

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Dorothy Wilson Lawrence

Sunrise
July 24, 1936

Sunset
March 24, 2022



Service
Friday, April 1, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Officiating

Jerome Jackson, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Lord I’ve Tried”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 27

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Prayer of Consolation

Selection

“When We all Get To Heaven”

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
350 Province Line Road • Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Obituary

On the morning of July 24, 1936, God shined his light onto the mountains of Passaic, New Jersey, where Edgar & Bessie Wilson welcomed a sweet baby girl named **Dorothy Wilson** to their family. Dorothy was always respectable in her youth and cared for the well-being of others. Dorothy's fascination with dolls began around the age of eight, with paper dolls that grew into baby dolls and eventually to porcelain doll collections. It was her passion to redress, design and change the outfits of her dolls.

Dorothy attended Parsons School of Design after graduating from high school in 1954. Her attendance was cut short due to caretaking duties at home. In addition to her education, she attended the school of speedwriting in New York and worked at Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, New Jersey. Mrs. Lawrence continued to study about Christianity throughout her life. Her favorite book from the Bible was the book of Psalms. Television shows that she enjoyed watching include cartoons, soap operas, sci-fi movies, and baseball games. She enjoyed reading religious books and researching African American history. Her favorite place to travel was Nassau Bahamas, Hawaii. During her travels on the train, she wrote a number of unpublished books and poetry.

She was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Passaic during the 1970s, however she was not happy with the things going on in the church at that time. She searched from church to church looking for a congregation that would stimulate her soul and deepen her understanding of the God who gave his only son to save us. Opey Robinson, a good friend of hers, told her about Grace Bible Class church choir, so she decided to visit. It was her love of hymns during worship and praise that set the tone for the powerful message of Grace Bible Church. She joined shortly after that visit and brought her grandchildren along as well.

Dorothy helped form a network of willing workers who raised money for the church's expansion along with women members of the church. The congregation held bake sales, invited choirs from around the world to perform, and offered constant aid to those who were sick or in need. Despite enduring a great deal during her life, she still gave to the church and helped others in need. It was her nature to be friendly to everyone. When times get tough, she always suggests turning to God, having faith, and taking everything day by day. Your life was our blessing, your caregiving was filled with love and you shall never be forgotten.

She was predeceased by; her husband, Morris Lawrence; mother, Bessie Owens Wilson; father, Edgar Wilson Sr.; daughter, Sarah L. Lawrence; brothers, Edgar Wilson Jr. and James Albert Wilson; sister, Frances W. Davis.

She leaves to cherish precious memories; daughter, Alisa B. Sherion; grandchildren, Julisa Lawrence, Jamal Lawrence, Tyheema Lawrence, Danielle McMillon, Alexis Lawrence, Regina Lawrence, Josiah Lawrence, James Lawrence; great grandchildren, James E. Lawrence Jr. and Jailyn Williams; the family's godmother, Tawnya Best; dog, Boo Boo Wilson and cats, Tinkerbell & Tyger Lawrence; and a host a family and friends.

A Direct Message from Dorothy

Lawrence Last Will and Testament

“I may have not been successful in my endeavors, but I tried. I had the privilege of traveling the world with my sister Frances and my best friend Sue which I enjoyed greatly. I had many dreams as everyone else does, but I had to turn into another direction. I was given two daughters whom I love dearly. I have eight wonderful grandchildren whom I adored. Due to circumstances I raise three of them. My Julisa was my listener even when she didn’t understand, my Jamal was my baby boy, my “handyman” after his grandfather passed away. My sports buddy, my brother, my friend who had passed away in 1994. My sister, my best friend, my confidant. There was nothing she wouldn’t try to do for me when I asked and she passed away in 2012. I married Morris Lawrence in 1974 and we were together for 36 years until he passed away on January 3, 2008. I love to sing and I love gospel music. Also, I traveled and sang with “The Odell Inspirational Choir.”

Acknowledgements

The family 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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