



Thelma Emelyn Wilson

January 29, 1943 - March 8, 2024

Thelma Emelyn Wilson, fondly known as "Grandy" or "Telly," peacefully departed this world on Friday, March 8, surrounded by the love of her family and friends, after bravely battling complications from a stroke she endured over two years ago. Her departure leaves a void in the hearts of those she loved and who loved her deeply.

She is survived by her cherished daughter, Samantha, and son-in-law, Che, who will deeply feel her absence but remain grateful for having been blessed with her presence in their lives. Alongside them, she leaves her beloved son, Brian, and his wife, Niki, who held a special place in her heart, sharing countless cherished moments and memories.

Thelma's spirit will live on in the hearts of her adored grandchildren, Amanda, Josh, Cyanne, and Sydney, who brought immense joy and laughter into her life. Her love knew no bounds, and her legacy of affection will continue to shape their lives forever.

In addition to her immediate family, Thelma is survived by her dear brother, Dennis, and sister-in-law, Anita, as well as her beloved sister, Eleanor, and her husband, Donald. Her warmth and kindness extended to her nieces and nephews, leaving an indelible mark on their lives.

While Thelma may have taken her leave from this earthly journey, the memories of her laughter, guidance, and boundless love will forever echo in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Life Church
12199 Industrial Blvd
Victorville, CA 92395

Tribute Wall

DA

“ My deepest condolences to you Samatha, Pastor Che, and family. I first met Thelma at WOT Barnes/Brown True Group. She was such a woman of wisdom and she definitely knew the Lord and his word. She had such a beautiful smile and so very graceful and loving. We greeted each other at church all the time. She will be truly missed, but, never forgotten. Now you are at the throne Thelma. What a glorious place to be. My prayers 🙏 and thoughts are with you Samatha and the Cowan family. God is right there with you. Debbie Sithole ❤️👍❤️👍

Debbie Aithole - March 27, 2024 at 03:48 PM

SM

“ Mrs. Wilson was an extraordinary woman, known for her kindness, compassion, and unwavering support. Her ability to listen with empathy and offer guidance made a lasting impact on those fortunate enough to know her. I personally cherished the moments I shared with her, as she always made me feel heard and valued. Having known her for years as the mother of my friend Sam, I developed an adult relationship with her after University and not just the teenager who was Sam's friend. I appreciated her encouragement and support in all our conversations. Rest in peace Thelma, your life was a testimony to all who knew you.



Sheryl Murray - March 27, 2024 at 08:44 AM

AW

“ I met Thelma Wilson back in September 1986, when I as a young lady in my early twenties started working at Standard Furnishings a subsidiary of R. Hanna & Sons. I admired the way she carried herself, always well put together as Jamaicans would say, hair always well kept. Thelma was a classy soft spoken lady whose smile would warm your heart. She had a kind heart, she surprised me once when it was my birthday with a chocolate cake that she had baked and frosted(it was moist and delicious). I felt so special as I had never before gotten anything like that from someone who wasn't family. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with her. My sincere condolences to Samantha and Brian, their spouses, children other relatives and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

Annette Watt - March 27, 2024 at 04:01 AM

SB

“ Shirley and Yvette Barnes, purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thelma Emelyn Wilson.



Shirley and Yvette Barnes, - March 25, 2024 at 08:46 PM

EF

“ Eleanor and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thelma Emelyn Wilson.

Eleanor and family - March 23, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thelma Emelyn Wilson.*



March 23, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma Emelyn Wilson.*



March 21, 2024 at 09:38 PM



“ *My earliest memories of Aunt Thelma were of her smiling warmly. She embodied love and warmth and all of that went into her hugs and of course her cooking. That was one of the many ways she took care of those around her; making sure everyone was fed and full. My deepest condolences to my cousins and the rest of the family. We shall miss you Aunt Thelma but take comfort in knowing you are at peace. With love.*

Ashley Reid - March 20, 2024 at 06:45 PM

AL

“ I always admired this beautiful, classy lady who had a special seat in the pews on a Sunday morning with grandma in those early days at Swallowfield Chapel. Little did I know that I would later be a part of her family. I was always a shy person, but she welcomed me with that inviting smile to melt your heart. I'll never forgot how kind and encouraging Aunt Thelma was to me when I felt alone, abandoned, discouraged and was at the lowest point of my life. I never got a chance to thank her. RIP Aunt Thelma you will always be in my heart ❤️.

