



Wilma Jean Cage

September 30, 1946 - May 14, 2023

Obituary for Wilma Jean Cage

Wilma Jean Cage, affectionately known as "Peaches," was born September 30, 1946, in Dolomite, Alabama to the late Gracie Louise Knight and William A. Harris. Two years later, her beloved sister and lifelong best friend, Sherry Ann, affectionately known as "Scoopie," was born.

Wilma joined Alfred Gene Cage in matrimony in 1968. Their union produced four children: Candace Danine, Christopher Chadwick, Corey Chandler, and Christine Joy (deceased at birth). She also gained two stepchildren, Pamela Gene, and Keith Alexander through her marriage.

Wilma spent her early years in Alabama surrounded by her grandmothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She loved adventures like climbing trees and rolling down hills in tires, often resulting in mussed clothing and scraped knees. She loved music and developed a love for dancing at an early age.

Wilma accepted Christ as a child and was baptized at Birmingham Baptist

Church in Alabama. In 1955, at the age of nine, Wilma's family relocated to Detroit, Michigan for better opportunities and Wilma attended the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

Wilma was educated at Garfield Elementary, Tappan Junior High, and graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1963. After high school, she attended Detroit Business Institute to learn the most current business and computing methods of the day.

Wilma converted to Catholicism in 1980 and became a member of Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish. Wilma valued spirituality over religion in her later years.

Wilma worked for R.L. Polk for almost ten years before joining the Photographic Division of General Motors where she worked for almost 30 years. After GM, she continued similar work at Lason, until she shifted to a stint in automotive sales at Mattick Chevrolet and Jefferson Ford.

Wilma was blessed with five grandchildren: Chandler Eden, Cameron Keith, Kaelen Chase, Caden Chandler, Channing Colton, and two grandchildren by marriage, Chadwick Alexander, and Chelsea Alena. Her love for them was fierce and unconditional. In 2012, she relocated to Atlanta, GA to help care for her grandson, Caden, and later his younger brother, Channing, until her final trip to Detroit in 2022.

Wilma had many passions and creative talents. Her foremost passion was

gardening and horticulture. She had an extraordinary green thumb and could make anything grow! She loved cooking and hosting family and friends. Wilma also enjoyed the art of collecting (particularly carnival glass), attending antique shows, engaging in flea market flipping, creating needlepoint projects, refinishing old furniture, and other creative pursuits.

Wilma loved the city of Detroit, where she came of age and spent most of her adult life. She raised her children to appreciate the beauty and history of the city even when it sometimes struggled to find its footing. She was a member of the Detroit 300, the New Black Panther Party-Detroit Chapter, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Through these organizations, she met many like-minded individuals who were also committed to service and their civic duties.

On May 14, 2023, Wilma transitioned from this earthly plane to the heavenly one after a fierce battle with acute and chronic illness. Left to celebrate her life are her children: Candace Cage Cooper (Keith), Christopher Cage (Monique), Corey Cage(Qiana); son by marriage, Keith Cage; daughter-in-law, Vangeline Fowler; grandchildren, Chandler Cooper, Cameron Cooper, Kaelen Cooper, Caden Cage, Channing Cage, Chadwick Cage, Chelsea Cage; her sister, Sherry Ann Bradley (Donald, Sr.); her nephew, Donald Bradley, Jr.(LaDawn); her niece, Demetria King(Jonathan); her aunt, Tremender Thomas(Sonny); her uncles, Alfonzo Williams, and Chiner Ole Williams, and a host of cousins, extended family and dearly loved friends.

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Dear Candace, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May GOD's peace be with you in HIS time!*



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“ *Corey and Qiana Cage, we love you all very much and her spirit will live on forever. Prayers are given daily from our family to yours.*

Florist's Choice Bouquet - June 03, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sands, My condolences for your loss. Losing a love one, particularly a parent is difficult. May God send Angels to comfort and keep you. Thinking of, and praying for you and your family. Love, Cassandra*

June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a very nice summer day during my high school days and I had walked over from my uncle's home to hang out with Corey. Upon arriving I saw Corey painting the garage. I thought to myself, I guess we'll have to hang out later. Shortly after arriving; Ms. Cage says "your friend has to finish painting the garage"(Corey had put this off). Miss Cage goes on to say maybe your friend can finish sooner if you help him...lol...needless to say; I returned with my painting clothes and we continued the project...I think it took us a couple of days but I think the color still stands till this day!....lol That was Miss Cage....lol

Jonathan King

June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Cage and Cage-Cooper family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Cage. She was ALWAYS so kind to me and my mother whom I also lost 4 years ago. Mrs. Cage even talked me into buying an SUV, when all I wanted to do was visit her at the dealership one day !! I'll always remember her for the advice on life she would give me whenever we ran into each other. May God keep her now in perfect peace and rest.

Kylund Thompson

June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Though you may no longer be with us in person, your spirit and the memories we shared will forever remain in our hearts. Your presence brought joy, laughter, and warmth to our lives, and the impact you made on each of us is immeasurable. You welcomed me into your home on Vasser Dr. with open arms and to me it was like a 2nd home. Corey and the rest of the family will continue to carry your legacy forward, keeping your spirit alive through the bonds we forged and the love we shared.*

June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to Candace C. Cooper and family.*

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Florist's Choice Bouquet - June 02, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ *Wilma Jean Cage*

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“ *Material_candle_gold_thumbnail lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean Cage*



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“ *Soror Candace I offer my deepest sympathy to you, Keith and the children. May God comfort you.*
Stephanie Browne

June 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS AND TREASURED IN OUR MEMORIES

Purple Florist's Choice - June 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. Love, The Jordans & Costas

White Florist's Choice - June 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Bradley and the Cage family Prayers to your Family.

Peace Lily - June 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM



“ My friend peaches, loved her family an flowers. Always had a beautiful flower garden. Wilma was funny and a classy lady, loved having a good time. We always shared memories of working together an attending affairs her Mother Gracy would always say see you girls tomorrow, an she was always right about that, me and wilma would just look at each other and laugh. Wilma I'll miss the good old days and I'll see you tomorrow spread your wings. Love Dawn Williams you will never be forgotten ❤️ MY FRIEND you can plant your flowers now.

May 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ With condolences and Love from Keith Cage and family

Heart Of Peace - May 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM