



Celebrating a Life

In Loving Memory of

Wilnette Helene Woolridge Carey

September 20, 1946 - July 27, 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Visitation 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Funeral 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

J. B. Jenkins Funeral Home

7474 Landover Road, Landover, MD 20785

Reverend Pamela Browne, Officiant

Obituary



Born Wilnette Helene Woolridge September 20, 1946 to William and Virginia Woolridge, she and her younger brother, William Ronald "Ronnie" lived Powhatan, Virginia. Wilnette accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at an early age. She graduated from Pocahontas High School. She married Vandrew Atwell Whiting of Ivy, Virginia in 1966 and out of their union, her daughter Kimberli Rebecca was born. While their union did not last, the two remained friends until his death. Wilnette eventually re-married. From her union with Gerald Carlton Carey of Staunton, Virginia her son Gerald, Jr. was born.

Wilnette had two very successful careers. She was a dutiful employee of American Security Bank for 20 years, progressing from teller to Vice President of Mortgage Servicing. After her time at American Security Bank, she worked for Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she retired in 2009.

Wilnette was a true servant. She cared about everyone she met. There was never a time when she wouldn't offer a smile, a kind word, or even friendly conversation. She blessed so many and never expected anything in return because she always said, "That's just what I do." She gave assistance to people in need and took in many who needed a place to stay, regardless of her own situation. She even put food outside for the stray cats in her neighborhood. She truly was an angel here on Earth.

Wilnette's biggest treasure was her family. She never missed an opportunity to get together with family and she was always present at events for her granddaughters, Taylor and Sydnee (and there were LOTS!). In 2013 when her mother started to show signs of the onset of dementia, Wilnette without missing a beat, moved Virginia to Riverdale and was her primary caregiver until her passing in 2019. Wilnette never missed a chance to say how proud she was of her family. She never, ever ended a conversation without telling them she loved them.

On July 27 at 11:00 p.m., God freed her from illness, called her home, and presented her with the wings she'd earned over her 76 years here on Earth. Her presence will be missed more than words can convey.

She is survived by her devoted children, daughter Kim (Darren) and son Gerald Jr.; granddaughters, Taylor and Sydnee, a host of family and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother, Ronnie and her parents.

Order of service



Musical Prelude

Song: Thank You for Being a Friend

Opening Prayer: Reverend Pamela Browne

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Psalms 23

Jean McCollum

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Jean Brown

Obituary: Read Silently

Acknowledgement from Family: Sydnee Washington

Reading: Together in Heaven Denise Nicks

Song: Imagine Me

Eulogy: Reverend Pamela Browne

Song: Just Give Me Jesus

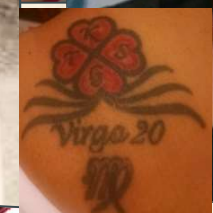
Benediction: Reverend Pamela Browne

Song: Goin' Up Yonder

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Psalms 27:4 (NKJ)

Acknowledgement:

Heart-felt thanks for the outpour of love, support, and condolences. We are forever grateful. It is a privilege to have good friends and something to be thankful for.





Together in Heaven



My dearest friends and family there are things I'd like to say;
first of all I'll let you know I arrived here safe today.
I am sending word from Heaven where I'll dwell with God above;
there are no tears and sorrow, there is only peace and love.

I had to leave you as my time on earth was through;
loved ones waited for me just as I will wait for you.
I missed them and I am happy to be with them again;
I want you all to know I'm here with family and friends.

God gave me many tasks He wishes me to do;
high up on the list is watching over all of you.
Don't think I do not hear you because I am out of sight;
remember I am with you every morning, noon, and night.

When your load gets heavy, don't cry too many tears;
then I can whisper to you what you will need to hear.
I always will be near you to guide you through each day;
remember when you need me I am just a thought away.

Our love will build a highway and our memories a lane;
I'll walk right down from Heaven and be with you again.
Remember when you miss me and I am on your mind;
although you will not see me I'll be just a step behind.

When your life on earth is over and your soul is finally free;
believe me when I tell you, you'll be coming home with me.