



Ruthie Wilson

February 20, 1942 - August 23, 2025

Ruthie Mae Elston Wilson was a beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, and an esteemed member of the Talladega community. Born on February 20, 1942, in Talladega, Alabama to the loving union of John Wesley Elston, Sr. and Rosa Annie Mae Hunley Elston, Ruthie's life was a testament to faith, love, and service. Ruthie was an unwavering devotee of Christ, having accepted Him as her Lord and Savior during her youth at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Throughout her journey, she continued to nurture her spirit within the walls of Sycamore Baptist Church and Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, ultimately finding her spiritual home at Rocky Mount Baptist Church alongside her beloved husband, James.

Ruthie's dedication to serving others was evident in her chosen profession as a caregiver, dietician, and domestic engineer in the healthcare industry. She lived a life filled with compassion and grace, pouring her heart into those she served and ensuring that love was at the center of her work. She cherished her family dearly, being a devoted wife to her husband, James Wilson, and a loving mother to her two children, Victor and Katrina. However, it was her great-nephew, Fraj-e "Fred", who held a special place in her heart, her most treasured possession.

Known fondly as "Mrs. Ruby," Ruthie's home in Talladega was a sanctuary of warmth and nurturing, where countless memories were woven through laughter, love, and delicious meals prepared with care. Those fortunate

enough to know her were blessed by her infectious laughter, vibrant smile, and the unwavering support she provided to all. Ruthie enjoyed quiet moments on her porch with crossword puzzles, listened to gospel music and oldies that brought peace to her soul, and found joy in watching her favorite show, The Golden Girls. Her community involvement with the Dominoes Social Savings Club and especially her support of TCTS Athletics and Band Boosters, showcased her unwavering commitment to uplifting others. Her legacy of kindness will endure and is a reminder of the profound impact one individual can have on the lives of many.

On the evening of August 23, 2025, Ruthie Mae Elston Wilson peacefully transitioned from this earthly home to eternal rest, surrounded by her loved ones. She was preceded in death by her cherished parents, John and Rosa Elston, Sr., son, Rodney Truss, brothers, John Elston, Jr. and Howard Elston, sisters-in-law, Essie Ree Garrett and Effie Elston, and other loved ones who went on to glory before her. Ruthie Wilson's passing leaves a profound void in the lives of many, but the loving memories she created will forever linger. She is survived by her husband James Wilson; her children, Victor (Brandice) Wilson and Katrina (Casey) Burk; great-nephew she raised as her own, Fraje "Fred" Pointer; four grandchildren, Jonathan (Alicia) Glenn, Jasmine Morris, Amara Rhoads, and Braylen Burk; great-grandson, Anthony Hughes; Godson, Victor W. (Debbie) Wilson, Sr.; stepdaughter, Essie Garrett; aunts, Tommie Lee Garrett and Henrietta West; daughter-in-law, Sheila Truss; in-laws, Beatrice McKinney, Patricia Johnson, Register Pointer, Jr., Juliette Hill, Willie Pointer, Mary Nell (Rev. Edward) Wallace, Alice (Larry) Downs, John T. (Misty) Pointer, Deloris Hunt, Turetha Pointer, Larry (Kaneshia) Pointer, Gloria (Juan) Wilson, Kleckley (Marilyn) Pointer, Marilyn Reynolds, Evangelist Willie Anne Funderburg, Brenda (Spencer) Collins, Mary Rebecca (Bishop William, Sr.) Moore, Deyampert Reynolds, Jr., and Tony (Carol) Reynolds; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Their hearts ache with sorrow, yet they find comfort in the beautiful legacy of love and laughter Ruthie has left behind. The legacy of Ruthie Wilson will resonate deeply in the

hearts of all who were privileged to know her. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering love will be cherished and passed down through generations. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Details

Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery

1380 Jackson Trace Rd
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rocky Mount Baptist Church
1380 Jackson Trace Road
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barbara Scott lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Barbara Scott - August 29, 2025 at 10:06 PM

SE

“ *Sylvia Elston-Bable lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Sylvia Elston-Bable - August 28, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DJ

“ *Debra Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Debra Johnson - August 28, 2025 at 02:42 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Shelborne lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Gloria Shelborne - August 28, 2025 at 12:21 PM

T3

“ *The brothers of Brotherly Love Lodge 311 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ruthie Wilson.*



The brothers of Brotherly Love Lodge 311 - August 27, 2025
at 04:58 PM

SW

“ *Stanley Earl Williams lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Stanley Earl Williams - August 27, 2025 at 02:14 AM

RB

“ *Regina Truss Briskey lit a candle in memory of Ruthie Wilson*



Regina Truss Briskey - August 26, 2025 at 01:18 PM

FD

“ *From Elston Family (Buffalo & Detroit) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ruthie Wilson.*



From Elston Family (Buffalo & Detroit) - August 26, 2025 at
08:29 AM

FD

“ From Elston Family (Buffalo & Detroit) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruthie Wilson.

From Elston Family (Buffalo & Detroit) - August 26, 2025 at 08:29 AM