



## Mrs. Elizabeth K. Wilson

March 25, 1924 - September 22, 2024

### Her Journey

Mary Elizabeth Kennedy Wilson, a cherished lady, known for her kind, loving, caring, and humorous personality, passed from this life into the arms of her Lord on September 22, 2024 at the age of 100 years. She died peacefully at her home in Washington, D. C.

Affectionately known as Lib, she was born on March 25, 1924 to the parents of Ervin Kennedy and Carrie Avery Kennedy in Black Mountain, North Carolina. She was the eighth of ten children. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Robert; her husband Edgar, and eight of her siblings. Growing up in a faith believing family, Elizabeth accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and united with the Thomas Chapel AME Zion Church in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Elizabeth's formative years were spent in Black Mountain but had to travel sixteen miles to Asheville, North Carolina to complete her secondary education due to the lack of schools available to African Americans children. After graduating from high school, Elizabeth attended a two-year college program at Barber-Scotia College, located in Concord, North Carolina. She later transferred to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Education in 1946.

After graduating from Shaw, Elizabeth spent some time in Cincinnati, Ohio to embrace new opportunities. However, she returned to Asheville and on June 15, 1947, she married the love of her life, Edgar. They then moved to Washington, D. C. where they spent the next 67 years together. She was Edgar's best friend and together they guided their family by Christian principles. She loved spending time with her husband. They enjoyed all sports. They were avid fans of the Commanders football team, the Nationals baseball team, and the Wizards basketball team. But the happiest times for her was celebrating she and Edgar's birthday together for their dates were one day apart.

Upon Elizabeth's and Edgar's arrival in D. C. they immediately united with the John Wesley AME Zion Church, 1615 14th Street NW. For many years, she served on the WHOM Missionary Society and a member and treasurer of the March Birthday Club. She was a faithful member of John Wesley until she encountered health challenges.

After the birth of her daughter in 1950, Elizabeth began her professional career with the federal government. Her first position was located with the Veterans' Administration. In 1952, she transferred to the National Security Administration where she was employed as an Analyst until her retirement in 1977, after 25 years of service. In addition to being a great mother, she was a member of a bowling league for many years. But her favorite past time was playing pinocle and characterized herself as "officianator of pinocle. She loved cooking and marveled in her specialty, hot rolls. When not involved in family matters, she was active in her community and served as the secretary of the 5100 Block Club of 3rd Street northwest. She was always very supportive of her neighborhood and reached out to help those who may be in need.

Elizabeth delighted in the joy of her family. Those with the most cherished

memories will be her daughter, Wanda E. Wilson (Washington DC), three grandsons, Eric Wilson (Melissa) of Atlanta, Georgia, Jason Wilson (Gayle) of Hawaii, Brett Wilson (Sonya) Portland, Oregon; great grandchildren, Bryce Wilson, Jaicyn Wilson, Rayah Wilson, Carron Gottschalk, Cameron Gottschalk, Raven Wilson, Gabrielle Wilson, Reese Wilson and 4 great- great grandchildren; One brother, Howard H. Kennedy (Jacquelin) of Atlanta, Georgia; one brother- in- law, John E. Wilson (Peggy); one sister-in-law Mildred Williams, Cincinnati, Ohio. and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me  
A crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only,  
but unto all them also that love his appearing

2 Timothy 4:7-8

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial Park

Baltimore Avenue (Rte 1)  
Laurel, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

John Wesley AME Zion Church  
1615 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

## Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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