



Louise Wilkerson

May 7, 1929 - September 13, 2021

THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

Louise Jones Wilkerson was born in Buena Vista Georgia, right before the start of the Great Depression May 7, 1929, to Leonard and Verna Jones. It was a difficult time of hardship for millions, yet out of this era of suffering and lack Louise developed traits of resiliency, an unwavering faith in God, determination, compassion, and frugality. Skills that would serve her well and the many souls she touched throughout her lifetime.

Always at the top of her class, graduating Valedictorian from high school Louise was blessed with brains and beauty. She was a wonderful and eclectic mix of famed educator Marva Collins who believed in teaching the “unteachable”. She exuded the quiet strength of Rosa Parks and possessed athleticism much like the WNBA’s Breanna Stewart. Louise could hit a 3-pointer on her high school basketball court. Indeed, Mama had game!

Louise was an animal whisperer, a sophisticated “Elie Mae” if you will. Her most cherished pet was a raccoon named Roxie. She even trained Roxie to wash her hands before feeding her. She also adored her baby chickens and loyal dog. To claim she had a green thumb is an understatement. Louise spoke the magic language of the flora. A mere smile from her would make a flower bloom. Louise possessed a generosity of spirit. She effortlessly made

everyone feel comfortable and relaxed when they'd come to visit her home. Her sweet southern hospitality and cooking skills were legendary. She mastered baking biscuits, frying chicken and mouth-watering "made from scratch" caramel cake.

Louise married the love of her life, Anderson Wilkerson, Jr., and became Louise Wilkerson when she was "sweet sixteen." They were married until his death in 2005, for more than 60 years.

While living in the South she and her husband Anderson owned and operated a popular integrated restaurant in the South frequented by both Blacks and Whites, nearly twenty years before the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act became law. It was a bold accomplishment for that time.

After graduating from Fort Valley State College, (the same institution attended by famed civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., and during the same time), she began teaching roughly 100 students of all ages in a one-room school in Buena Vista, Georgia at the age of nineteen.

Her passion for education and children guided her life. While raising five kids of her own and working full-time as a teacher, she was unrelenting in her pursuit to better the living conditions for her family. For years Louise would ride the bus downtown to Wayne State University to take evening college courses. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education and eventually her master's degree in 1982 in instructional technology. In 1973, she was recognized in the book, "Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America." Louise retired from teaching after over 32 plus years in the profession from the School District of the City of Highland Park, in Highland Park, Michigan and Marion County Public Schools in Buena Vista, Georgia.

Louise's deep faith in the Lord was the hallmark of her success. She never missed church or Bible study with friends. People from all ages would often call her for prayer and words of encouragement and wisdom. Her favorite

bible scripture was the 23rd Psalm. She knew the Lord was her shepherd and she never had to want.

Louise went home to be with her Lord and savior Monday, September 13, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her parents Leonard Jones and Verna M. (Brown) Jones, brother Curtis Jones, husband Anderson Wilkerson, Jr., oldest daughter Linda Gale Wilkerson-Clement (husband Charles) and granddaughter LaTasha Wilkerson. She is survived by her son Anderson L. Wilkerson, III (wife Deborah) , daughter Clara R. Wilkerson, daughter Paula L. Lomax (husband Mark) Tonya W. Hibbett (husband Darryl) grandchildren Neesa S. Ndiaye, (husband Bouna) Anderson Wilkerson IV, Joshua Wilkerson, Jordan Hibbett, Carlitos Clement, and Raphael Clement (wife Robin) great grandchildren, Jasmine Wilkerson, Ava Rene Wilkerson, Anderson Wilkerson V, Alana Clement, Jazzlyn Clement, and Lucian Wilkerson and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Please encourage the Wilkerson family with words of love and courage on our Tribute page.

Mrs. Wilkerson's funeral service will be live streamed at 3pm on 9/25/21. You can join the Zoom livestream by visiting the "Photos & Videos" tab on this site.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Louise Wilkerson please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Strolling Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Family/Friends Time

SEP **25.** 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Louise Wilkerson*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 25, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Louise Wilkerson*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Louise Wilkerson*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Angela Simmons-Perry lit a candle in memory of Louise Wilkerson*



Angela Simmons-Perry - October 16, 2021 at 03:55 AM

AS

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Wilkerson. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you and hasten the journey of her soul to Heaven. In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.

