

Excerpt from “Upon the Death of Mother”

Author – Floria M. Wilson, 1970

Yours were hands that propped me up that I might learn to sit.

And held my hands and taught me how to walk.

When my legs were stronger and I could walk alone,

I wanted still to walk with you.

Your hands I wanted for fear I would fall,

But you, out of love and wisdom, made me walk alone,

So that I might be prepared for such a day as this,

And now that invisible cord which no man could sever,

Has been broken by the cold, gray hands of death.

But you, you have become etched so deeply

into my memory

That time nor tide can make you cease to be.

At my own bidding, you shall come to me

as once you did,

To censure my sins, and to praise my good works.

The eyes of my mind shall behold you as you were

when you were young and I toddled by your side

I shall again see you strong, beautiful, and proud

to be a mother.

Proud that you played a part in God’s greatest plan.

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Floria Mae Wilson, 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. A special thank you to Leevy’s Funeral Home, of Columbia, South Carolina. We hold a special place in our hearts for the staff of First Light Home Health and Pathways Hospice & Palliative Care for the care shown to our loved one. The outpouring of support has filled our hearts, and we pray a special blessing for each of you.

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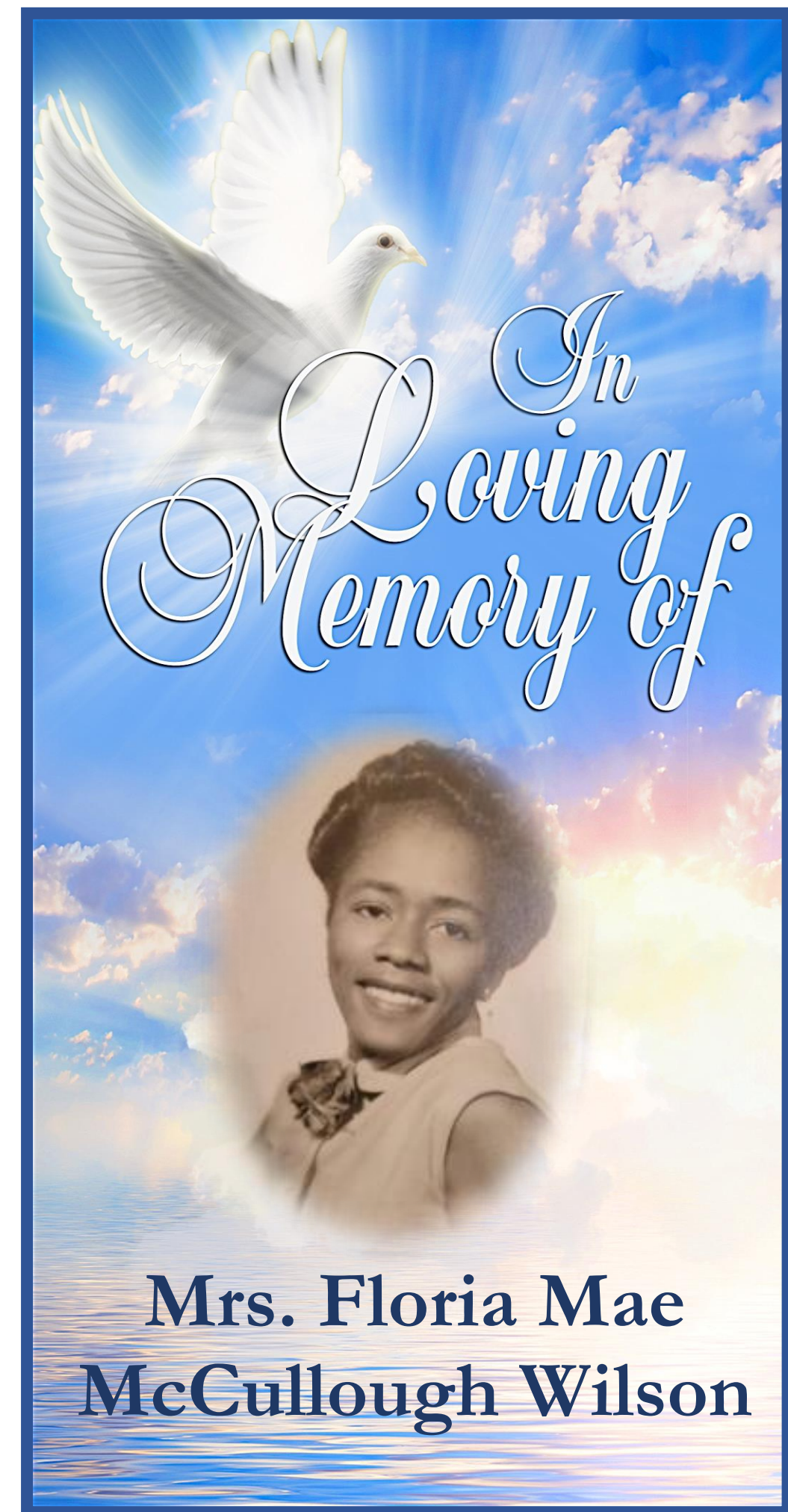


