



Dr. Arthur L. Wilson

August 28, 1928 - May 17, 2015

Funeral service for Reverend Dr. Arthur L. Wilson, 86, of Opelika will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, May 23, 2015 at Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church with interment in Garden Hills Cemetery. Rev. Melvin Perry is the pastor, Rev. Dr. Stephen Faulk will officiate and Bishop Dennis V. Proctor will be the eulogist.

On May 17, 2015, Dr. Wilson transitioned to his heavenly home. He pastored for over 65 years, with 50 of those at Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church in Opelika. During this time, he served as Treasurer and Past President of the Lee County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Dr. Wilson was a community and political activist. He was founder and organizer of Lee County Voter's League, the local chapter of NAACP and the local chapter of the Alabama Democratic Conference. Dr. Wilson was instrumental in leading the fight against segregation in the Opelika Public School system.

Dr. Wilson served on the Planning Commission, City Advisory Board, State of Alabama Advisory (during the Civil Rights Era); and was a member of the Board for the Food Bank of Lee, Russell and Macon Counties. He served as the first Dean of the Faith and Order Conference at Clinton Junior College. Dr. Wilson has received many awards and recognitions including Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Dr. Wilson was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Arthurine Sims.

The family will receive family and friends at 6:00 pm this evening at the funeral home. His remains will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

After a brief illness, Dr. Wilson exchanged his mortal soul for eternal life and leaves to mourn: a devoted wife of 66 years, Nancy B. Wilson of Opelika, AL; five children, Vandy L. Wilson of Columbus, GA, Dr. Linda Wilson, Carolyn (John) Dandridge and Barbara N. Frazier all of Nashville, TN and Rev. Michael L. Wilson of Newnan, GA. He also leaves to mourn 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Garden Hills Cemetery

1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Family Receiving Hour

MAY 22. 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
187 Columbus Parkway
Opelika, AL

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
187 Columbus Parkway
Opelika, AL

Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - May 22, 2015 at 04:40 PM

GP

Praying for the Wilson Family.

Gwenita Ponder - May 23, 2015 at 12:09 AM

ME

"May the life I lived speak for me". A soldier who stayed on the battlefield for the Lord.

Marycile Echols - May 23, 2015 at 07:52 AM

EL

May God Continue to keep you in his care.

Earl Lowman - July 18, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ Dr. Arthur L. Wilson

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM

BF

“ *Barbara Frazier lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Barbara Frazier - May 30, 2015 at 08:48 PM

SA

“ *I want to express my condolences for the recent loss of your loved one. Losing a loved one in death is the worst experiences in this world. Although no words or actions can fill the void of such a loss, the Bible holds out a comforting hope for our dead loved ones. It is called the resurrection. (John 5:28, 29) I have found much peace in knowing that I can see my loved ones again, and very soon. I invite you to visit www.jw.org for more Scriptural encouragement. Again, I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With Sympathy,
Sable*

sable - May 25, 2015 at 01:32 PM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'll see you when I get there!*

*~deaconess/sister
Juanita Brooks*

Janice Gordon - May 23, 2015 at 04:28 PM

TH

“ Although you are gone from this earth, you will always be remembered for your kindness, generosity, and compassion for others. Now that your work on earth is finished, your work has transitioned to that of a heavenly one.

To the Wilson family, may God continue to bless you and keep you safely in His arms.

Will always keep you in prayer.

Thomasine Hicks



Thomasine Hicks - May 23, 2015 at 04:16 PM

RR

“ Rev.Algie & Sister Delois Rawlinson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson



Rev.Algie & Sister Delois Rawlinson - May 23, 2015 at 09:34 AM

GP

“ Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.
Keeping you all in prayer.

Gwenita Ponder



Gwenita Ponder - May 23, 2015 at 12:14 AM

TB

“ Theresa M Brown lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson



Theresa M Brown - May 22, 2015 at 05:54 PM

TB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you (Barbara), and all of your family may GOD be with you all, in this celebration of your fathers life and always. Love always Theresa M Brown

Theresa M Brown - May 22, 2015 at 05:53 PM

OP

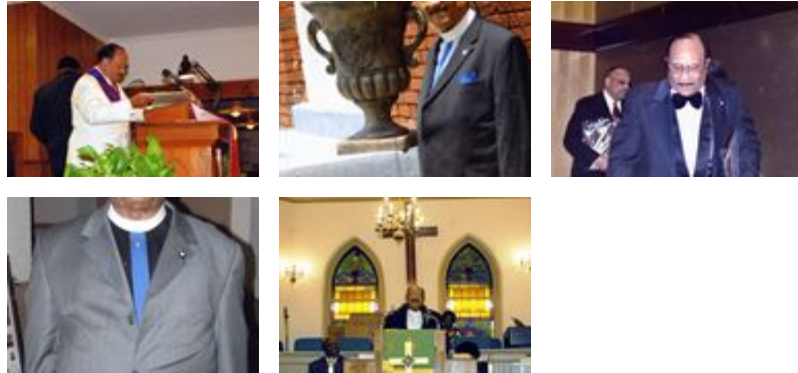
“ Ozell Preston lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. L. Wilson



