

*Celebration for the Life of*



*Dirine Wilkins*

*July 25, 1938 – March 1, 2014*

*Friday, March 7, 2014 - 12:00 Noon*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

**256 Rosa Parks Blvd.**

**Paterson, New Jersey**

*Rev. Levi Garley, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

In loving memory of **Dirine “Trick” Basnight-Wilkins**, who blessed sunrise on July 25th, 1938 to a glorious sunset March 1st, 2014. Born to the Late Willie Bennet and Gertrude Walton-Basnight in Lewiston, North Carolina. The daughter of a proud share-cropper growing up in the pine woods and clay dirt fields of The Roanoke Rapids Area in northeast North Carolina. She went to Kelford school and continue support her family as in those days most children had too do. Family was the most important thing in her life. Surrounded by a large family of eleven siblings of brothers and sisters she was never alone. She remembered those days of play and wonder with her brothers and sisters to us.

Then one day a tall stranger came along name Walter “Tite”Wilkins and swept her off her feet. They eventually married in 1958 and wait a minute a child is born Gloria, “surprise”. That boy had too marry this girl, Willie Bennet wasn't the playing kind. Eventually Walter Jr, in 1960 and in 1968 everybody east of the Mississippi river would know Maurice. Head north young man.

The name Paterson would enter the family vocabulary. As Walter Sr went north she also did with her husband. They wanted a little something better for their family. Carolina was still in their hearts, but a new life awaited. She would work for Woolworth Pickle Company. She would send a couple jars back down south sometime. Later working at Celebrity Packaging Company and soon as homemaker for her family.

The one thing that would always distinguished her from everyone else was the “smile”. The “smile” that would light a thousands dark night. And no one but my sister carries that light in her now . Laughter was her trademark too the point of nearly passing out. Could anyone laugh as hard as her. Stubborn and set in her ways like a Basnight. Quick-witted with a word, but kind. She enjoyed being the matriarch of the North when her sisters and family would followed her up too Paterson. Caring for her sisters welfare was something very important too her. They loved cooking, card games and going South. She would carry on the family tradition that was handed down too her. Caring for others.

She is survived by her husband Walter Wilkins, Sr of Ahoskie, NC. Sister Penary Veale of Lewiston, NC, Sister Mamie Basnight of Lewiston NC, Sister Amaza Bridges of Paterson NJ, Sister Vertha Basnight-Williams of Paterson. She was preceded in glory by Brother Willie Basnight, Jr of Norfolk VA, Brother JC Basnight of Philadelphdia Pa, Brother John Henry Basnight of Lewiston NC, Brother King Salomon Basnight of Kelford NC, Sister Rudine Ward of Paterson NJ, Sister Gertha Mae Hardy of Paterson NJ, Brother Edward Earl Basnight of Lewiston NC.

In continuing her love too the ones she adored the grandchildren of Kyle, Jason, Isaiah and her greats Kyzmir, and Lil Jay. We very much Thank the Lord God of Mercy for His kindness, comfort and joy of a better tomorrow for his daughter. In celebration of her life and love for her family. We will weep, and laugh a little and remember her as though she is still here. Love is greater than death. Let us remember the Lord said I'm the God of the living not the dead. Let us all go on too glory she'll be just on the other side. The Wilkins Family thank you all. Amen

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy

Rev. Levi Garley

Recessional

## **Interment**

Arlington Cemetery

Kearny, New Jersey

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Dirine Wilkins** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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