



## Ilene Williams Wooten

December 5, 1955 - February 22, 2023

A beginning and an end are charged to each of us. So, it was for Ilene Williams Wooten, who made her entrance into this world on December 5, 1955 to Willie Lee and Sadie Rae Williams.

Ilene, “Tootie Fruity” 67, was born in Ayden, NC and departed this life on February 22, 2023 at ECU Health- The Service League of Greenville Inpatient Hospice, Greenville, NC.

Ilene grew up in and around Ayden and attended South Ayden High School, Ayden-Grifton High School (Class of 1974) and Pitt Community College. While in high school, Ilene met Benjamin F. Wooten, they married August 17, 1974 and remained for 48 years. Within this union two children were born. During her childhood years Ilene attended Poplar Hill FWB Church, then later began attending Philippi Church of Christ faithfully until her health would not physically allow. She loved attending church and listening to gospel music. Ilene, being the oldest of her siblings, she was that sister that was looked up to. She was the queen of dress, known as the “fashionista” to all those that knew her. Ilene loved wearing the highest heels that she could withstand; kept her hair, nails and makeup complete for any and all occasions that would allow; always wanted to look her best and that was what she did. Ilene was also known for speaking her mind and meaning what she said whether it was verbal or nonverbal with her “eyes” talking.

Ilene loved traveling and hosting gatherings with family, friends and the neighborhood kids with Tasha and Derrick. Ilene was that second mother to

their friends, and they loved her, even when she would scold them and they would not be upset, they would always come back for more. "Miss Ilene," the name they gave her.

Over the span of her life Ilene was employed at Rubbermaid (Empire Brush), Kroger, Cox Communications, Pitt County School System and Flanagan's Funeral Home. In 2010 Ilene decided to retire and began her memberships with Southside Seniors of Greenville, NC and South Ayden Alumni.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Ivan, Donnie Ray and Willie "Spanky".

Those left to cherish her memories are her husband, Ben, of the home; daughter, Derria "Tasha" Wooten of Lithonia, GA and son, Derrick Wooten (Lucretia) of Zebulon, NC; three sisters, Linda Kay Williams of Durham, NC; Marietta Williams of Winterville, NC and Karen Cannon (Anthony) of Wilson, NC; devoted friend-sister, Melody Simpson of Greenville, NC; nephews, Corey, Tremaine, Russell and Perseus; one niece, Montressa; one maternal great aunt, Icelean Tucker of Ayden, NC; one paternal aunt, Ethel Dean of Trenton, NJ; special lifetime cousins and friends, Thelma W. Walston of Greensboro, NC, Wanda S. Speight of Ayden, NC, Dollie W. Prayer of Winterville, NC and Patricia C. Graham, Tampa, FL; a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ  
3760 Philippi Drive  
Greenville, NC 27858

## Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Philippi Church Of Christ  
3760 Philippi Drive  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - March 04, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Ilene Williams Wooten*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Still thinking of you, Ms Ilene..your beautiful smil, genuineness and heart of pure gold..won't ever forget that it was your generosity that helped my mom keep me at NCCU during my freshman year..always giving and never asked for anything in return..love you always!!! Heaven has truly gained an angel.. Continued prayers and love, Mr. Ben, Tasha, Derrick and family*

*Humbly submitted  
Sherree Waller Rogers and Family*

**Sherree Waller Rogers** - March 15, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*

**LaVette Ford** - March 06, 2023 at 03:17 AM



KP

“ *Katina Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Katina Patterson** - March 04, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KP

“ *Katina P. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ilene Williams Wooten.*



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**Katina P.** - March 04, 2023 at 01:16 PM

TB

“ *Our prayers and condolences are with the Wooten/Williams family. They were our neighbors for many years on King St in Ayden. Such a beautiful lady. She will be missed. May God give you peace and strength during this time of bereavement.*

*Love*

*Tracy Blount and the Blount family*

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**Tracy D Blount** - March 04, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Josephine Williams lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Josephine Williams** - March 04, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *To Derrick and family, may God comfort you all in losing of you Mother. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. She fought til the end but God knew the road was getting to rocky so He called her to come home. Love you Dertick. Praying for your family in Jesus Name Amen. From Mary, Brooks, Shon and Reggie*



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**Mary E. Brooks** - March 04, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Janice Reid** - March 04, 2023 at 07:26 AM

DI

“ *Sending my Sincerest Condolences and Prayers to the Williams and Wooten Family. Ilene was always a kind, beautiful and intelligent black women. We had so much fun as kids in A town. Rest In Heaven Ilene.*

*Diane Williams Payton*

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**Diane Williams illiams** - March 04, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Johnetta Myers lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Johnetta Myers** - March 03, 2023 at 11:27 PM

BN

“ *Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Betty Nurse** - March 03, 2023 at 06:38 PM

MM

“ *Michele Moore lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Michele Moore** - March 03, 2023 at 04:40 PM

