



Wilhelmenia Keith

November 13, 1922 - October 29, 2024

Wilhelmenia Roach Keith, the fifth child of ten children of the late Willie and Matilda Prioleau Roach, was born November 13, 1922, in Sumter, South Carolina.

Wilhelmenia, affectionately known as “Shorty” by family and friends, accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at the High Hills A.M.E. Church, Dalzell, South Carolina. She married Edward “Kooda” Keith on April 6, 1943, in Sumter, South Carolina. Upon relocating to Steelton, PA, she united in Christian fellowship with the Beulah Baptist Church in 1956 and was the oldest living member. Wilhelmenia retired with 31 years of service from the former Harrisburg Hospital.

“Shorty” enjoyed reading the Bible noting her two favorite scriptures, Psalm 23 and Psalm 27. Her favorite hymn was “Precious Lord.” She was kindhearted, calling everyone “Sweetie.” She didn’t say a lot, but what she said meant a lot. She also loved traveling back home to South Carolina on many occasions. She was well known for two of her dishes, Hoppin John (black-eyed peas and rice) and sweet potato pies. As recent as July 2024, she cooked a complete dinner for the family to enjoy. She enjoyed many television shows including but not limited to Wild Kingdom, Young & the Restless, Bold & Beautiful, the Golf Channel and following Tiger Woods tournaments. She also enjoyed solving crossword puzzles.

Wilhelmenia was preceded in death by her husband, Edward “Kooda” Keith; six sisters, four brothers, and one granddaughter, Yolanda Michelle Roach. In the quietness of the night, Wilhelmenia peacefully transitioned from labor to reward on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 101 years of age.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, a loving daughter, Janie (Anthony) Phillips; devoted son, Beauregard (Catherine) Roach; six grandchildren, Shawn Mosley, Keith (Christine) Phillips, Vernon (Karina) Roach, Reginald (Kymberli) Roach, Terria (Matthew) Soubik, and Anthony Phillips; 15 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Janie Gayle of Hampton, Virginia; a host of loving and devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; and devoted and caring caregivers, Clarence Roach (nephew), Faye Bush, and Michael Forney (neighbor).

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

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

NOV 7. 8:30 AM (ET)

Beulah Baptist Church
100 Livingston Street
Steelton, PA

Viewing

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beulah Baptist Church
100 Livingston Street
Steelton, PA

Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beulah Baptist Church
100 Livingston Street
Steelton, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Frances Waters lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmenia Keith*



Frances Waters - December 05, 2024 at 07:07 AM

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“ *Keith Phillips lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmenia Keith*



Keith Phillips - November 07, 2024 at 07:25 PM

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“ Grandma Keith (and family & friends), I am so sorry that I could not be with you today. I had a terrible accident yesterday that left me unable to come. I tried this morning but (without all the gory details), I just couldn't. I feel terrible that I wasn't there. Grandma, I love you so very much. You were the kindest woman I ever met. You accepted me into your family, as your own Granddaughter, as soon as Keith brought me to meet you. You don't know what that meant to me, especially when I had already lost my own grandparents and parents. I love you Grandma and I always will. I know you that are out of pain now and that brings me comfort. And I know that you are in Heaven with all of your loved ones gone before you, and I hope that you will finally be able to meet my parents and grandparents there as well - there are all kind and loving like you so I know you will like them. Go in Peace Grandma ❤️



Christine M Dolan - November 07, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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“ To Keith Phillips, Reginald Roach, and Family, I send my deepest condolences and prays for peace and comfort during this time. Lisa Tate (Garacia)

Lisa Tate - November 07, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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Thank you Lisa! 🙏

Keith Phillips - November 07, 2024 at 07:26 PM