



Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer

December 5, 1939 - June 6, 2026

Reflections on a Life Well Lived

Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer, affectionately known as Velma Ree, transitioned from labor to reward on Saturday, June 6, 2026. She was born on December 5, 1939 to the late James Garland Wilkins and Beatrice Andrews Wilkins in Bethel, NC. She attended Bethel Union High School in Pitt County. She held various professional positions, including Secretary at the Bethel Police Department, Daycare teacher at Angie's Daycare and The Promised Learning Center and Community Action.

Velma Ree was a devoted, faithful Deaconess at Riddick Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She loved to sing and reading God's word to tell the goodness of Jesus every chance she got. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and met no strangers.

Velma Ree was preceded in death by her parents James and Beatrice Wilkins; her husband, Reverend Jasper L. Farmer; her sister, Judy Wilkins Little; her son, Darryl Keith Wilkins; granddaughter, Raynell Daniels.

Velma Ree leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, J. Gail Wilkins of Cheverly, MD, Twana D. Wilkins-Moye'(Hilton) of Bethel, NC and Dametia Wilkins Shorter (the late Gerald Shorter) of Cheverly, MD; a devoted daughter-in-law, Judy Wilkins of Bethel, NC; grandchildren, Jeremy Shepperson Shorter

(Staci), Lauren Daniels, Rebecca Alexandria White, Jaymes Wilkins Shorter (Tara), Ashley Daniels, Leon Perkins (Kimberly) and Randell Perkins (Shameka); one great-grandson whom she adored very much, Tyler Shepperson Shorter; one very special god-daughter, Kim LeGrand (Chris) and host of cousins, lifelong friends and church family.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Cemetery

328 Cemetery Road
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
200 S.Railroad St.
Conetoe, NC 27819

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Rev. Rhonda GrantJordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Rev. Rhonda GrantJordan - June 16 at 11:13 AM

VK

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family*

Vivian Knight - June 15 at 10:13 PM

RC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family - may God wrap His loving arms around you and give you strength and peace. Growing up in Bethel, our families were deeply connected. I remember fondly Mrs. Velma Ree singing in the Riddick Chapel Choir. She had a beautiful voice and a beautiful spirit. She was always kind. Take comfort in knowing that she is now resting with the Lord. May God bless and keep you.*

*Bobby & Rosslyn Jones Crandell
Charlotte, NC*

Rosslyn Jones Crandell - June 13 at 06:14 PM

CR

“ *Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore lit a candle in memory of Velma Wilkins Farmer*



Cleveland and Denise Rountree-Moore - June 13 at 03:52 PM

DW

“ *Dianne Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Dianne Wilson - June 13 at 02:34 AM

NJ

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family. Very sorry to hear this news. Ms. Velma and our Mom, Gwendolyn Drake would talk almost every night. Continue to trust God and know you will never be alone.*

Nancy Drake Jimerson, Greensboro, NC



Nancy Drake Jimerson - June 12 at 09:43 PM

JE

“ *JILL EBRON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



JILL EBRON - June 12 at 09:27 PM

MC

To my cousins, I send my sincere condolences, I be there today. I love you all. Rest in the Lord Velma Ree, forever in my heart ❤️💕

Mary Cherry - June 13 at 12:34 PM

RG

Sending love and sympathy to the family. Mother Farmer was a wonderful Christian woman of strength and kindness. I met her at Riddick Chapel and remember her with fondness and love.

Rev. Rhonda GrantJordan - June 16 at 11:11 AM

IH

“ *Blessed are they that Mourn for they' shall be Comforted. Matthew 5:4*

Praying for the Family

Irene Hunter

Irene Hunter - June 12 at 06:30 PM

RC

“ *VELMA WAS A LOVING PERSON;
ANYTHING SHE COULD DO IN WAY OF
AIDING ANYONE IN NEED , YOU LOOK UP
AND SHE WAS THERE. SHE ASSISTED
OUR FAMILY WITH WRITING OBITUARIES
FOR OUR FAMILY , NOT ONLY THAT VISIT EVEN AFTER OUR
LOVED ONE WAS BURY . TRULY GOD SENT ; TO HER FAMILY ,
WE ARE PRAYING NOW AND DAYS AHEAD FOR ALL OF YOU ;
GOD IS WITH YOU ALL
LOVE REV DORA COX / FAMILY*



rev cox - June 11 at 09:27 PM

RC

“ Rev Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer



rev cox - June 11 at 09:19 PM

DW

Remembering "Velma Ree" as a strong member of the Bethel community and cared for its citizens.

Dianne Wilson - June 13 at 02:35 AM

ML

“ Those we Love can never be more than a thought away, for as long as there's a memory, Velma Ree will live in our hearts forever 🙏❤️ 😊...The Wilkins, Smith and Little Family.



Mildred and William Little - June 11 at 09:06 PM

PB

“ I am deeply saddened for the family's loss. I pray God help lift your spirit during this difficult time.



Pm Brown - June 11 at 07:57 PM

IT

“ *Inez Toppin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Inez Toppin - June 11 at 07:14 PM

RH

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ms Velma. She was always so incredibly nice and kind, and I rarely saw her without a warm, beautiful smile on her face. I will always remember her with a smile of my own, and with immense gratitude for the time, laughter, and family she so generously shared with me. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*With love and remembrance,
Roslyn Highsmith ❤️*

Roslyn Highsmith - June 11 at 09:26 AM

BE

When I think of Velma, I think elegance, always wearing jewelry, smiling, soft spoken, and speaking truth. When I think of Velma it makes me smile. Very passionate, loving along with her family. Brenda Edge, cousin ❤️

Brenda T. Edge - June 12 at 10:47 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Hollis-Carr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Barbara Hollis-Carr - June 10 at 09:57 PM

EH

“ *With sincere sympathy ----Alton, Ella, and Amber Harris light a candle to honor the memory the beloved Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer!*



Ella Harris - June 10 at 08:26 PM

BN

“ *Betty Nurse sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Betty Nurse - June 10 at 07:38 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Cecily Sene - June 09 at 09:28 PM

SW

“ *Sharron Kay Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Ree Wilkins Farmer*



Sharron Kay Wilson - June 08 at 08:55 PM

CS

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



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 08 at 12:49 PM

AD

Alice Daniels I was so hurt to hear about the death of Velma. She will continue to be a special person in my heart

Alice Daniels - June 12 at 12:27 AM

CW

To the Wilkins family. My mother and Velma was very good friends. Velma and my mom was patients at Dr.A. Best. On Saturday mornings Velma would come to our home and wait for the office to open. She and my mom would talk and talk and sometimes go to Dr Best together. She's always been a beautiful sweet lady and friend to my mom. Her daughter Tawana, which I knew all her children, was more like her mother,friendly and very sweet. I use to carry my mom to Bethel all the time to Velma. I haven't seen her in awhile but I will never forget her.

Cynthia Williams - June 16 at 12:54 PM