MT

“ *Ben, Tasha and Derrick,  
May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this  
time as you celebrate the life of Ilene. Thinking of you and your  
family.*

Marsha Taylor - March 03, 2023 at 10:37 AM

MT

“ *Marsha Taylor lit a candle in memory of Ilene  
Williams Wooten*



Marsha Taylor - March 03, 2023 at 10:29 AM

BG

“ *Belinda McLawhorn Gallop lit a candle in  
memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



Belinda McLawhorn Gallop - March 02, 2023 at 10:29 PM

GA

“ *Ilene was a very good person and I will  
strongly miss her and that gorgeous smile.  
Love you all deeply Barry & Gwendolyn Alford*



Gwendolyn Alford - March 02, 2023 at 06:53 PM

AH

“ With our sincere sympathy to Ben and family.  
Alton and Ella Harris



Alton Harris - March 02, 2023 at 05:58 PM

RH

“ My condolences and prayers are with the family. Me and Ilene work at Kroger grocery store many years together. She would always making me laugh and was a wonderful woman, always had a beautiful smile. When I would see her at the cable company she would always stop what she was doing and come and give me a hug. Earthy lost and Heaven gain. 🙏❤️🙏❤️ Rev.Cathy Harper

Rev.Cathy Harper - March 02, 2023 at 01:22 PM

BL

“ Butler Shirley Lewis lit a candle in memory of  
Ilene Wooten



Butler & Shirley Lewis - March 02, 2023 at 12:46 AM

TN

“ Please know that we are thinking of you at this  
time of sorrow and the days ahead.

Rest In Peace  
Sister Wooten R.I.P.



The Moore Family (formerly of NC) - March 01, 2023 at 10:12 PM

PC

“ Patricia Conway lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten



Patricia Conway - March 01, 2023 at 05:57 PM

ST

“ Ilene, take your rest!! Ben, Tasha, Derrick - Ilene is a jewel. I am so glad to have spent time with her. She will always be in your heart!!



Sheryl Thompson - March 01, 2023 at 11:05 AM

BS

“ Beverly Spencer lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten



Beverly Spencer - February 28, 2023 at 11:41 PM

CH

“ She had a beautiful spirit and always brightened my day

Cheryl Hill - February 28, 2023 at 07:45 PM

TH

“ *Thetus Harris lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



Thetus Harris - February 28, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sending my condolences and also praying for peace and strength to my family. Ms. Ilene was always welcoming when I would stop by from visiting my Grandmother (Mom Mary) who lived on the same street with my father Tony Tyson. Much love and light to her husband Mr. Ben Wooten and her daughter my cousin Tausha Wooten. I know she loved me, my father and my GM.*



Courtney Tyson - February 28, 2023 at 05:17 PM

JG

*To the family Ilene Wooten may God continue to keep you. She has received her complete healing. We love you. Wayne and Joyce Grimes*

Joyce Grimes - March 01, 2023 at 06:40 PM

JW

*To Ben, Tausha, Derrick, and the entire family... I am so sorry to hear about Ilene's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jan (Janet Burney Woods)*

Janet Burney Woods - March 01, 2023 at 09:49 PM

PG

“ *Ilene was a very special friend, someone who would do anything to help others. She was caring, strong will and loving with a big smile and a big heart. She and her family are very dear to us. I know we can't make your pain go away, but I want you to know Donald & I are here for you with a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen with, or anything else you may need. We will keep the Family in our thoughts and prayers. Love you and may God continue to strengthen you!*

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**Pat Graham** - February 28, 2023 at 04:09 PM

WR

“ *To Ben and family . We are going to miss the smile and voice of Ilene telling us Yall come on in when we stopped by. She will be missed. May God wrap his mighty arms around each of you because earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. William & Fannie Reddick*

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**William Reddick** - February 28, 2023 at 02:27 PM

PT

“ *Ilene and her family were our wonderful neighbors in Oakdale. She was a loving and caring person with a beautiful smile. My sincere condolences to her family during this time of sadness. May your beautiful memories of Ilene give you strength.*

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**Paula Tyson** - February 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JJ

*The Wooten's help made Oakdale the close knit neighborhood it was. Ilene was a sweet down to earth soul. She will be missed by many.*

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**James Staton, Jr.** - March 01, 2023 at 01:51 PM

NB

“ Always enjoyed being in Ilene's presence. She was full of wit and wisdom. Prayers of support to the family.

