

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Julia Mae Tucker Way Wilks, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each and every one of you.

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*Home Going Service In Loving Memory
of*

MRS. JULIA TUCKER WAY WILKS



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
1:00 P.M.

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PASTOR DOUGLAS HUDSON
-OFFICIATING-

*Reflections of the Life
of*

Mrs. Julia Mae Tucker Way Wilks

Mrs. Julia Tucker Way Wilks was born on December 4, 1935, in Congaree, South Carolina. She was the eldest child of the late David Tucker and Mamie Shiver Tucker. She peacefully departed this life surrounded by family on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Mrs. Wilks grew up in an area of Columbia known as Wheeler Hill. While living on *The Hill*, she was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and attended Celia Dial Saxon Elementary and the historic Booker T. Washington High School. After working for the Edward and Dovie Hornsby family, Mrs. Wilks was later employed at the Governor's House Hotel, on Columbia's Main Street. During her retirement years, she spent her time caring for two of her grandchildren.

At an early age, Mrs. Wilks received Jesus Christ in her life and was baptized at the New Light Beulah Baptist Church in Hopkins, South Carolina. As a teenager, she joined the Saint Luke Baptist Church, when it was located on Greene Street, in the Ward One Community of Columbia, SC. Mrs. Wilks continued her membership when the congregation moved to 5228 Farrow Road in the 1960s. While attending Greater Saint Luke, Mrs. Wilks participated in several church activities, including the Women's Day programs. She was also a proud and faithful member of the Greater Saint Luke Mass Choir. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Elizabeth Chapter #590. Mrs. Wilks loved the Lord, and she loved her family. She took great joy as the family circle expanded to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilks was preceded in death by: her husband, David Wilks; parents, David "Ted" Tucker and Mamie "Snow" Shiver Tucker; and sister, Louise Tucker Adams.

Mrs. Julia Tucker Way Wilks who was affectionally known as *Mrs. Julia, Mrs. Mae, Mrs. Wilks, JuJu, Aunt JuJu, Mother, Ma, Grandma, and Lil Bit*, leaves to mourn her passing: two sons, Christopher David Way, of Hephzibah, GA and Kenneth Leonard (Marilyn) Way, of Jonesboro, GA; two daughters, Valerie Way Ashford, of Columbia, SC and Wanda Wilks (Reginald) Haynes, of Columbia, SC; nine grandchildren, April Richardson, of Cullman, AL, Kim M. Johnson (Desmond) Mahone, of Chicago, IL, Kenneth L. (Samantha) Johnson, of Knoxville, TN, R. Terrell Ashford, of Charlotte, NC, Eric D. Ashford, of Columbia, SC, Reginald J. Haynes, of Columbia, SC, Briana F. Haynes, of Columbia, SC, Erica S. Way (Gerald) Woodard, of Warner Robins, GA, and John D. M. Way, of Jonesboro, GA; thirteen great-grandchildren; a special niece, Stephanie Adams, of Columbia, SC; many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Footprints

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*



Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Harry Singleton, III, Presiding

Prelude

Processional

Opening Selection..... "Oh, I Want To See Him".....Minister Anthony Outen

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Olivia "Nell" Wilson

Old Testament – Psalm 121 and Psalm 23

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Joseph Aiken

Musical Selection.....Reverend Olivia "Nell" Wilson and Minister Anthony Outen

Remarks.....Mr. David Tucker, *Cousin*

Words of ComfortPastor Douglas Hudson
New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

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