education, where because of her love for cooking and feeding people she was quickly promoted to Cook Supervisor. She was employed by the Paterson Board of Education for 24 years until her death.

Deacon Wilson was a member of Creech Temple United Holy Church (UHC) Paterson for over 50 years where she served in many capacities. She first joined the church choir where she eventually became the choir President. Once she resigned from the choir she became the choir mother. She was President of the Kitchen Committee. She served as the Pastor's Nurse on the Usher Board. As Creech's Temple first female Deacon, she was the chairman of the Deacon Board. She served on the Planning Board and the Mother Board. Finally, she was the President of the Pastor Aide Committee, a true passion of hers. She loved her Pastor and church family, however her commitment to her Pastor was somewhat of a divine nature; not easily broken at all.

Although she loved her family, church family and Pastor, her ultimate love was for GOD. She knew as a Woman of God she had to worship and serve him. And that is just what she did! There were very few times when Creech Temple doors were open that she was not present. She began a program to feed the hungry annually on Thanksgiving at the church until she struck ill and could not continue the program.

Betty was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She exhibited her love for her family through her cooking. She was a cook extraordinaire and always look forward to those Sunday dinners with her family. She will always be remembered for her famous stuffing, sweet potato pies, and roast beef to name a few.

A quiet leader by example, Betty Lou was a source of unconditional love and treated all whom she encountered with the same level of respect. She was a woman of grace and humility. She was a woman full of kindness and always had a smile to offer. But behind that smile was a woman of no nonsense. She believed in being honest with you and would never allow you to disrespect herself, her husband, her Pastor, and especially her children or grandchildren. Betty Lou loved shopping, cooking, and caring for anyone that was in need. She will be remembered for her exquisite style and graceful demeanor. Betty believed in pure kindness and she demonstrated it. At all times!

She was preceded in death by her parents Moses, Sr. and Creola Burgess, two sisters, Cynthia Hickson and Juanita Burgess, two brothers-in-law Jerome Hickson and Howard Wilson, one sister-in-law, Christine Wilson and a nephew, Terron Burgess.

She leaves to cherish precious and beautiful memories her beloved husband of 50 years, Theodore Wilson, Jr. Four children, Michelle Wilson, Gary Wilson, Corey (Allison) Wilson and Tanisha (Joaquim) Thomas. Six grandchildren, Gary, Angel, Mariah, Korey, Kourtney and Destinee and two great grandchildren, Na'zir and Ashton. Four sisters Burena (Willie B) Parker, Julie (Jacob) Wheeler, Nancy (Jesse) James and Shirley (Frank) Graham. Three brothers, Moses, Jr. (Maryann) Burgess, Harold Burgess and Tommy Lee (Billie Ann) Burgess. Eight sisters-in-law, Jettie Mae Wilson, Marylee Mack, Lutrisha Wilson, Evelyn (James) McLean, Betty Jean (David) Brown, Bernice Barr, Charlene Wilson, and Lynda Wilson. Two brothers-in-law, Donnie Wilson and Bobby (Connie) Wilson. A host of nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and her beloved Creech Temple family. She never went anywhere and never had to worry about getting anywhere because of her BFF, Vivian Thompson. She had many people who loved her and called her mom, one being Derek Cinsote. She had a special place in her heart for him. A life long friend Verleen McKenzie and a very special cousin, Dorothy Hannah.

Service

Friday, March 16, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

New Creech Temple UHC

221 Hamilton Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Moses McKenzie, Officiating

Order Service

Musical Prelude..... Music Ministry

Call To Worship/Officiating..... Pastor Linda Hindsman

Musical Selection.....Gospel Crusaders

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Minister Donovan Marshall

New Testament.....Minister Irving Jacobs

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Dorothy Hannah

Musical Selection..... Gospel Crusaders

Resolution..... Sis.Wanda McKenzie

Cards and Reflections.....Sis Bernella Barr

Musical Selection.....Bobby Wilson

Tributes.....(1-3 minutes please)

Deacon Alvin McElveen, Deacon Board
Minister Cynthia Ashley, Missionary Board
Trustee Ernest McElveen, Trustee Board
Sis Ollie London, Mothers Board
Elder Mary Lee Mack, Assistant Pastor
Elder Dorothy Hannah
Sister Vivian Thompson
Sis Bernice Barr, Pastor Aide Committee

Musical Selection.....Elder Verleen McKenzie

Reflections..... Family and Friends

Musical Selection.....Gospel Crusaders

Eulogy.....Pastor Moses McKenzie

Final Viewing

Entombment
Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.
George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, New Jersey

The Shall Be Praised

Proverbs 31:10, 25-31

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household; and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Many daughters have done virtuously; but thou excellest them all.