Love, Always & Forever

Angela, Justin, & Tiffany Perry

Angela Simmons-Perry - October 16, 2021 at 03:54 AM

JW

“ To all of Andy & Louises family,

My sincere sympathy to you all today in the passing of your dear mother. She was always a bright & shining light to all. Many fond memories of being in their home, being in fellowship meetings with her. I remember the visit with your dad when he made his choice known to Jim Morehouse and myself then expressed his choice in the next meeting. Glad their retirement in GA were good days. I was so happy to be in the Columbus field when Louise was in Columbus with Tonya and family & we could reconnect.

I'm so sorry I couldn't be with you all today in person, but I was able to attend virtually and in thought.

Andy and Louise were always so thankful for the life and peace the gospel brought to them. Glad for a living hope for them beyond this life and the grave.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all these days. John Willbur

John Willbur - September 25, 2021 at 05:04 PM

AS

“ I have delayed in writing a memorial for Louise because how do you sum up such a special, precious person in a post like this. She will always have a place in my heart. Gracious, loving, kind, caring, meek, just one very special one of a kind lady. Louise you were a mother in Isreal to many, myself included. I will deeply miss you even though our lives only crossed maybe once a year.

Ann E Stickel - September 25, 2021 at 01:34 PM

LF

“ Lorna Long Balan and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Louise Wilkerson.



Lorna Long Balan and family - September 25, 2021 at 09:58 AM

DV

“ It's not so much a memory but a love that I have for Louise. A love that will never Diminished with time, I will miss corresponding with her very much since she moved back to Michigan And I appreciate knowing Louise and sharing a bond with her. A forever friend. Love, Darlene VanTrease

Darlene VanTrease - September 25, 2021 at 09:27 AM

Lj
Williams-
Cosley

“ One fond memory I have of Mrs. Wilkerson is Tonya, Paula and I would hang out every week and once when I came by, she said “Hey Cool y'all going out to drum up some business?” Meaning (start or get into some trouble). We were good girls, Right ;)

Lj Williams-Cosley - September 24, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.*



September 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *MAY GOD ALMIGHTY BE WITH YOUR FAMILY DURING TIME OF SORROW
AND GIVE YOU PEACE OF MIND IN TIME OF NEED
MAY YOUR LOVE ONE REST IN PEACE AND BE WELCOME BY
GOD ANGLES*

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY. (Burma & Rudolph)

MRS BURMA WILLIAMS - September 24, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.*



September 24, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Wonderfully kind woman that I will miss dearly.*

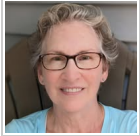


Karla Hollins - September 22, 2021 at 05:52 PM

GL

“ t wasn't our privilege to know Louise really well but the few times we were in her company made it apparent why she was loved so dearly by so many! Rest in peace my friend and wishing love and comfort to your family, Larry and Gladah Keeney

Gladah - September 22, 2021 at 11:24 AM



*“ Two words come to my mind when I think about Louise. Beautiful Spirit
So glad we got to know Louise and she will be missed.
Mike and Vickie Powell*

Vickie Powell - September 22, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.



September 21, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.



September 21, 2021 at 02:36 PM

HE

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Louise will forever be in our hearts. . .such a loving and giving role-model and will be greatly missed. We were blessed by her presence and grace.

Heidi and Brian

Heidi - September 21, 2021 at 12:41 PM

NP

“ With deepest condolences to the family and friends of dear Louise. Her kind, gentle, gracious, wise character was evident to all who knew her. Louise's steadfast faith had a very positive impact on so many lives. Her positive influence continues. We will miss her, and feel blessed to have known her.

Tom and Nancy Palmer

Nancy W Palmer - September 20, 2021 at 04:52 PM

GH

“ I don't recall ever visiting with Louise when at some point she did not mention how grateful she was for the Gospel and how it enriched her life. We valued her faithful life and fellowship and rejoice she kept the faith and finished well. My condolences to the children.

Greg Harger - September 20, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.



September 20, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Wilkerson.*



September 20, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *Louise was a Sweet Christian lady who lived her Faith every day! She left a testimony of her Love for God and his way of Truth. Her life was a Living sacrifice to the end! An inspiration to all!*

Eugene - September 19, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *It has been our privilege to know and love Louise. We loved her sense of humour, we admired her wisdom, and we were always encouraged by her love for God and her fellowship meeting. She has often expressed to us her great love for her children, her grandchildren, and all of her family. Our thoughts are with the family she loved so dearly.*

She will be sadly missed and her testimony will remain with us.

Richard and Christine Phillips

Christine Phillips - September 19, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Louise was a special lady. We were so glad when she came to our meeting as her addition added a richness and depth. She always shared such an honest, thoughtful and unique perspective when she had her time to testify what the Lord had laid on her heart. We will miss her quiet and gracious spirit.*

Steve and Amy Wellein - September 18, 2021 at 11:07 AM