



Cecelia Diane Wilson

October 5, 1954 - February 12, 2021

Obituary

Cecelia Diane Leonard-Wilson was born October 5, 1954, to Eugene Leonard and Helen L. Rogers-Leonard in Chicago, IL. She was the fourth of eight siblings.

Cecelia accepted Christ early in life when she joined Progressive Missionary Baptist Church under the Pastorship of the Reverend John D. Digby Jr., PhD, where she served as a member for over 45+ years. Cecelia attended Carver Area High School and graduated in 1972. In 1982, she attended Bryman College in Chicago, IL and earned an Associates in Nursing. Outside of nursing, along her journey, she became certified in various vocational fields. She was a jack of all trades.

Cecelia loved her family to the fullest. In 1975, she met a young man named Frederick L. Hunter, Sr., from Detroit, MI. They later married the same year and from this union three wonderful children were born, Washitha R. Hunter-Burton, Helen T.D. Hunter, and Frederick L. Hunter, Jr.

Cecelia served as a member of various committees and community organizations, such as: The Red Hat Society of IL, the Food and Clothing Ministry of New Mt. Calvary, Public Housing Advisory Council of MN, and served as a Caretaker of the Senior Building on Broadway. She also became a Mother of New Mt Calvary M.B. Church and, until her death, served as the Chair of the Mother Board. She was an instrumental steward who served in many capacities and ensured that God's word was shared with whomever she

came in contact with.

Cecelia, needless to say, lived a full life on her own terms and danced to her own beat (literally). She was given the opportunity to experience love on various levels. Later, in 2013, she married Kenneth Wilson, Sr.

Cecelia departed this life on Friday, February 12, 2021. Preceding her in death: Eugene Leonard Sr. (Father), Elizabeth McClaster-Garcia (Grandmother), Ida Grant-Rogers (Step Grandmother), Robert Rogers, Sr. (Grandfather), Sherry Rogers (Aunt), Robert Rogers, Jr. (Uncle), Frederick Hunter, Sr (Husband), Ronald Rogers (Uncle), Larry Leonard (Brother), and Anthony Barr (Son-in-law).

Cecelia is survived by her husband, Kenneth Wilson of Minneapolis, MN; mother, Helen Rogers-Leonard of Kansas City, KS.; three children, Washitha (Floyd) Hunter-Burton of Las Vegas, NV, Helen Hunter of Minneapolis, MN, and Frederick Hunter, Jr. of Jackson, MS; three brothers, Eugene Leonard, Jr., Marvin Leonard, and Ernest (Diedre) Leonard, all of Chicago IL; three sisters, Beverly Washington and LaVerne Harris of Chicago, IL, Sandra (Wayne) Coleman of Kansas City, KS; six grandchildren, Alexis, Kieara, Jonnita, Glenn III, Anton, and Glentrel of Minneapolis, MN; two step-children, Kenneth Wilson Jr. and Alisha Wilson of St. Paul, MN; three step-grandchildren, Marlisha, Martell, and Romel; four great-grandchildren Jordan, Anthony, Kameron, and King; two brothers-in-law, Anthony and Keith of Chicago, IL; three sisters-in-law, Grace, Helen, and Peaches of Chicago, IL. In addition, she leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Cecelia was a mother to three, but considered the following as chosen children and grandchildren: Quincia, Ethel, Q'montae, Dae'yanna, the Taylor Made Family (TMF), "her" Bishop and the entire New Mt. Calvary Family. Her kindred spirit will truly be missed.

Previous Events

Wake

FEB 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
3859 Fremont Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Visitation

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church
2639 Thomas Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Funeral Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church
2639 Thomas Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Tribute Wall

SB

“ We send our condolence to the family. Praying for strength and comfort during this trying time. Wishing you find some peace and solace to help you cope. Love always, The Blakey Family.

Stephanie Blakey - February 22, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RW

“ To our extended family- you all have our deepest sympathy during this time. We know that you all are a family of believers so please continue to lean on God’s word and promises to find peace and comfort. We love you and will keep you in our prayers. - The Walker family! RaShanda, Yvette, Butch

RaShanda Walker - February 22, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mrs. Cecelia Diane Wilson. I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends, community, and all who knew Mrs. Wilson. May her memories and life of service live on through each of you as well as provide you comfort during the difficult times.

