

*Homegoing Celebration*  
*Gwendolyn A. Wilson-Ellis*

*December 4, 1947 – May 27, 2016*



*Service*

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 11:00 A.M.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ 07112

**Bishop Howard Peele, Officiating**

## Remembering Your Life

**Gwendolyn A. Wilson-Ellis** affectionately known as “Gwen” and “Momma” was born December 4, 1947 in Pensacola, Florida to the proud parent of Thomas Paige and the late Ann Williams.

Gwen received her formal education through the Florida School System and Newark Public School System, where she excelled in her studies. She then went on to college and became a nurse at the VA Hospital in East Orange, NJ where she retired.

Gwen was a devoted wife and mother. She loved spending time with her children especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. To her, “family” was the most important thing. She made sure her family knew how much she loved them. She loved meeting new people and made friends wherever she went. She was truly God’s gift to everyone she met and would always want to help everyone. She will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gwen was truly blessed. She was born on December 4, 1947 and departed this life on May 27, 2016 at Clara Mass Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Maisha Wilson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her father, Thomas Paige; her husband, Jefferson Ellis; her brother Wayne Burgess and sister Brenda Patrick; her 4 sons Darren Zow (Cassandra), Andre Bates (Andrea), Jerome and Larry Bates; her 8 daughters, LaKita Paige-Abdullah (Sufyan), Thomasina Paige-Brown (Calvin), Shauna Paige-Bearfield (Lamont), LaToya and Ophelia Wilson and Valarie and Sharon Bates, and Muqsitah Bassitt; 41 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional/Viewing

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament - John 14:1-7

Prayer.....Teresa Hunter  
(Granddaughter)

Selection.....Family  
(Can't Give Up Now)

Acknowledgements,  
Cards & Condolences.....Tatyanna Paige  
(Granddaughter)

Reflections/Remark (2 minutes please).....Friends and Family

Obituary Reading.....Shaquannah Paige  
(Granddaughter)

Selection.....Tanasia Paige  
(Dry Your Tears)  
(Granddaughter)

Eulogy.....Bishop Howard Peele  
Fellowship of Independent Churches

Final Viewing

Committal/Benediction

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

## When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me. Let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years.  
I gave to you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave to me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.  
And if you listen with your heart,  
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and say *welcome home...*"

### In Appreciation

The Family

Of

### Gwendolyn Wilson-Ellis

Would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and support shown to them  
during their time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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