

A SERVICE OF MEMORY

*Celebrating the Life
of*

**MRS. CAROLYN PHILLIPS
WILKERSON**



Sunrise: March 13, 1953

Sunset: August 12, 2020

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Saturday, August 15, 2020

1:00 p.m. CDT

New Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery

26403 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Camp Hill, AL 36850

Rev. Justin M. Freeman, Officiant & Eulogist

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The Family of the late Mrs. Carolyn Phillips Wilkerson sincerely appreciates your thoughtfulness and prayers during their time of sorrow. May God be with you always.

Internment

New Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery



Final Arrangements for Loved One Entrusted To:

Vines Funeral Home



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Obituary

Mrs. Carolyn Phillips Wilkerson was born March 13, 1953 to the late Bertha Edwards Morgan and Jimmy Drake in Chambers County, AL. She joined New Canaan Baptist Church at an early age. She graduated from LaFayette High School in 1972.

Carolyn was known for her acts of service to her community. She demonstrated this gift through her love for caring for children and for those in need. For more than 20 years, Carolyn owned and operated New Horizons Day Care in Opelika, AL.

Carolyn's service was not just limited to her community, as she faithfully served in many roles at New Canaan Baptist Church. Down through the years, she held various leadership positions including the Program Committee Chairperson, Pastor's Aide President, and Junior Choir Director. Her love for cooking could be tasted in her famous chicken & dressing. Most recently, this passion for the kitchen earned her the position of Culinary Committee Chairperson at the church.

Carolyn was known for being an event coordinator extraordinaire at church programs, weddings, concerts with the Holloway-Drake Singers, and family gatherings, which she absolutely loved. She was also gifted with an eye for interior decorating, which sometimes drifted towards things orange and blue for the Auburn fanatic.

Carolyn was a fashionista in her own rights, and it showed in her love for her suits and HATS! But even her love for her hats could never compare to the love she exuded for her family, especially for her husband and sons.

Carolyn was a breast cancer survivor and a very strong lady. She fought many battles in her life and touched the hearts of so many people. She fought the good fight and kept the faith. And on August 12, 2020, Carolyn finished her race when she was called home to eternal rest.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother, father, and two sisters: Kathelene Walter and Joyce Bailey.

Carolyn leaves to cherish her memories: her husband with whom she shared 27 years of life and love, Aaron Wilkerson; three sons: Philander Morgan, Camp Hill, AL; Kerez Wilkerson and Berez Wilkerson, both of Opelika, AL; one brother: Fredrick (Sharon) Morgan, Opelika, AL; five sisters: Annie Morgan, Camp Hill, AL; Jacqueline (Bobby) Holloway, Lanett, AL; Cynthia (Bobby) Jones, Opelika, AL; Gracie (Michael) Heard, Auburn, AL; and Linda Cannon, Phenix City, AL; six grandchildren: Philandria, Justin, Brandon, Ja'Carra Starr, Alanah and Josh; three great-grandchildren: Cassidy, Ava and Aveyah, affectionately known as "Lemon Drop;" five uncles: Terry Ware, Opelika AL; Richard (Linda) Edwards, Otis Drake, Perry Tolbert, all of Camp Hill, AL; and Willie Joe (Brenda) Edwards, Philadelphia, PA; four aunts: Dorethia Heard, Opelika, AL; Lilly B. Wilkerson, Frances Wilkerson, both of Birmingham, AL; and Janette (Will) Ponds of Kentucky; mother-in-law: Mattie Mae Finley, Camp Hill, AL; daughter-in-law: Toya Henderson Morgan, Opelika, AL; nine brothers-in-law: Samuel Lee Wilkerson, Anthony Wilkerson, Maurice Wilkerson, Ricky (Constance) Wilkerson, Marshall (Sharon) Wilkerson, Clifford (Tracy) Wilkerson Jr., Benjamin (Veronica) Finley, Willie Clyde Pitts and Alfred Pitts, all of Camp Hill, AL; six sisters-in-law: Beverly Wilkerson, Pearlene Huguley, both of LaFayette, AL; Rosia Lee Tolbert, Ruth Norris, Elaine Ware, Linda (Bobby James) Gross, all of Camp Hill, AL; a special daughter: Breyana Ross, Camp Hill, AL; a special friend: Ms. Marilyn Mae Presley and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The Broken Chain

We didn't know that morning
God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.

You didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you

The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,

Your love is still our guide,

And though we cannot see you

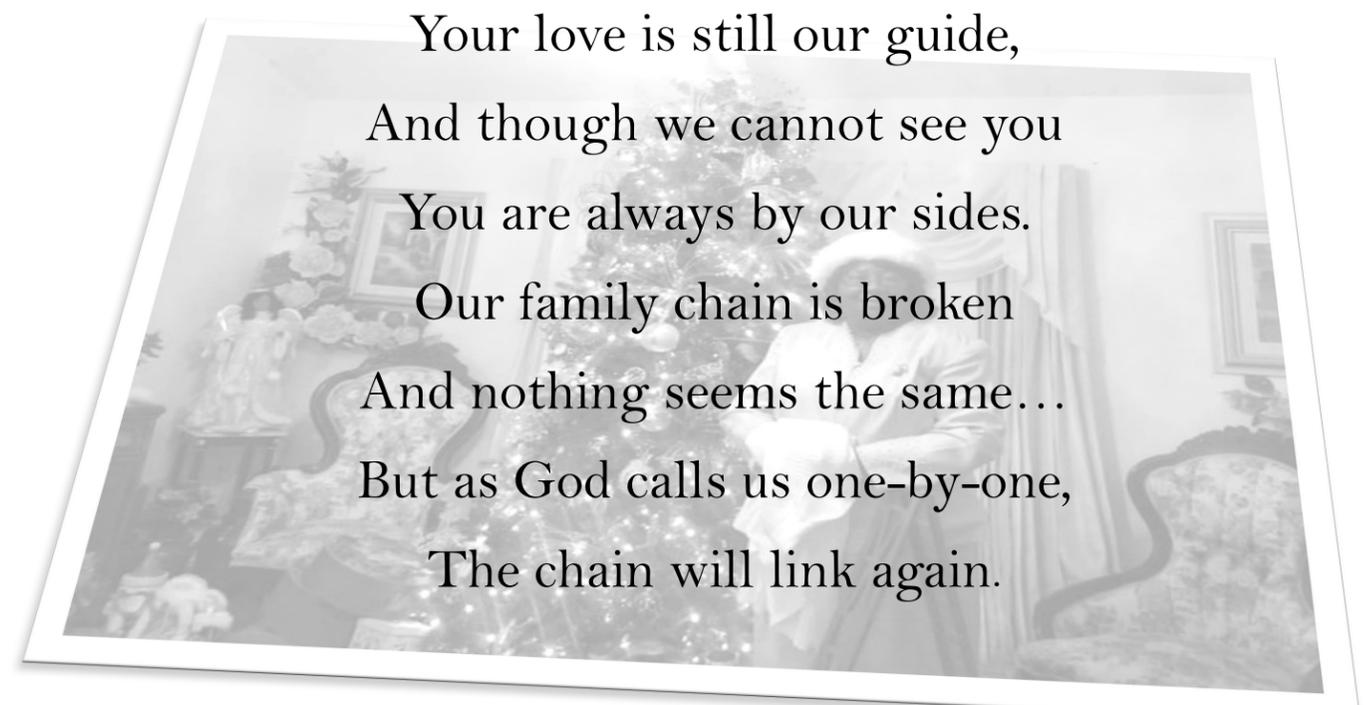
You are always by our sides.

Our family chain is broken

And nothing seems the same...

But as God calls us one-by-one,

The chain will link again.

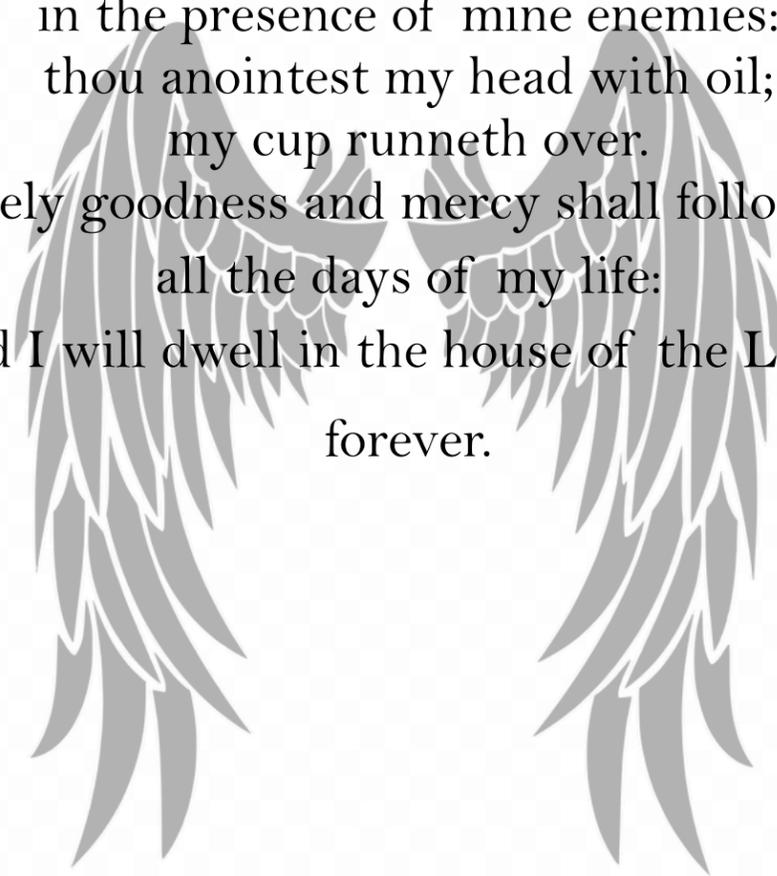




Precious Memories

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 paths 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 preparatest 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.



Order of Service

Scripture..... Rev. Robert Frazier
Prayer..... Rev. Robert Frazier
Solo..... Ms. Sheneckwa Kyles
Reflections..... Mrs. Earnestine Frazier
Eulogy Rev. Justin Freeman
Song Faithful Few

Committal

Benediction

She Is Just Away

We cannot say and will not say
that she is dead, she is just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
she has wandered into an unknown land,
and left us dreaming how very fair
it must be since she lingers there.

Think of her faring on, as dear
in the love of there as the love of here.

Think of her still as the same, we'll say,
she is not dead-she is just away.