



W Emma Wills

August 31, 1945 - June 4, 2024

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a new eternal body in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. ... 2 Corinthians 5:1 NLT

We knew little that day that God was going to call Emma home. In life, we loved her dearly and now we still do the same. It broke our hearts to lose her. Nothing seems the same. Though the family chain is broken, it will one day link again. Today we miss her and though our hearts will never be the same, we know that we will see her again and our hearts will rejoice again.

Ms. Willie Emma Wills of Washington, DC was born in Eastaboga, Alabama to the late Willie Wills, Jr. and Rosa Lee Wills. She was the fourth of seven children,

Emma accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church in Eastaboga, Alabama. She continued her membership there until she moved to Washington, DC for a job opportunity. There she united with Second Baptist Church, S.W. where she was a dedicated member.

Ms. Wills was educated in the Talladega County School System, attending Salem Elementary School, Ophelia S. High School, and graduating from Talladega County Training School in Talladega, Alabama. She pursued her

post-secondary education at Wenonah State Junior College in Birmingham, Alabama in the field of business. She was an excellent student, resulting in an immediate job offer with the United States Department of State in Washington, DC after graduation. She moved to DC in 1969. There she worked in Foreign Services, serving as Program Services Specialist and Printing Production Coordinator with the United States Information Agency (USIA). She retired from Foreign Services in August 2005 after completing over 30 years of loyal, and meritorious service for the United States Government. Emma believed in doing the best of whatever she was involved in; thus, she did exemplary work which resulted in her receiving several awards at her job including Meritorious Honor Awards.

Emma had a great sense of humor, was a fun person to be around and had an infectious smile. She liked planning menus, cooking, traveling and it was always a joy to be in her presence. She had many positive attributes and accolades, but the most important is she was a child of the Most High God! She leaves to cherish her beautiful, precious, and loving memories, three siblings Dorothy Wills of Eastaboga, AL, Marvin Wills of Eastaboga, AL, and Dr. Cornelia Wills of Nashville, TN; a lovely goddaughter, Shauntee' D. Wills of Auburn, AL; sisters-in-law Cora N. Wills of Anniston, AL and Mary S. Wills of Eastaboga, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Ms. Wills was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Wills, Jr. and Rosa Lee Wills, brothers, William H. Wills (Anniston, AL), Lester Wills (Eastaboga, AL); and sister Frances Jean Wills Wall (Clarksville, TN).

Cemetery Details

Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

363 Sunlight Lane
Lincoln, AL 35096

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Lincoln, AL 35096

Tribute Wall

GL

“ Emma and I graduated in the class of 1968 from Wenonah State College. The Business Administration Class of 1968 send our heartfelt condolences to the family. Gwendolyn Lewis-Paige, Mary Lillie. Allen, and Glenda Garret-Chatman

Gwendolyn Lewis-Paige - April 21, 2025 at 05:14 PM

GL

“ Willie Emma and I studied at the same college, majored in the same curriculum, lived in the same dormitory while we attended Wenonah State College. My deepest condolences to the family. I pray that God will comfort and strengthen you as you ENDURE 🙏💕.
Gwendolyn Lewis- Paige.
Birmingham, Alabama



Gwendolyn Lewis-Paige - April 21, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JJ

“ Willie Emma and I attended the same high school and we were graduates of the class of 1963. My condolences to the family. I pray for your broken hearts to be healed.

J. W. - James Wesley Reynolds, Jr.



James W. Reynolds, Jr. - July 16, 2024 at 01:00 PM

CW

“ I always liked traveling with Emma because she was the only one I could count on to stay awake. Our greatest trip was traveling to Nashville to celebrate Cornelia's achieving her (and the family's) PhD degree. Bobby, Alphonzo (Al), Emma and I rode together and just had a ball laughing at virtually everything. I cannot remember a time talking to Emma or just being around her that wasn't filled with fun and laughter. I love you and I miss you Cuz! Curtis Wilson

Curtis Wilson - July 14, 2024 at 03:14 PM

AH

Hello Curtis, my name is Andre and I am from Washington, DC. Emma Wills was my godmother and I didn't know that she had passed away until I went to her apartment to visit and one of her neighbors told me that she had passed away. My number is +12023677049. If possible could you please give me a call soon as possible. Thank you for your time and attention

Andre Holland - October 18, 2024 at 07:14 AM

CW

“ Curtis & Beverly Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of W Emma Wills.



Curtis & Beverly Wilson - July 14, 2024 at 02:46 PM

WD

“ Your enthusiasm for life was infectious! We can hear your laughter in our hearts. You will be missed. Willie and Gladys Daniels

Willie and Gladys Daniels - July 13, 2024 at 07:25 PM

JF

“ When I moved to Washington DC in 1970, Emma was one of the first people I reconnected with since I knew her from Alabama. She welcomed me in her home so many times. She was funny... kept us laughing for hours. She loved sports especially the Washington Redskins. We watched many games together, dined at Tommy and Loree house often and had cookouts in the park. Later on we laughed about only talking when we heard sad news from Lincoln and promised to do better. Needless to say I was saddened and shocked when I learned of her death. RIP Emma. You've earned your wings. My condolences to the Wills family 🙏.



Jacqueline Fomby - July 13, 2024 at 06:33 AM