Nina Blackwell - February 28, 2023 at 07:44 AM

AO

“ Angela Ormond lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten



Angela Ormond - February 27, 2023 at 05:23 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 27, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DL

“ Sending heart-felt prayers to the Wooten and Williams Families. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength in the days and nights to come. God bless.  
The Lawrence Family of Ayden, NC  
(Evetta Lawrence-Davis)



Dr. Evetta Lawrence-Davis - February 26, 2023 at 08:35 PM

SJ

“ *Sylvia Taykor Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Sylvia Taykor Johnson** - February 26, 2023 at 07:33 PM

TB

“ *Ilene and I attended South Ayden school until my family moved to Greenville. We met up again after she and Ben married. She and I had great conversations and she was always the same. She said what she meant and she meant what she said. Rest in peace Ilene. Sending my condolences to the Williams and Wooten family.*  
*Teressa Burney Baum*

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**Teressa Burney Baum** - February 26, 2023 at 04:21 PM

DA

“ *I was a co worker of Ilene's at the cable office. She was a caring giving person and will be missed. Greeting me every morning when I came to work. My condolences go out to Ben, Tasha and Derrick may God support you and wrap you in his loving arms during this time...stay encouraged...David Allen*

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**David Allen** - February 26, 2023 at 12:31 PM

FM

“ *My condolences for the family. May God give you guys strength to go through this journey. My prayers are with you.*

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**Felicia Moore** - February 25, 2023 at 07:41 PM

JM

“ Ben, Tasha & Derrick, my heart goes out to each one of you and the family. Growing up with your family, Ilene was such a staple.... An example to a great deal of people. Stay strong and more importantly.... Stand together

Jhahbriel Moore Butler (Johnny Moore) - February 25, 2023 at 07:05 PM

TF

“ Mr. Ben, Tasha, Derrick and the Williams and Wooten families, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Ilene! Sincere condolences am prayers! Henry, Lillie and Jacquelyn McClaud!



The McClaud Family - February 25, 2023 at 05:42 PM

CA

“ Clara Alston sent a virtual gift in memory of Ilene Wooten



Clara Alston - February 25, 2023 at 02:25 PM

TM

“ Prayers going upto the Williams and Wooten family



Teresa Manning-Roach - February 25, 2023 at 12:23 PM

SW

“ *Shirlee R Williams lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



Shirlee R Williams - February 25, 2023 at 09:51 AM

DW

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the family praying for strength and comfort today and days to come*

Debbie Williams - February 24, 2023 at 08:04 PM

SS

“ *Sharon Stephens lit a candle in memory of Ilene Wooten*



Sharon W Stephens - February 24, 2023 at 06:28 PM

SE

“ *Deepest Condolences to Ben, Tasha, and Derrick during the loss of your precious loved one. She was a loving person and I thank her for loving my son, Corey, as she did so many others. May God Richly Bless This Loving Family , now and the days to come. My prayers are with all of you! Love and Blessings!* 🙏❤️❤️🙏



Sondra Early - February 24, 2023 at 05:37 PM

KD

“ If you grew up in Oakdale, you knew that Mrs. Ilene was everyone's mom. She was the sweetest neighbor, with a big open heart. All the kids loved her. My prayers are with Ben, Tasha, and Derrick. ~Kim Barrett Dunston & family.

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**Kim Dunston** - February 24, 2023 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ Ilene was a beautiful person, her smile would light up a room , when she wasn't able to attend church and you would visit her, she would have her Bible and a Christian T.V. program studying the word. She stayed close to God and he never left her, for the family as you know absent in the body is present with the Lord , we will all miss her. James & Doris

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**Doris Steeter** - February 24, 2023 at 02:08 PM

IJ

I thank the Lord for our lives passing at an early age. Ilene and I were classmates since elementary throughout High School. She's was a joy to be around. She will be missed. Iris Jean

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**Iris Jackson** - February 24, 2023 at 04:01 PM

OW

“ She was a very special Aunt to me as her nephew. She was a loving sister to my mom and the rest of her siblings. She was a loving mother of to of my favorite cousins and a loving husband to Uncle Ben. Also she was a loving Aunt to all her nephews and nieces as well too. I loved my Aunt dearly. She is the oldest Aunt I ever known. Even growing up she treated all her nephews and nieces like her own kids. She lived a tough fight and now with no more pain. She was a great person in heart and in spirit. Her love will carry on. I will miss you Aunt Ilene and always love you.

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**Octavius Williams** - February 23, 2023 at 09:51 PM

DW

“ *David & Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



David & Mary Williams - February 23, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JS

“ *Ilene always had a smile to share in good times and not so good times. My prayers and thoughts are with Ben and the family.*



Jeff Savage - February 23, 2023 at 02:58 PM

EH

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers Are With The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - February 23, 2023 at 12:04 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



Sandra Boyd - February 23, 2023 at 09:14 AM

MD

“ *Classmate and friend. Always the same, your kindness never changed and I will always remember our days at Ayden-Grifton. Even our brief hello and chat at the South Ayden reunion some years ago was a rehash of our school days. Our prayers & condolences to your family. May God grant you his continued strength and love during this time.*

*Minister Caffie Darden & Family, class of '74*

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**Min. Caffie Darden** - February 23, 2023 at 12:53 AM

R&

“ *Rev.Milton & Delores Staton &Family lit a candle in memory of Ilene Williams Wooten*



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**Rev.Milton & Delores Staton &Family** - February 22, 2023 at 10:04 PM