



Dr. Ida-Lorraine Jules Wilderson

February 10, 1932 - January 25, 2019

Dr. Ida-Lorraine Jules Wilderson peacefully passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019 in her Minneapolis, Minnesota home. Born February 10, 1932 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Ida-Lorraine was 86 years old. Predeceased by her parents Emily and Henry E. Jules, Sr., and her five siblings, Adrienne Jules Young, Linda Jules Adams, Inez Jules Davis, Henry E. Jules, Jr., and Weldon James Jules. Ida-Lorraine is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Dr. Frank Benjamin Wilderson, Jr. She is also survived by her son, Frank Benjamin Wilderson, III (62), daughter, Fawn Elizabeth Wilderson (61), daughter, Amy Althea Cousin (56, son-in-law Tyrone Cousin), and son, Wayne Henry Wilderson (53), six grandchildren Reba Wilderson, Maarya Cousin, Shaa'ya Cousin, Ijaaz Cousin, Manaal Cousin, and Esau Cousin, and also great-granddaughters Bontle Wilderson, and Violet Ruby Johnson, as well as many relatives and friends.

Having graduated from Xavier University Preparatory School (now known as St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School), she attended Xavier University in New Orleans,

taught 4 years in the Orleans Parish Public Schools, then went on to study at the University of Chicago. After that, she obtained her Masters Degree in Child Development from the University Of Michigan. Then to the University of California, Berkeley. After that, she went on to receive her PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota.

She and Frank and their three young children Frank ("Frankie"), Fawn ("Wanda"), and Amy (6 months old) moved to Minneapolis in 1962.

Ida-Lorraine was a Cordinator in the Minneapolis Public School System Department of Special Education, as well a Principal of many of the systems' schools. Ida-Lorraine was a Child Development Specialist in the Greater Minneapolis Daycare Association. Upon retiring from the Minneapolis Public Schools, she practiced as a licensed Clinical Psychologist alongside her husband. She was a Founding Member of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of the Links, Inc.; a proud Member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA); President of both Minnesota and Minneapolis chapters of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus; Twin Cities Chapter of Jack & Jill; a Board Member of the Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library; Board Member of the Overseers for the St. John's University School of Theology and Seminary; a Member of the Twin Cities Motorhome Camping Club; a Member of the Board of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. She and her husband Frank were co-Chairs of the Archdiocese Annual Catholic

Appeal; a Member of the League of Women Voters; Vice-President of the Urban League; she was long-time Member of the Basilica Choir; a Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; an experienced notary public and loan signing agent; and a Member of the Parish Council of The Basilica of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She traveled extensively with her family throughout the USA, Europe, Russia, and Asia, giving talks on child development and education.

She is missed by family, friends, and many associates.

There will be a visitation
Friday, February 22, 2019
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411
estesfuneralchapel.com

The funeral will be
Saturday, February 23, 2019
11:00 am
The Basilica of Saint Mary
1600 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Saint

Vincent De Paul Shoe and Coat Ministry at The Basilica of
Saint Mary

[https://mybasilica.mary.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?
pid=204](https://mybasilica.mary.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=204)

or

Xavier University of Louisiana

<http://www2.xula.edu/alumni/howtogive.html>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Basilica Of Saint Mary
1600 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tribute Wall

DC

“ To the Wilderson Family, I extend my deepest sympathies for the lost of such a wonderfully kind soul as Ida-Lorraine. The numerous reflective memories of the resounding professionalism, guidance and mere sisterhood Ida-Lorraine shared with me while serving as Principals in the Minneapolis Public Schools is with me even to this day. Now that she has entered into eternal life, I share with the family (especially you Frank) one of my favorite OLD hymnals: "Oh My Record Will Be There" --- Oh My record will be there, In a day not far, At the blazing Judgment bar, Even now the awful summons I can hear; I must meet the mighty God, I must face his holy word, I must stand before the judgment bar. Refrain: Oh, my record will be there, Be in pages dark or fair, When I stand before the judgment bar, When the books shall open wide, In the morning by and by, Oh my record, Oh my record will be there. Ida-Lorraine's record is there! May each of you be comforted by this hymnal's implicit meaning. With heartfelt thoughts and memories, Dr Jo-Anne Evans Coleman