Favor is deceitful and beauty is in vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the Gates.



Come With Me

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come With Me"
With tearful eyes I watched you suffer
And saw you fade away
Although I love you dearly,
I could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating
Your beautiful smile at rest
God broke my heart to prove
He always takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you
I miss you so each day
My life just isn't the same
Ever since you went away
When days are sad and lonely
And every thing goes wrong
I hear you gently whisper,
Cheer up and carry on.

Beloved Husband, Theodore "JR"





A Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence
as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels,
into my mother's crown.

He held up a golden crown
as my darling mother looked on.

He said in his gentle voice
'I will now explain each one.'

'The first gem,' He said,
'is a Ruby and it's for endurance alone.

For all the nights you waited up
for your children to come home.'

'For all the nights by their bedside
you stayed till the fever went down.

For nursing every little wound,
I add this ruby to your crown.'

'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby for leading
your child in the right way.

For teaching them the lessons,
that made them who they are today.'

'For always being right there
through all life's important events.

I give you a sapphire stone
for the time and love you spent.

'For untying the strings that held them when
they grew up and left home.

I give you this one for courage.

Then the Lord added a garnet stone.

'I'll place a stone of amethyst, 'He said for all
the times you spent on your knees.

When you asked if I'd take care of your children
and then for having Faith in me.'

'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you
made without them knowing.

For all the times you went without
to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'

'And last of all I have a diamond,
the greatest one of all.

For sharing unconditional love
whether they were big or small.'

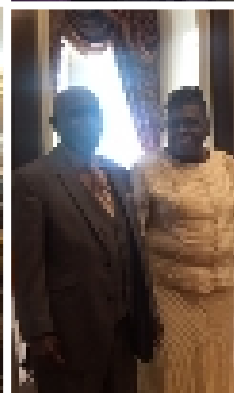
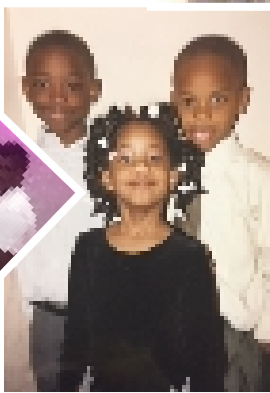
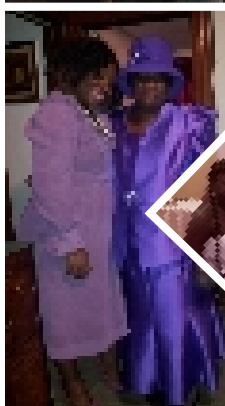
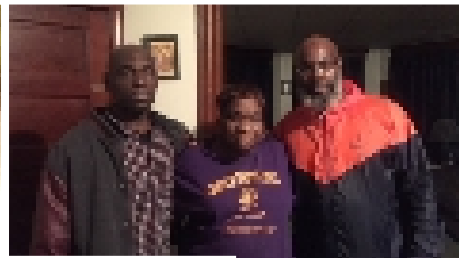
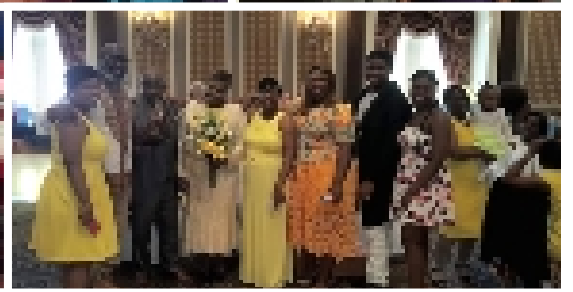
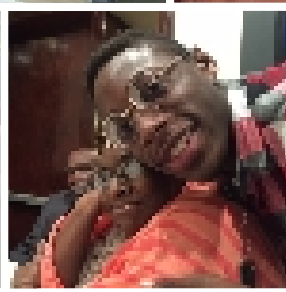
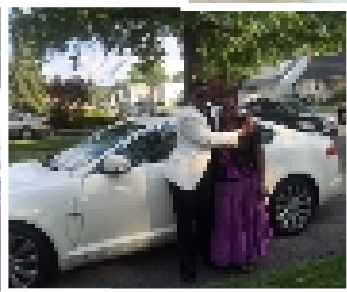
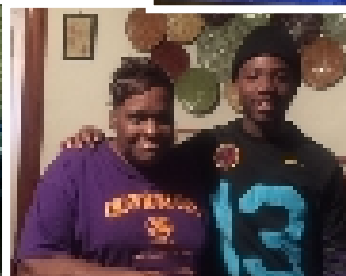
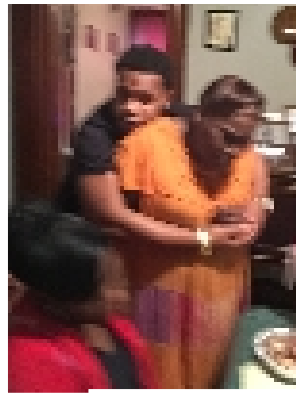
'It was your love that helped them grow feeling safe
and happy and proud.

