



Ms. Wilma Garner

June 24, 1945 - November 27, 2020

Wilma Grace Lett Garner was born in Hoke County, North Carolina on June 21, 1945.

She departed this life Friday, November 27, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in

Fayetteville, North Carolina. She was the sixth child of the late Herbert C. Lett and Daisy

Ree Lett.

At an early age, Wilma joined the Second Missionary Baptist Church which services as the

family church for the Lett and Garner family.

In 1965 she married Wilbert Gary Garner Jr. Through this union Wilma would have her

one and only child. She was a mother of strength, love and fortitude. Giving everything

of herself to ensure her family was well cared for.

Wilma was woman of educational virtue, receiving her high school diploma from E. E.

Smith Sr. High School, (Class of 63), a Cosmetology license from Fayetteville Beauty

College and a certification in Data Entry in 1970. She would later receive her Bachelor of

Arts degree in Business Administration from Shaw University in 1991. That

year the

Garner family celebrated two graduations, (Gary G. Garner, E. E. Smith c/o 91).

After 35 years as a Purchasing Agent, she retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs

in 2004. Following her career as a federal civil servant, Wilma would move to the

classroom teaching math at Fayetteville Technical Community College and Northwood

Temple Academy until 2007.

Gracey, as some loving called her, was an affectionate caring person and friend, always

thinking of others first, looking to see the best in a everyone, "To know her was to love

her." She enjoyed listening to music, staying up late nights watching her favorite

television shows, cooking, horticulture, fashion and most of all shopping. Thrift store

owners did not stand a chance when she walked through the door. But, above all

Wilma loved spending time with her beloved family and close friends. Her sense of

humor, charm, smile and laughter brighten any moment. Wilma "Gracey" Garner was

loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Wilma is preceded in death by siblings Samuel McGill, Bernice Lett, John A. Lett, Curtis

Lett and Annie Thornton.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories son, Gary Gerard Garner (Shanette) of

Fayetteville, North Carolina; two sisters, Dr. Maxine Arnette (Duncan)

Fayetteville,

North Carolina and Paula K. Lett of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchild,
Darien E.

Logan; her lifer partner of 23 yrs., John T. Hart, a host of nieces, nephews,
cousins,
adopted sons and daughters.

Cemetery Details

Northside Cemetery

Fayetteville, NC

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Missionary Baptist Church
522 Old Wilmington Road
Fayetteville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Wilma Garner*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 03, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ *Sandra Kensey Banner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Garner*



Sandra Kensey Banner - December 21, 2020 at 11:44 AM

SG

“ *This is soooo beautiful, may God hold u close to him.Amen*

Shakeia Garofalo - December 04, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Wilma Garner.*



December 03, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GW

“ *Fond memories and reflections fill our hearts as we think of Wilma Grace. Always loving, kind with a beautiful smile on her face, Wilma loved us all. Gary your Mother was an extremely special Lady! Hold on to your memories and her forever love.*

Neighbors on the Corner of Emily Street - The McDonalds (Genie, Helena, Stanford)

Genie McDonald Wilson - December 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Wilma Garner.*

December 02, 2020 at 04:20 PM



JN

“ *Joyce Mc Neill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Wilma Garner*

Joyce Mc Neill - December 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM



DJ

“ To Gary, John and your entire family, I am sending lots of love and prayers your way during this difficult time. Wilma had a heart of pure gold. She was a true diva and I mean that in a good way. Perusing her closet and jewelry box was so much fun. And of course her cooking was second to none. I cannot begin to express what she meant to me and Jasmine. Wilma was a colleague, big sister, auntie, confidante and friend all rolled up in one. She was always there for me no matter what! My life will be forever enriched because of her love and kindness.



Daphne Jackson

Daphne Jackson - December 01, 2020 at 11:50 AM