

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Janet Wilson

SUNRISE: August 20, 1955

SUNSET: August 28, 2022

Thursday, September 15, 2022 - 10am

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Obituary

Janet Wilson was born on August 20, 1955 in the Village of Harlem, New York (Harlem Hospital) to the late Jake and Jennie Wilson. She was the second born of four daughters. Her sisters, Patricia Wilson and Jacqueline Wilson, preceded her in death.

Janet attended New York City Public Schools P.S. 57 and P.S. 117. During these years, Janet developed a passion for crafting. She was designing and sewing her own outfits by the age of twelve. Janet knew how to crochet and knit and shared her knowledge amongst her friends. It was her dream to become a fashion designer. Some of Janet's other hobbies were cooking and baking, she loved to make her sweet potato pies and 30 day cakes during the holidays. Janet graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology in 1973 and in that same year her first son William was born.

Janet was young and ambitious, looking to start new opportunities and a new life so she moved to Albany, New York. She returned to Harlem in 1979, during this time her second son Hakim Wilson was born. Janet wanted to provide the best for her sons so she decided to move to Staten Island, NY. There she was employed at the 120th Precinct in Staten Island as a clerical clerk for a couple of years. Janet took the civil service exam and was called in for a position at the United States Postal Service. She worked her way up the ranks to a supervisor's position, after working for 26 years, she took an early retirement.

Once retired, Janet decided she was going to start her own business she called "Small Things". Creating one of a kind creations for children. Beautifully hand crafted blanket sets with matching dolls. She was the master crafter and very talented. Janet was fluid in knitting, crocheting, quilting and sewing. There was nothing she could not create. She was always working on a project. She became a member of the Crochet Guild of America, where she became certified to teach knitting, crochet and quilting.

Janet was ecstatic to become a grandmother, she was proud to matriarch her three grandsons. She truly enjoyed spending time with them traveling, cooking, teaching, nurturing and preparing them for life's journey. As life has its balances, Janet faced some difficult challenges in her life as well. The loss of her son Hakim was definitely one of them. Janet started to face health challenges herself and with each one Janet fought and didn't submit to adversity. She somehow carried on, her strength drawn from the friends and family of her tribe. At the center, her children and grandchildren were her heartbeats.

On August 28, 2022, God saw she was tired and brought her home into His care. She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her son, William Edmonds; three grandsons, William Jr., Sebastian and Elijah; her one surviving sister, Iris Dawson; one niece, Jasmine Harper; three nephews, Kai Borden, Cherokee and Cheyenne Graham; and a host of cousins and good friends.

Order of Service

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Scripture Readings

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Remarks

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Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:

Mt. Holiness Memorial Park
Butler, 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

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