



A mother's love is something  
that no one can explain –  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring, come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take the love away.

It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation.

A many-splendored miracle  
man cannot understand,  
And another wonderous evidence  
of God's tender, guiding hand.

Take your rest Mommy. You served God, His church and His  
people in excellence.  
Well done thy good and faithful servant!!!

### *Acknowledgement*

*We the family of Wilma Hector would like to thank each and every one for  
the outpouring of love and support you have all shown.*

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*Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Wilma Hector*

Sunrise  
December 4, 1941

Sunset  
August 3, 2021

Service  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 10:00 AM

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165 Madison Avenue • Elizabeth, NJ 07201  
*Rev. George E. Britt, Officiating*



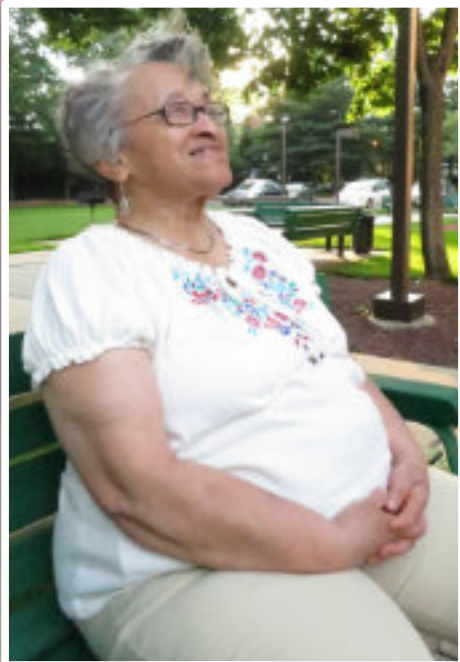
# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't  
lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

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## **Organ Prelude**

### **Prayer of Comfort** Reverend George Britt

### **Unison Prayer:**

Holy God, Lord of life and death, you made us in your image and hold us in your care. We thank you for your servant, Wilma Hector, for the gift of her life, and for the love and mercy she received from you. We especially praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who died and rose from the grave to free us from evil, and give us life eternal. Grant that when our time on earth is ended, we may be united with all the saints in the joys of your eternal home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Psalm 23 - Roberto Meadows  
New Testament: John 14:1-6 - Roberto Meadows

### **Musical Selection**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Arnitta Chism

### **Acknowledgment and Resolutions**

### **Obituary**

### **Congregational Musical Selection**

I Need Thee Every Hour

### **Eulogy**

Reverend George Britt

### **Committal**

### **Benediction**

### **Musical Selection**

Take Me To The King

### **Recessional**

### **Cremation (Private)**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, NJ





**Wilma Hector**, daughter of the late John Rich and Josie Kee Hector, was born on December 4, 1941 in Lawndale, NC. She departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ.

Wilma graduated from Douglas High School in Lawndale, NC where she was a member of the basketball team as well as the Business Manager for the Annual Staff of the class of 1961. Upon graduation she was hired by the school as the first black and the first female school bus driver as well as the School Secretary.

Wilma moved to New Jersey in 1964 and worked for multiple companies including the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Elizabeth and Avionics Instruments in Avenel. She met some of her closest friends at these jobs and had many cherished memories. She was a member of Mount Teman AME Church in Elizabeth, NJ for many years where she served on the Stewardess Board and the Mother's Club. Wilma also served as Vice President of the O'Donnell Dempsey Towers Tenants Association.

Wilma was known for her love of cooking for family and neighbors as well as having close friends and church members over for meals and fellowship regularly. She loved shopping for bargains for herself and others in the basement of Bamberger's in Newark until it closed in 1986. I recall a storm coming through one year while I was away at school and couldn't reach her. When I finally got in touch with her she told me that she was at Bamberger's shopping; my friends have been beneficiaries of these excursions.

Always thinking of others and how she could be a blessing to them; many times I would be at her home and see things laying around and she would say Oh, that's for such and such, or she would ask when are you and the girls getting together so that she could send them some collard greens or pie. She was affectionately known for her infectious smile, sweet disposition, soft spoken voice and telling it like it is. Our precious mother was a blessing to us and everyone she came in contact with. We will miss her tremendously, but her sweet spirit remains with us and our love for her endures forever.

Along with her parents, Wilma was predeceased by one grandson: Javon Hector; four brothers: Franklin, Robert, Floyd and Calvin; two brothers-in-law: John Campbell and L.C. Williams and one sister-in-law: Mary.

She leaves a legacy of loved and cherished memories to her daughters: Marlisa Hector Eargle of NJ and Karen Hector of NC; one son-in-law: Simpson Eargle of NJ; one son-in-law: James Myers of NY; four grandsons: Terrance, Clinton (Brianna), Reginald Buckner Jr. all of NC and Khaleef of NJ; three granddaughters: Sa-Sha Hector and LaToya Hector-Privette (Quinton) of NC, Ebony Diehl (Terrell) of NJ; six sisters: Joe Ann Campbell, Martha Meadows (Larry) of NJ, Pauline Williams, Evelyn Bell (Bryan), Doris Hector and Joyce Ruff (Johnny) all of NC; four brothers: John (Bessie), Harvey (Yvonne), David and John McCloney all of NC; two sisters-in-law: Bernice and Norma; thirteen great grandchildren; one very special aunt: Mary Lillian Gass; very close and dear friends: Minnie Jackson, Joanne Wilkerson, Shirley Dozier, Connie Smith and Fannie Mauney; her brothers and sisters in Christ (The Mt. Teman Family), her O'Donnell Dempsey family and a host of other loving relatives and friends.