



Mrs. Dianne Woolard Wilkins

May 7, 1948 - March 27, 2013

Late on Wednesday afternoon, March 27, 2013, our beloved Dianne Wilkins, peacefully journeyed home and took her eternal rest in the ever-loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

On May 7, 1948 William H. and (the late) Verna Mae Woolard were blessed by the birth of their third child, Dianne Woolard. She was born and reared in rural Martin County, Williamston. Dianne matriculated through Martin County schools and graduated from EJ Hayes High School in 1966. She furthered her education at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC where she obtained a Bachelors of Arts degree in History. Upon graduation she relocated to Trenton, New Jersey. There she became employed as an elementary school teacher and eventually became the director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for the City of Trenton. Dianne had a love for education and all of her subsequent employment focused on educating others, both young and old. Her work career involved teaching at Mercer Community College and volunteering and program director at Pitt Community College. Dianne's life changed forever, when she met and married the love of her life, Charles Wilkins, Sr. on March 24, 1973. To their union, they were blessed with two precious children, who were their pride and joy. In 1989, the Wilkins family relocated to North Carolina.

Her spirit of advocacy and belief in the improvement of community were demonstrated in service with the following organizations: NAACP, League of Women Voters, United Way of Pitt County, President (local & national officer) -

Parents for Public Schools, Voter Registration Registrar, Team Captain for Obama For America 2012 presidential campaign, and Pitt Partners for Health. Her passion for service along with her involvement in the community motivated her to launch CharWill Enterprises along with her husband Charles. Her business savvy coupled with her strong prayer life caused the business to flourish.

Dianne's commitment to excellence, her desire to help others and her love for God was extended through faithful membership at Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ, Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, NC and Philippi Church of Christ Disciples of Christ in Greenville, NC where she served in the following capacities: J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) at Shiloh Baptist Church; Director of Project C.A.M.E.R.A. youth mentoring program; Women's Ministry, Philippi Church of Christ; Board of Trustees, Philippi Church of Christ In January 2010 Dianne became a partner in ministry at New Dimensions Community Church, Greenville, NC, where she served cheerfully and faithfully until her passing. Cousin Di, as she was affectionately called by many of her co-members, served on New Dimensions' Executive Leadership Council; as Chair of the Healthy Lifestyle Ministry, providing leadership to New Dimensions' Annual Health Fair in June; Co-chair of the Church & Pastoral Anniversary Committee; on the Women's Conference Planning Committee; and she served in the Hospitality Ministry. Dianne was a fervent participant in "Can We Talk?" Women's Fellowship, where she often gave testimony to God's goodness and His healing power; she was healed of cancer!

Dianne was a two-time breast cancer survivor and always strived to motivate and encourage others by sharing her testimony at several Breast Cancer Awareness groups. She advocated for early detection and showed her compassion for others struggling with this disease by facilitating free screenings for women from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

Dianne's life and legacy will be treasured by her husband, Charles Wilkins Sr; her loving daughter, Sakeya Wilkins (Raleigh, NC); her devoted son, Jermaine Wilkins (Raleigh, NC); her precious granddaughters Morgan Wilkins and Kyra

Rogers, both of Raleigh; and her father, William "Baby" Woolard, of Williamston, NC. Also surviving are four sisters: Hattie M. Peel (Chesapeake, VA), Verna C. Woolard (Georgia), Mary E. Woolard of Lawrenceville, GA, and Angela Dorsey (Raleigh, NC); and one brother, Willie C. Woolard of Williamston, NC. Dianne was preceded in death by her mother, Verna Mae Woolard and her sister, Doris J. Woolard. Also cherishing her memory is a special aunt, Mrs. Daisy Woolard, a special cousin, A. Ray Rogers, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858
(252) 355-9995
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church
2131 Rodgers School Rd
Williamston, NC 27892

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dianne Woolard Wilkins*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Condolences to the Wilkins Family*



Duchess Hunter - April 03, 2013 at 11:26 AM



“ *To the Wilkins Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss, my
thoughts and prayers are with you. Diane had
a positive impact on the life of so many
people. May God comfort you and give you
His peace.*



Rev. Rhonda Grant Jordan

Rhonda Granr Jordan - April 01, 2013 at 04:08 PM



“ *June W. purchased the Our Sincere Condolences
Gourmet Gift Basket for the family of Mrs. Dianne
Woolard Wilkins.*



June W. - April 01, 2013 at 01:45 PM

EL

“ I will always cherish my memories of the time spent at Cornerstone with Dianne. My love and condolences to Charles and the children.
EC & Marlon Land



EC & Marlon Land - March 31, 2013 at 12:23 PM

DE

“ To The Family,
Prayers for your continued strength in this time of loss. Know that the Almighty God has you in His arms and He will comfort you. May you find peace in His Love.
Delores Nobles and Family



Delores - March 29, 2013 at 07:42 PM



“ Aunt Diane I will miss you so much. I can't believe you left us. You were so loving and helpful. When I needed your help you were there for me without any hesitation. I will never forget you. I love you so much
Shannise



Shannise Brown - March 29, 2013 at 06:00 PM

MW

“ Mary e W. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute S pray for the family of Mrs. Dianne Woolard Wilkins.



Mary e W. - March 29, 2013 at 11:44 AM