Andrea Lindsay - March 20, 2024 at 02:14 AM

DC

“ When I think of Grandy, her easy beauty and grounding presence come to mind. I remember her chuckles at something funny in a conversation while she'd have her back turned at the kitchen sink or counter, or while walking from one place to the other. She never seemed (too) ruffled to me, about anything.

Matriarch—this was the only way I viewed Grandy. I only ever saw her serve her family with love. Grandy was faithful, kind, matter-of-fact, yet gentle. She loved her family well. Grandy will always be part of who I strive to be to my children and grandchildren, when I get there.

Dannielle Carr - March 19, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Thelma Emelyn Wilson.



March 18, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JD

“ *Thelma’s smile & beauty warmed my heart each time she greeted me at church. She allowed the spirit of God to shine in her & through her. She will forever hold a special place in my ❤️. Condolences & hugs to her family 🙏🙏 Johnie Dandridge*

Johnie Dandridge - March 18, 2024 at 09:55 AM

RF

“ *I met Thelma who was a member of my Bible Study Fellowship discussion group during the pandemic. I remember her having a quiet, but excited joy for the Word of God. Thelma added to our discussions with wisdom and insight uniquely her own. I had the pleasure of meeting Thelma in person before she moved with her family to California, and it was truly my honor and privilege to have met such a gentle soul. My deepest condolences to her family, and prayers for strength and peace during this time of transition. I celebrate the life Thelma now has in the presence of our Savior who has welcomed her to her eternal home. ❤️. Ramona Ford, Arlington, TX*

Ramona Ford - March 16, 2024 at 11:44 AM

GG

“ *Grandy, as you are so fondly called by family . My first memory of you was in Jamaica at your house in Mona. You taught me how to make frosting, which you made for your delicious chocolate cakes. We always connected on food and recipes. It was a pleasure to have known you and been a part of your life. I am so glad I was able to see you and spend time with you early last year. I know you will be missed and cherished by all who knew you. Enjoy your new place of rest in the Lord.*

Gail Goldson - March 15, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DB

“ I met Thelma as the dashing, vivacious mom to my dear friend Samantha. She was so beautiful, well put together, and purposeful despite her quiet demeanor. She seemed to be the consummate precessional. Yet what struck me most was her devotion to family. I met her as Grandy. She was intricately involved in the lives of her children and grandchildren, evidenced in the amazing meals she lovingly prepared for the family. Her love was evident in the sumptuousness of every bite we were privileged to share. She was the grandma and mother-in-law of my dreams. Never intrusive, but always ready to be a backbone of support when needed. I shamelessly told Sam, her daughter, how much I envied her for the gift of that warm support she so readily received from her mom. Grandy was very kind to me when I visited them after having suffered a stroke. She made sure to prepare my favorite meals and made me feel welcome in their home. We became closer when she herself suffered a stroke and we could swap survivor and recovery stories. Grandy never lost her sweetness and beauty right to the end. Just before she left us, as I was considering what name I'd like to be called should I be blessed to be a grandma, Grandy popped into my mind. I thought it would be such an honor be called after so excellent a grandmother. It's a challenge I hope to one day accept with Thelma, the original Grandy, as my inspiration.

Diane Batchelor - March 15, 2024 at 06:30 PM

SL

God's comfort be with you all, and may your memories forever make your heart smile.

Shannon Leonard - March 15, 2024 at 07:03 PM

ML

Thinking of you all during this time of grieving. Praying for peace, comfort and many smiles as you remember her often.

Marci Loewen - March 16, 2024 at 03:25 PM

MA

Thinking of a beautiful family at this time as I gaze on the face of this lovely woman who I met back in October 2004. Beautiful Grandy, ever so pleasant, ever so graceful. She exuded so much warmth to me and my family. I remember she was a kind mentor to a young Diana who was looking after my younger daughter and would sometimes help to sit Josh and Amanda. Grandy passed on some real golden nuggets as a mother-carer-nurturer to a young girl who was so appreciative of the mentoring.

She was a hostess with the most-est as I enjoyed some of the clean and mean cuisine she would often cook up in time for the children's return from school. In so many ways Grandy made an indelible mark in our lives much less that of Samantha who often claimed she had the best mom in the world and wouldn't know what she would do without her! So sorry I never saw her before she transitioned, but I have my fond memories to last a long, long time, and oh yes, part of her family's heirloom which stands elegantly in my bedroom.

Rest in eternal peace dear Grandy. Heaven's angels must be so happy that you have arrived!

Maureen Aarons - March 26, 2024 at 08:54 PM