Sincerely,

Ben Carter, III

Ben Carter, III - February 21, 2021 at 09:01 PM

OA

“ *The Tougaloo College Office of Academic Affairs wishes to extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Frederick Hunter and family in the passing of your mother, Mrs. Cecilia Leonard-Wilson. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Office of Academic Affairs - February 21, 2021 at 06:11 PM

BM

“ *To the family of Cecelia D. Leonard- Wilson
With prayers and heartfelt sympathy may God be your tender comfort in sorrow and bring peace and strength in the days to come
Ben and Ethel Mootrie*

Ben and Ethel Mootrie - February 21, 2021 at 04:31 PM

MW

“ *I extend my deepest sympathies to you Fred and your family. May the soul of your mother be at peace . I pray that God will grant you and your family strength. My most sincere condolences.*



Monique Ware - February 21, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KD

“ *To the family of Dr. Frederick Hunter, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. God will carry you through and continue to cherish the many memories of your beloved mother. May God continue to comfort you during this difficult time.*

KD - February 21, 2021 at 09:51 AM

AJ

“ To my dear friend Freddie, Sending you and your family healing prayers and comforting hugs as you honor the lasting memory your mom.



Alan Johnson - February 21, 2021 at 01:59 AM

DA

“ To my family. We might not have Cece in the flesh but we have so many precious, special and unforgettable memories that we can continue to share forever. I will miss her contagious smile and how she spoke her mind. Love cousin Debra.

Debra Anderson - February 20, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson.



February 20, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TJ

“ To my loving Aunt Cece you will surely missed. To my dearest cousins I love you guys. Continue to cherish the memories. A mother's love cannot be replaced.



Tammy James - February 20, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JO

“ Love and peace to Fred and family from Johnny, Eula and the Torres family in Chicago.

Johnny - February 20, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MI

“ I would like to send my condolences and prayers to the family. May God continue to give you strength and solidarity during your time of grieving.

Michael - February 20, 2021 at 08:54 AM

AS

“ To my friend and colleague Fred and his family during this difficult time you have my deepest condolences. May you find comfort and peace in the lord.

Aleesha Smith - February 20, 2021 at 04:15 AM

CA

“ Sending my condolences to the family and my dear friend Fred during this difficult time. I am very sorry for your loss.

Connie & Allan - February 20, 2021 at 12:50 AM

AD

“ To our beloved friend Fred, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Adalina - February 19, 2021 at 10:35 PM

RW

“ To my colleague, Frederick Hunter and his family, you have my condolences for your loss. As you remember your loved one, take comfort in this scripture, John 3:15 “That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” May God Bless and keep you all during this most difficult time.

Ron Williams - February 19, 2021 at 08:21 PM

SC

“ My sincere condolence to the family of Cecelia D. Wilson. I am sorry for your loss and will be praying for you all. Take care of each other and God will surely take care of you. With all my Love your Aunt Shirley A. Calhoun of Dayton Ohio.

Shirley A. Calhoun - February 19, 2021 at 08:14 PM

CH

“ My condolences go out to the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson ,also my sister-in-law. To all my Nieces and Nephews sorry for your loss.She will surely be missed.The families that Pray together Stays together, God Bless You All.

Curtis Hunter - February 19, 2021 at 07:58 PM

KJ

“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, for They Will be Comforted” (Matthew 5:4). Praying for my colleague, Hunter, and his family during this tough time...

K. James - February 19, 2021 at 07:36 PM

LL

“ Ms. Celicia my memory of you was the first time I met you, you welcomed me like I was one of your daughters. And that feeling and memory I will never forget. May you rest in the arms of the lord, you will be missed. Love you!

Lakisha Lewis - February 19, 2021 at 07:07 PM

BL

“ Sorry for your loss. She will be missed by all.

