

Acknowledgements of Appreciation



God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So, He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
Lovingly Submitted by,
The Family

Pallbearers

Toran Brown	Jay Ham
Marc Ham	Randall Hollingsworth
Demar Lynn	Raymond Townsend
	Vincent Wright

Flower Bearers

Church Usher Ministry & Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the Family of Wilma Ham Greason, wish to express our sincere thanks to our Church Family & Community Friends for the love and support you've given to us during Wilma's illness. You've rolled away the darkness of our days during our time of bereavement, and for this we truly give God praise.

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Sunrise: July 9, 1933

Sunset: February 29, 2020

Celebrating the Faithful Life and Service of



Wilma Ham Greason

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

12:00 PM

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

3 WATERWORKS RD • FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

Officiating: Rev. Ronald L. Sparks

Order of Service



Musical Prelude Kyle Smith, Musician
St. James AME Church, Newark, NJ

Processional..... Family & Clergy
“There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit”

Hymn of Praise “It Is Well With My Soul”

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Vernard Leak, PE
New Brunswick District

Selection..... “Praise Him”
Bethel AME Choir, Freehold, NJ

Scripture

The Old Testament: Psalm 1: 1 – 3

Elder Lynne Leath, Princeton Deliverance Center, Trenton, NJ

The New Testament: The Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:51- 58

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Auguste, Bethel AME Church, Freehold, NJ

The Gospel Revelations 7: 16 – 17

Rev. Thomas P. Johnson, Fisk Chapel AME Church, Fair Haven, NJ

Musical Interlude.....

Expressions..... (please limit to 2 minutes)

NJ Conference Missionary Society, Sis. Wilma Robinson, President

NB District Lay Organization, Sis. Andrea Felder, President

MC Business & Professional Women’s Club, Sis. Carol Penn, President

Freehold Community, Kevin Kane, Mayor & Nolan Higgins, Immediate Past Mayor

Stewardship, Sis. Torna Bell, Niece

Clergy, Rev. Ronald Sparks, Pastor

Wilma’s community involvement includes being past president of the Freehold Elementary School District Board of Education, past board member of the Western Monmouth YMCA Board of Directors, and past president and current treasurer of the Monmouth County Business and Professional Women’s Club. Her church and community work made her a legendary figure in New Jersey history. Wilma was the embodiment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream for a beloved community around the world.

Wilma is survived by and the proud mother of two children, Walter David and Wilma Diana; daughter-in-law, Janiece Sharnel; three grandchildren, Vaughn Lawrence Duende, Shaylah Elizabeth, and Samad Kweli; godchildren, Christine Hollingsworth and Deborah Whitt; sister, Lillie Ham Hendry; brother, David Ham; and a host of many nieces, nephew and friends.

She had walked through life with a smile, a helping hand, and an encouraging word for everyone. Everywhere she went, she left warmth and love. She was a living testament to “the Goodness of the Lord”. She was “Shug”, sweetness and loved.



Obituary



Wilma Ham Greason was born in Freehold, New Jersey, to two devoted parents, Walter and Lillian Ham. Her siblings were Marion, Katherine, Walter, Joseph, Leona, Lillie, David and Sally Anne.

She was the center of family life for hundreds of godchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was a lifelong member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Freehold, New Jersey. Her contributions to her church and her community have been many.

Wilma began her Christian service at Bethel A.M.E. Church over sixty years ago in Sunday School programs, weddings, farewells, and numerous special church projects. She faithfully provided the piano/organ accompaniment for Worship and Celebratory Services, and anytime a musician was needed. Wilma was faithful and willing to serve. Through the years, she has been the pianist for several area churches, and was currently the pianist for St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Red Bank, New Jersey.

For several years, Wilma was elected as a delegate to the African Methodist Episcopal Church Annual Conference. She founded the Bethel Scholarship Committee, which, for forty years, has provided financial aid to college students. She was a founding member of the Flower Club. The club's primary purpose is to beautify the church with floral arrangements throughout the year, and festive decorations during the holiday season. She has served on the Trustee Board, Steward Board, Finance Committee, Missionary Society, and Organized Lay.

Wilma's educational background includes studies in the Freehold Borough elementary and high school districts. She continued her higher education at Rutgers University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a Master's degree in Counseling. Wilma earned an Associate degree in Accounting from Brookdale Community College.

During her forty-year career as a civil servant, she shared her knowledge and talents as an employment counselor with the New Jersey State Employment Service in New Brunswick and Asbury Park, New Jersey. She also worked as a Mental Health Department Supervisor at Marlboro State Psychiatric Hospital in Marlboro Township, New Jersey.

Selection..... "Thank You Lord"
St. James AME Worship Team, Newark, NJ

Family Tribute.....Dr. Walter David Greason, Son

Selection..... "Total Praise"
St. James AME Worship Team, Newark, NJ

Acknowledgement/Resolutions..... Sis. Corliss Smith Mills
Bethel AME Church

The Reading of the Obituary.....(Silently)

Sermonic SoloDr. Pam Luke
Community Refuge Church, Manalapan, NJ

EulogyBishop Fred Rubin
Community Refuge Church

Recessional "Pass Me Not"
Bethel AME Choir

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery
Freehold, New Jersey

Repast

Bethel A.M.E. Church
Church Multi-Purpose Room

