

## *Ivey Lee Wilson*

Ivey Lee Wilson passed away on June 21st, 2026, at the age of 97, in the presence of her children. She was born on February 14, 1929, in Charleston, SC, and later moved to Kalamazoo, MI. She worked at Borgess Hospital for 25 years and was a former member of Galilee Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After retiring, she returned to her birthplace, Charleston, and joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in 1995, under the leadership of the former Reverend Dr. A.D. Robinson Jr, and is now under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton Senior Pastor.

Mother enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading her Bible/ Scriptures, attending church, and praying nightly for a list of people. She had a passion for gardening and beautifying her yard, and she was very meticulous about cleanliness and order. She was 'Nana' to three church members' babies, who are now adults in college. She was a member of the Usher Ministry and the Golden Angels. She was loved by many friends and strangers. Just the other day, a bank teller told me, "She was a sweet and kind person" and treated others as a Christian should.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Victoria and Robert Wilson, her sister Lillian Sanders, and her brother Freddie Wilson. She leaves behind her four children to cherish her memories: Robert Wilson (Nell) of Kalamazoo, MI; Sidney Wilson of Kalamazoo, MI; Ivory (aka Missy) Wilson, and Sam Wilson of Charlotte, NC. She leaves behind four siblings: Janie Flood, Vicky Ravenel and Willote Wilson all of Charleston, SC, and Edward (Jessica) Gadson of Hollywood, SC. She was also a loving and caring person to two grandchildren: Michelle Wilson of Kalamazoo, MI, and Edward Wilson (Sherry) of Cincinnati, OH. She also leaves behind five great-grandchildren: Teri Wilcox of Kalamazoo, MI, and Kaylie, Carter, Kai, Millie (aka MJ), and Myles. Mom was loved and appreciated and will be dearly missed by her children and all who love her.

## *A Loving Tribute to Our Mother A Mother's Love*

by Helen Steiner Rice

"Her children rise up and call her blessed..."  
Mom is the proof God exists.

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 that 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 wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.



## *Order of Service*

Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton, Senior Pastor, Officiating  
Reverend Dr. L. Michelle Mitchell, Presiding

### **PRELUDE**

### **PROCESSIONAL**

Clergy, Deacons, Deaconess & Family

### **OPENING HYMN**

"Going Up Yonder"

### **PRAYER**

Reverend Gloria Lightfoot

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Old Testament Psalm 23

Minister Sonja Pinckney-Rhodes

New Testament Thessalonians 5:18

Reverend Lucretia Wilson

### **SOLO**

"Walk Around Heaven" Deacon David Gaffney

### **REMARKS**

Paul McKnight

Deacon George Brown

Deacon Charles Francis

Usher

### **SELECTION**

"I'll Make It Somehow"

### **FAMILY TRIBUTE**

Michelle Wilson

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTION**

Nikki Hardy

### **SELECTION**

"I'm Free"

### **WORDS OF COMFORT**

Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton, Senior Pastor

### **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton, Senior Pastor

### **BENEDICTION/RECESSIONAL**