Ben Levy - February 19, 2021 at 05:33 PM

MW

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers for Freddie Hunter and his family.

Makeela Wells - February 19, 2021 at 02:25 PM

EB

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss. Will be praying for the family! Love you! ❤️

Emma Digby Boyd - February 19, 2021 at 02:02 PM

KH

“ Sending my condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family during this time of bereavement. May God bless you all! 🙏

Katina Harrison - February 19, 2021 at 01:28 PM

MH

“ Sending my condolences to my classmate and friend, Fredrick Hunter. May God grant your family peace during your time of bereavement.

Markessa Hughes - February 19, 2021 at 12:53 PM

ST

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Praying for understanding and peace during this time

Sean Thomas - February 19, 2021 at 11:45 AM

WM

“ Sending my condolences to the family - you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Whitney McDowell-Robinson
Tougaloo College*

Whitney McDowell-Robinson - February 19, 2021 at 11:34 AM

CL

“ Most heartfelt condolences during your time of bereavement to the Thomas family and friends. Special prayers for my friend, Fredrick.

Carmen Lewis - February 19, 2021 at 10:47 AM

ML

“ I did not have the privilege of knowing Cecelia. I have gotten to know her son, Hunter, as a colleague. He has shown himself as an excellent leader and teacher with a pleasant personality. I know Cecelia had a firm hand for his tremendous upbringing. My condolences to the him and his family.

Meherun Laiju

Meherun Laiju - February 19, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JW

“ Fred,

My sincere condolences are with you and your family as you grieve the loss of your beloved mother even as you celebrate her Sunset. I know you will always find comfort and joy in the warmth of her memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Joan Wesley



Joan Marshall Wesley - February 19, 2021 at 10:44 AM

GS

“ *My sincerest condolences to the grieving family. I can't imagine what you must be feeling right now, but I want you to know that I am just a phone call away if needed. Most of my knowledge of her comes from stories of parties featuring James Brown music and Chicago stepping. I hope the memories of those times brings you comfort.*



Gabrielle Smith - February 19, 2021 at 10:34 AM

LD

“ *Fred ,I'm wish to extend my condolences to you and your family. Your my brother and my friend just know I'm here for you. May god bless you and your family during this time of bereavement.*

Larry Daniels - February 19, 2021 at 10:27 AM

CL

“ Sending my Condolences too this family. I meet her only once, she was full off energy and love. There was not a dull moment too be in her presence. My God be with this family during this time. Weeping may endure for a night but joy come in the morning.

Cleveboycleve - February 19, 2021 at 10:09 AM

TH

“ My sincerely condolences to Fred and family. May God keep his loving arms around you in this time and forever. Much love ❤️



T Hawkins - February 19, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson.



February 19, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson.



February 19, 2021 at 09:57 AM

Nate
Lewis

“ Sending my condolences to the entire family:
May God bless you all I'm this difficult time



Nate Lewis - February 19, 2021 at 09:56 AM

MW

“ I regret that I didn't get the opportunity to meet this great woman. However it is evident of how beautiful, strong, and courageous she was by looking at her children. She's raised such strong and confident black leaders. I'm privileged to call her son Frederick a friend of mine and I send my sincerest condolences to the entire family. She will be missed but her legacy lives on through her children. May GOD continue to Bless and Keep You all. With Love, Martin Williams

Martin Williams - February 19, 2021 at 09:43 AM

AG

“ Though we never met, I have had the opportunity to know your legacy through your son, Frederick Hunter, Jr. I am appreciative that your resilience and wisdom will live on through him. Rest In Peace.



astria goalsby - February 19, 2021 at 09:15 AM

DC

“ My condolences to you and your family my friend be safe Derrick Clark

Derrick Clark - February 19, 2021 at 08:19 AM

KT

“ I never had the chance to meet Ms. Thomas, but I know that she had to be a wonderful woman to raise my good friend, Freddie. My condolences to her children and family. May your memories of her give you some peace and joy during this time.

- Kiara Taite

Kiara Taite - February 19, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson.



February 19, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecelia Diane Wilson.



February 18, 2021 at 03:23 PM