



Clara T. Wilson

November 9, 1930 - September 14, 2021

Clara T. Wilson, our family matriarch, was born Sunday, November 9, 1930, in New Freedom, PA, the fourth eldest child of the late Truman Fells Sr. and the late Edna C. (Nolden) Fells. Clara was the maternal granddaughter of former slaves who gained freedom and died free. Dating back to the 1800's, there are no recorded records of enslaved Fells family members.

Clara attended Bowman School, a one-room school, from first to eighth grade. She was the first Black to graduate from New Freedom High School, and Clara was proud to say she never experienced racism while growing up in New Freedom. Clara's family was the first African-American family in the State of Pennsylvania to operate a Dairy/Cow Farm from 1939 to 1999.

Clara's employment and civic path included New Cumberland Army Depot, Harrisburg School District, Central Dauphin School District, Meals on Wheels and Unity Temple #61. Clara helped to raise generations of family children, and she was instrumental in securing employment opportunities at the New Cumberland Army Depot for four generations of family.

Clara loved her God, her family and was a dedicated member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Harrisburg, PA, where she served with Stewardess Board C. Clara's recipe for longevity was putting God first, attending church, walking in faith and trusting God.

Some of her most enjoyable times were spent going to the casino, dining out and, foremost, spending time with her grandchildren and family.

On Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at the blessed age of ninety, while at Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Center, Camp Hill, PA, Clara transitioned from time to eternity joining her parents, Truman and Edna Fells; husband, Fredrick Wilson; her siblings, Bernice Pitts, Richard Fells, Robert Fells, Paul Fells, Geraldine Jackson, Ethel Fells, Truman Fells Jr. and Helen V. Scott; her son, Alan Wilson, and her niece, Robyn Scott.

Clara T. Wilson leaves to honor and cherish her legacy: one daughter, Linda Chapman (Gordon); her great-niece, Lakeysha Simpson; grandson, Christopher Chapman; granddaughter, Crystal Gyle; special nieces, Amelia Tyler, Pearl Nolden and Shalene Scott; great-nieces, Leasuja Talliferro, Imani Cameron and Noelle Cameron; great-nephews, Blaine Simpson Jr., Rev. Da`Laine Simpson and Dontez Patterson; best friends, Annie Gray, Mary Simpson-Phillips and Mary Randolph; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP 22. 7:30 AM (ET)

New Hope Living Baptist Church
395 S. 2nd Street
Steelton, PA 17113

Viewing

SEP 22. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Service

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Clara T. Wilson



Wallace Funeral Directors - September 22, 2021 at 08:06 AM

MW

“ Michelle Walker lit a candle in memory of Clara T. Wilson



Michelle Walker - September 22, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara T. Wilson.



September 21, 2021 at 03:51 PM

GB

“ *Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many fun and good memories of Clara knowing her from young age she was delight and very stylish. As on earth as in heaven she'll remain your angel. Her legacy that she share with you will always be special. .
Blessings , May God surround you with his love during your hours, days of missing your special angel.
Love you.
Gloria Beattie*



Gloria Beattie - September 20, 2021 at 09:43 PM

MS

“ *Mary Spencer lit a candle in memory of Clara T. Wilson*



Mary Spencer - September 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM

VP

“ *SENDING PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY
GOD BLESS ..FROM THE PITTS FAMILY*



Victoria Pitts - September 18, 2021 at 04:56 PM

SM

Beautiful picture, sweet memories ❤️

Sally J Miller - September 18, 2021 at 09:06 PM

PA

Family you have my sincere condolences. I have many fond memories of Miss Clara while growing up on Boas St. She will be missed. All my love. ❤️

Patricia Hinton Awotwi - September 21, 2021 at 10:18 AM

QM

Sending my Prayers and Condolences to the Family. Worked with Ms Clara for years in the Harrisburg School District. She was such a Beautiful Woman and joy to work with. She had a way to keep you laughing. You are loved and missed. Contito Rest in God's Heavenly Peace Rest Ms Clara.

Queenie McMillan-Ritter - October 18, 2021 at 03:50 PM

BM

“ *Barbar McClain lit a candle in memory of Clara T. Wilson*



barbar mcclain - September 18, 2021 at 10:13 AM

RC

“ *Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of Clara T. Wilson*



Robert Collier - September 17, 2021 at 01:12 PM