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Obituary

Floria Mae McCullough Wilson was born November 20, 1927, in Andrews, South Carolina, to the late Allen and Teresa Alston McCullough. She peacefully departed this earthly life on June 9, 2026, at her home. Floria was married to Moses Wilson for a remarkable seventy-two years. Together, they raised three children: Paul, Teresa, and Lauretha. She was preceded in death by: her infant daughter, Elaine Wilson; sisters, Mable Lee Wright and Geneva McCullough; brothers Richard Allen McCullough, John McCullough, and Cornelius Abel McCullough.

Floria was a graduate of Tomlinson High School in Kingstree, South Carolina. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. A gifted educator and natural teacher, she devoted twenty-eight years to the South Carolina public school system including, Gadsden Elementary in Richland County, Lakeview School, and BC Grammer #1 in Lexington County.

A consummate writer, Floria, published a book of poetry, “Not by Bread Alone,” in 1970. She described her book as, “a collection of poems based upon life as I have lived it and as I see it.” Floria also leaves behind numerous journals chronicling her daily thoughts, reflections on current events, and personal musings, which will be treasured by her family for generations to come. Floria found great joy in gardening and, together with her husband Moses, created a beautiful and peaceful home and garden that was enjoyed by all who visited.

For more than sixty years, Floria was a faithful member of Bethel AME Church in Columbia, South Carolina. She was active on many boards and committees including Board of Education, Pulpit Aid Board, Steward Board, Stewardess, Women’s Missionary Society, founding member of Live, Learn, Love, Senior Ministry, and the Renaissance Foundation.

Her memory will be forever cherished by her husband Moses Wilson; Son, Paul Wilson (Lavern) of Chesapeake, Virginia; daughters, Teresa Wilson and Lauretha Whaley of Columbia South Carolina; brothers-in-law, William Wilson and Levern Wilson of New York; sisters-in-law, Janie Wilson of Kingstree South Carolina, Julie (Bosie) Gibson, of Georgia, Rochelle Benbow (Henry) of Lane, South Carolina, Ethel Havens (Dennis) of New York; six grandchildren, Ronnie Livingston, Danielle Whaley and Monica Livingston of Columbia, SC, Kenneth (Angel) Whaley of Tampa Florida, Paul (Marley) Wilson of Kentucky, and Ashley Wilson of Virginia; nine great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, and nephews and other relatives who will miss her dearly.

Memories



Funeral Service
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 12:00 Noon

Bethel AME Church
819 Woodrow Street
Columbia, South Carolina, 29205
Reverend Bobby B. Cox, Jr., Pastor



Prelude
Processional.....Musician
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Viewing.....Funeral Directors
Opening Hymn.....Musician
Hymn 364 - “My Hope Is Built”
Invocation.....Reverend Betty Wannamaker
Liturgy
Old Testament.....Reverend Angie Cox
Psalm 23
New Testament.....Reverend Norman Duckett
John 14:1-6
The Ministry of Music.....Musician
“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”
Remarks.....Sister Ruby Brown, Class Leader Bethel AME
Sister Patricia Jenkins, President, Women’s Missionary Society
Sister Pat Geathers-Outlaw, President, Live, Learn, Love Senior Ministry
The Grandchildren
The Ministry of Music.....Musician
Hymn 348 - “It is Well With my Soul”
Eulogy.....Reverend Cole’ Weathers
Recessional.....Musician
“Living This Life So I Can Live Again”
Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and
Interment
Elmwood Cemetery
501 Elmwood Avenue
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