

*Celebration
of Life
for*



*Willa Mae (Nunnally) Wright
"Bill"*

**Sunrise
April 6, 1934**

**Sunset
March 18, 2019**

Reflections of Life

Willa Mae “Bill” (Nunnally) Wright was born to the late Beatrice (Bradshaw) Nunnally Whitehead and the late Carnell Nunnally in Abbeville, GA on April 6, 1934. She joined the Cooks Chapel AME Church in Wilcox Co. at an early age.

She attended the Georgia Public School system. In 1949, she moved to Paterson, NJ.

On April 16, 1956, “Bill” as she was affectionately known, was united in marriage to the late Robert Wright, Jr. of Passaic, NJ. Of this union three children were born, Vanessa Robin, the late Marisa Lynn and Jacquelyn Carol.

She became a member of Bethel AME Church Passaic under the pastorate of Rev. King more than sixty-five years ago.

Bill served faithfully in the church as well as with the other pastors that followed. She was a Sunday School Teacher, and soon started preparing breakfast for all of the children. She purchased many books and supplies for the students, at which point she decided to open a bank account for the Sunday School. She later became the Sunday School Superintendent. During this time, she also collaborated with two other members to start a Scholarship Committee. She was a member of the Senior Usher Board and chaired the Annual Anniversary Celebration. She was chairperson of many other committees, including the Alpha and Omega Club and the Flower Club. She also directed the annual Easter and Christmas recitals while planning the annual toy drive.

Now, let’s get to the kitchen!! It was a labor of love to serve the church family as well as the Passaic community through her numerous ideas and visions. Nothing came through the kitchen without Bill’s approval. God chose the perfect woman to touch the lives of so many through fundraisers, yard sales and numerous acts of love.

She retired in 1997 from Wackenhut Security in Union, NJ after many years of service. During her free time, she enjoyed watching Law & Order, classic movies, and doing daily crossword puzzles and word searches. With family she created wonderful memories and personally loved dining and shopping.

She hosted many banquets to honor various members of Bethel Church, both living and non living members. In honor of her late daughter, Marisa, she instituted a church library. God used her as a true shepherd of Bethel A.M.E. Church. He used her talents, generosity, dedication, commitment, and warm willing spirit to uplift even the saddest soul in need of God’s love.

Bill departed this life, however the wonderful memories and priceless lives she affected will always leave a beautiful mark for all those touched by her.

She leaves precious memories: two daughters, Vanessa and Jacquelyn of Stone Mountain, GA; three grandsons, Aian, Stefan and Mali; five great grandsons, Ajahmir, Amari, Juelz, Armani and baby CC; her son-in-law, Alexander Cuttino and a god-daughter, Pamela Russell; loving and devoted sisters-in-law, Dolores, Carol and Francine, who were like sisters to her. She also leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and devoted and faithful friends

W-O-W- Woman of Wisdom

Monday, March 25, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
145 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey
Reverend Dr. Angela M. Battle, Officiating
Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn
"I Come to the Garden Alone"

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
"He Has Got Ten Thousand Blessings"

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Words of Comfort
Reverend Dr. Angela N. Battle

Closing Hymn
"When the Gates Swing Open, Let Me In"

Recessional

Interment

Cedarlawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

-Helen Steiner Rice



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Willa Mae Wright** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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