



Mrs. Catherine J. Wilson

December 31, 1932 - June 1, 2019

Catherine Wilson was born December 31, 1932 and was the fourth of eleven children born of Sallie Mae Jones. From an early age Catherine demonstrated a fierce tenacity of independence, self-respect and self-improvement. Her strong will and determination garnered her the beloved nick name “Bot.” These life long traits would serve Catherine well throughout the course of her life.

Catherine’s disciplined work ethic and innate leadership capacity attributed to her becoming a line supervisor as an employee of the Beloved Toy Company in Kansas City, MO. Catherine’s proven leadership was rewarded by being selected by the company to head up operations of its newly established plant in Barbados, West Indies. After returning to Columbus, MS from Barbados, Catherine pursued a career in banking. However, it was Catherine’s life long dream to become a nurse. Therefore, at the age of 50, Catherine entered nursing school and graduated as an LPN. Catherine then began working at various hospitals throughout the Golden Triangle. Nevertheless, being ever the persistent and determined one, Catherine, in 1994, realized her lifelong dream when she became a registered nurse. Shortly afterwards Catherine began a long elusterious career as a Nursing Supervisor with the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Columbus, MS. “Nurse Catherine” would calm a many patients, co-workers, friends and family members with her patented phrase “Hey, Sweet Thang!” Catherine was also civically conscience and served as a member of the Lowndes County Democratic Party Voting Committee. She

was also a founding charter member of the United Christian Baptist Church of Columbus, MS.

Although Catherine was a well-traveled, accomplished and polished woman that relished the exquisite items that she acquired during her life, she however beamed the most with exuberant and joyful pride when she attended or spoke of the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters and all of her nieces and nephews. Even in her failing health she was always so elated with joy in the conversation of or in the presence of her family.

Our beloved Catherine transitioned unto eternal life on a bright sunny morning of June 1st. Catherine was proceeded into eternity by her husband Willie Wilson, her mother Sallie Mae Jones, and her siblings, Annie Louise Petty, Willie-Lee Jones, Daisy Jones, Dorothy Jones, and Robert Jones. She leaves to cherish her memories, her four children Melvin (Judith) Wilson of Kansas City, MO; Jacquelyn Knox of Richmond, VA; Rev Harold (Tabatha) Wilson, DMin of Tupelo, MS, and Captain Angela (Charles) Wilson-Cyrus (ret), PhD of Annapolis, MD. As well as her siblings, Helen Karriem, Wesley (Lula) Jones, Laura Chambers, Fred Jones and Connie (Doc) Brooks all of Columbus, MS. One brother-in law Webster (Geneva) Wilson. Catherine's impressive legacy of determination and temerity is pervasive in her beloved grandchildren: Charmayne, Tamara, Marissa, Marcus, Treysi, Brittany, Lewis, Tyler, Jackson, Jordan, Jayson, Avery and Lauren. Catherine's indomitable spirit perpetuates in the fourth generation of her lineage, her great-grandchildren: Kaylyn, Judah, Cai, Trey, Tai, Trinidy, Tatum, Jadyn, Jordyn, and Maddox. Fond memories of Catherine's kind and gracious love indelibly will forever be with her many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Catherine's (Bot) light and love for life will continue to loom large for many years to come in the lives of those she loved and in the countless lives she touched.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens

176 S Frontage Rd
columbus, MS 39701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lee-Sykes Funeral Home
422 12th Street North
Columbus, MS 39705
(662) 328-4335
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Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Charity Full Gospel Church
807 Tarlton Rd
crawford, MS 39743

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Catherine J. Wilson*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *Elnora Harrington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine J. Wilson*



Elnora Harrington - June 11, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine J. Wilson.*



June 06, 2019 at 05:19 PM



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