



Acknowledgments

The family of Marian Elaine Wilkins wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.
May God continually bless and keep each of you.

I Made It Home

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new.
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.
Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.
God is taking care of me... I'm in the shelter of His hands.
Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing,
I really have to go for now – I've just got to try my wings.
P.S. I'll be the first face you see when you get here.*

Pallbearers

Greg Tyler | Randall Cole
Cameron Wilkins | Glenn Wilkins
Jonte Ross | Devin Hudson

*Honorary
Pallbearers*

Ben Tyler | Ronnie Pitts
Leon King Jr. | Ricky Pitts
Eric Cunningham

Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery
8251 Hillcrest Rd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64138

Repast

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
Fellowship Hall
3808 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64130

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“LANIE”



In Loving Memory

Marian Elaine
WILKINS

DECEMBER 17, 1958 | FEBRUARY 19, 2026



Saturday, March 14, 2026

Visitation 10:00 A.M. Service 11:00 A.M.

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
3808 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.
Kansas City, Missouri 64130

Rev. Rodney Moody, Officiant





Marian Elaine (Tyler) Wilkins, 67, affectionately known as, “Lanie”; a beloved and cherished member of her family and community, passed away on February 19, 2026, in Cypress, Texas. She was born on December 17, 1958, in Kansas City, Missouri to Harrison Benjamin Tyler Jr. and Lillian Glenora (Pitts) Tyler. Marian's early life in Kansas City was filled with the warmth and love of a close-knit family.

She graduated from Southeast High School in 1977 and pursued higher education at Texas Southern University, where she majored in Business Management. Her professional career began working for Channel 41 News as the assistant to the program director. Her passion for advancement led her to a significant role as a buyer at the Lake City Ammunition Plant, where she was admired for her diligence and dedication.

On September 3, 1983, Marian married the love of her life, Oliver Wilkins. Together, they built a beautiful family and shared a partnership founded on love and mutual respect until Oliver's passing. To this union two wonderful children were born, Bryant and LaTisha. Marian's husband also blessed her with two amazing stepsons, Tony and TJ.

A woman of deep faith, Marian was an active member of Ebenezer AME Church, where she participated in various church activities, enriching the lives of those in the congregation. Her faith was a guiding light, offering her strength and comfort throughout her life.

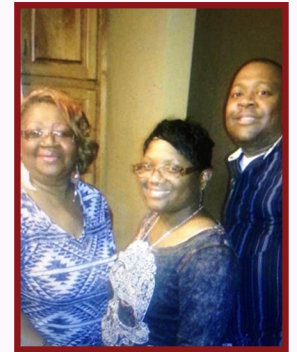
Marian was also a dedicated member of the Tyler Family Association, where she served as the corresponding secretary for several years. She was instrumental in organizing family reunions, and her crowning achievement was the successful orchestration of the 100th Centennial Family Reunion. This monumental event was a testament to her passion for family and her exceptional organizational skills.

If you knew Lanie, you learned that she never met a stranger. In fact, if anyone bore the last name “Tyler”, you had to be related to her! She would interrogate you by finding out who your mama was, your daddy’s last name and whomever to get down to the bottom line if you were family! That was her lasting feisty spirit, and everyone who knew her would agree!

Now, the heart of Marian’s world was her grandchildren: London, Mya, Mariah and Bryanna. They were her pride and joy. She was their biggest cheerleader, celebrating their every achievement with boundless enthusiasm and unwavering support. She was a passionate advocate for family, a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, amazing sister and a steadfast friend who touched the lives of all who knew her.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, Harrison Tyler Jr. and Lillian Tyler, her beloved husband, Oliver Wilkins, and her infant son, Little Harrison. Left to cherish Marian’s fond memories: her children, Bryant Wilkins and LaTisha Cole (Randall); her stepsons, Tony Wilkins and TJ Wilkins; her treasured grandchildren: London Cole, Mya Cole, Mariah Cole and Bryanna Wilkins; her siblings, Ben Tyler (Dimple) and Lynne Tyler; her nephew, Jonathan Tyler; and other loving family and friends.

The family requests that you keep Marian’s dream alive by continuing to stay connected. Support family reunions... She often mentioned that some of her greatest passions were to continue a legacy of love, dedication and unyielding commitment to family unity and togetherness. Marian Elaine (Tyler) Wilkins will be dearly missed, but her spirit and love will remain with us forever.



Celebration Of Life

Processional

Prayer & Scripture

Musical Selection | “I’m Gonna Be Ready” | Anya Carrae

Acknowledgments & Condolences | Sandra Hubbard

Resolutions | Tyler Family Reunion Association

Musical Selection | “God Is” | Junior Williams

Special Tribute | Grandchildren

Remarks | Two Minutes Please | Family and Friends

Musical Selection | “Walk Around Heaven” | Danielle Quinn

Words of Comfort | Rev. Rodney Moody

Benediction

Recessional