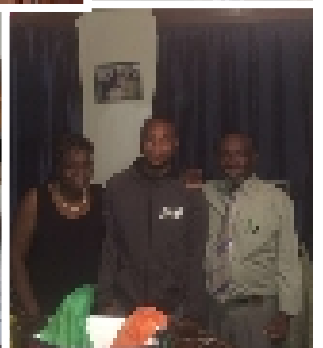
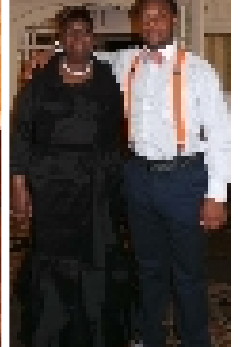
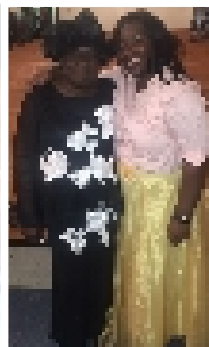
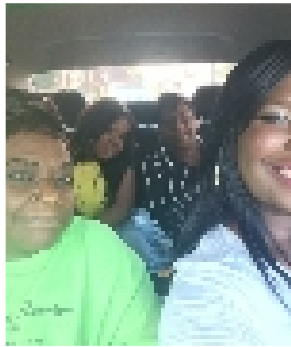
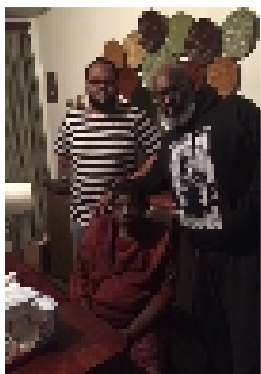
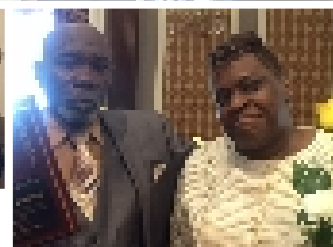
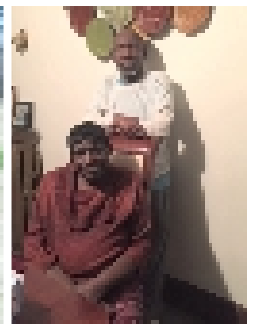
A love so strong and pure it
could shift the darkest cloud.'

After the Lord placed the last jewel in he said,

'Your crown is now complete.

You've earned your place in Heaven
with your children at your feet.





We Love You Grandma

*Grandma your life was full of loving deeds
Forever thoughtful of our special needs
Today and tomorrow, Our whole lives through,
We will always love and cherish you.*



Acknowledgements of Condolences

We, the Family of the late **Deacon Betty Lou Wilson** wish to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who extended themselves to us during this most difficult time. We appreciate your prayers, your presence, and your participation. We especially want to thank the Nursing staff at St. Joseph's Hospital for the professional staff and care our dear mother/wife in her last days. We would also like acknowledge and give a very special thank you to Evelyn McLean, MaryLee Mack, Vivian Thompson, Dorothy Hannah, and Verleen Mckenzie. You helped us in any way that you could. All of you placed your lives on hold to help care and pray for my mom and dad and we honor and appreciate you for this.

Lastly, Pastor Moses McKenzie, words cannot express how much we appreciate you. Our mom loved and adored you and she knew you felt the same about her. We want you know that although you can no longer see her presence, you will feel her presence. We know she has told GOD that she must continue to watch over her Pastor.

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