Ozell Preston - May 22, 2015 at 01:17 PM



“ 54 files added to the album LifeTributes



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - May 22, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ Always a smile and a cheerful hello. Always willing to help others if he could. That was Rev. Wilson. He was always there for our family, and not just us, but many, many other families. To the Wilson Family, please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Dorothy M. Flakes
Muriel Thomas
Sireta Parker

Muriel Thomas - May 22, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ Kenneth And Robin Crowder, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson



Kenneth and Robin Crowder, Sr. - May 22, 2015 at 09:03 AM

RM

“ *Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George McCulloh are praying for the Lord to comfort you during your time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you!*



Rev. Dr. & Mrs George McCulloh - May 22, 2015 at 06:44 AM

GB

“ *Geraldine Booker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Geraldine Booker - May 21, 2015 at 08:57 PM

RM

“ *Rev. Janice M. Street*



Rev. Janice M. Street - May 21, 2015 at 07:00 PM

EH

“ *Barbara, our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
We love you,
The Frazier Family*

Etogle Harris - May 21, 2015 at 06:34 PM

PH

“ *Patrice Herring lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Patrice Herring - May 21, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson.*



May 21, 2015 at 12:22 PM

DP

“ *Doris Peagler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Doris Peagler - May 21, 2015 at 10:06 AM



Shawna Peagler

“ *He always use to ask me how school was and make sure I was alright. - Shawna Peagler*



Shawna Peagler - May 21, 2015 at 09:54 AM

JF

“ *Janice Frazier lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Janice Frazier - May 20, 2015 at 10:17 PM

JJ

“ *Jerry Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Jerry Jackson - May 20, 2015 at 09:54 PM

JJ

May the Holy Spirit abide with the family during this difficult time.

Jerry Jackson - May 20, 2015 at 09:56 PM

SH

On behalf of the Tuscaloosa, Bessmer District Christian Education Department. We wish to send our prayers in your time of sorrow. May God continue to bless and comfort the family. Love, Ms. Sadie Hendrix, C.E.D. District Director

Sadie Hendrix - May 21, 2015 at 11:57 AM

LE

Lillie R. Echols and the Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Family express our sincere sympathy and may God continue to bless your family.

Lillie R. Echols - May 22, 2015 at 04:38 PM

RL

“ *Rev. Beverly Lewis and the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church Family express our deepest sympathy. Your family is in our prayers.*



Rev. Beverly Lewis - May 20, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DM

“ *Doris McCaskill-Davison lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Doris McCaskill-Davison - May 20, 2015 at 07:34 PM



“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

Sis. Nancy Wilson and Family, I was saddened to learn of the transition of Dr. Wilson. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and know that I pray for God to grant you comfort and strength during this time of sorrow. May His love sustain and keep you.

Rev. Juliaette M. Smith, a former member of the Alabama Conference

Juliaette Smith - May 20, 2015 at 03:46 PM

SH

Tuscaloosa, Beamer District. Our deepest sympathy to your family. We will keep you in our prayers. Ms. Sadie Hendrix, District Director

Sadie Hendrix - May 22, 2015 at 04:49 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Wilson. My heart goes out to you and family during your hours of bereavement. My prayer is that the Lord will comfort you and give you the strength and courage to face the difficult days ahead. Remember, the Lord does not put any more on us than we can bear.

*With deepest sympathy,
Ruby H. Shambray*

Ruby H. Shambray - May 20, 2015 at 01:24 PM

RS

“ Rev. Lessie Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson



Rev. Lessie Simpson - May 20, 2015 at 01:12 PM

RB

“ I remember when I first got into the ministry, I asked Dr. Wilson, "What would be your advice to this young preacher?" He told me, "Always remember that no matter where you go or how far you go in our beloved church, Jesus saves and he is always in control." He always had wisdom to pour into those who were willing to receive it. He was a great man of God. My prayers are with the family.

*Rev. Thomas J. Betts, Sr.
Big Zion A.M.E. Zion Church
West Montgomery District
Central Alabama Conference*

Rev. Thomas Betts - May 20, 2015 at 11:30 AM

ME

“ *Marycile Echols lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Marycile Echols - May 20, 2015 at 10:07 AM

SF

“ *Sharon Finley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Sharon Finley - May 20, 2015 at 09:37 AM

BC

“ *Brian Crabtree lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Brian Crabtree - May 19, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ *Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson.*



May 19, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JF

“ *Janice Frazier lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur L. Wilson*



Janice Frazier - May 19, 2015 at 09:43 PM