Dr Jo Evans Coleman - March 09, 2019 at 01:23 PM

HF

“ HildaMCaples/CAPLES FRANK/NINAFAMILY
lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ida-Lorraine
Jules Wilderson



HildaMCaples/CAPLES FRANK/NINAFAMILY - February 26, 2019 at 06:46 PM

DF

“ Dear Wilderson Family,
We're so sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman.
With Love,
Dana Farner and Melissa Denton

Dana Farner - February 23, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Dr. Ida-Lorraine Jules Wilderson.



February 22, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Dr. Ida-Lorraine Jules Wilderson.



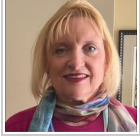
February 20, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family
of Dr. Ida-Lorraine Jules Wilderson.



February 20, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy on the passing of Ida-Lorraine. She was such a lady. I had the opportunity to get to know she and Frank at many University of St. Thomas events.*

Rachel Wobschall - February 18, 2019 at 10:34 PM

WW

“ *3 files added to the album More...*



Wayne Wilderson - February 14, 2019 at 03:49 PM

JW

“ *I am sending my warmest, most sincere condolences to the Wilderson family for your loss of Ida-Lorraine.
-- Jaye Austin Williams, Central PA, former student of her son, Frank, III.*

Jaye Austin Williams - February 11, 2019 at 08:48 PM

TG

“ *Remembering you fondly Soror Ida-Lorraine* 🍷💚!

Soror Tanya Griffin

Tanya Griffin - February 08, 2019 at 12:11 AM

JH

“ *My former Principa!!! Rest in heaven for a job well done!!!*

Jayn Higgins - February 04, 2019 at 04:31 PM

AJ

“ My family and I are long time friends of Mrs. Wilderson and the entire Wilderson Family. I remember the Labor Day camping trips, the Christmas Eve visits and the Christmas morning brunches. You will be truly be missed by your family and friends but your knowledge and experiences for the children you served will be carried on forever and ever. Bless the family during this time of grief. Ann (Hudson) Johnson

Ann Johnson - January 31, 2019 at 08:04 PM

NW

Good morning Family. Just a note to let you know you are in our prayers. I remember the family reunions and playing bid whist with Ida Lorraine, and the sharing of our family history and the importance of education but, God had a different plan this year. We send our condolences during this time of bereavement from Cleveland, Ohio. May God bless you and keep you all. Natalie Williams & Family

Natalie Williams - February 02, 2019 at 06:48 AM

MC

We are prating for your family that God will give you strength for the days ahead. We love you and will truly miss Ida Lorraine at our Harper Family Reunion in July. We still have wonderful and warm thoughts and memories of her to hold dearly in our hearts. May God bless you is our prayer. Cousin Michelle and Family

Michelle Bennett a Cousin - February 02, 2019 at 11:53 AM

GJ

I am 1st Cousin to Frank, Jr., we were saddened to hear of our dear cousin who have gained her angelic wings. Absent from the body is present with the Lord. We know she loved God and is now enjoying a relationship with Him that we cannot even imagine. She has lived and loved. May God give Frank, Jr. and your family the strength as you walk through the valley of the shadow of death. We love you and we are continuously keeping you lifted in prayer. Cousin Gloria and Family

Gloria Jackson - February 02, 2019 at 11:59 AM

HM

Rest in peace, Ida Lorraine xoxo

Heather McCoy - February 04, 2019 at 05:40 PM

KE

Mrs Wilderson- Simply the best! I will fondly remember our family gatherings where she made everyone feel so special. My heart aches for the family. Please find comfort in knowing she is at peace. Be blessed.

Love you! Kathie

Kathie Eiland-Madison - February 06, 2019 at 10:56 PM