



Willie Lee Norris Wells

October 16, 1933 - November 28, 2021

My Mother...Willie Lee Norris (Wells) was born to John Paul and Olivia Harrison Norris on October 16,1933, in Gaffney South Carolina. She left this earth on Sunday, November 28,2021, at the age of 88. She was a loving and caring Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister and Friend to many. My Mother... was the eldest of eight siblings and she stood tall literally and figuratively as the Matriarch of the family. Growing up I witnessed a strong, independent minded person who was not shy about expressing her opinions, and sometimes using a few “spicy” words to carry the emphasis. She worked hard in various occupations throughout her working career. Leaving the south in the late 50’s to find opportunities in the north, she landed in Washington DC. She began her work experiences as a Domestic, but she always possessed an entrepreneurial spirit. She became an independent cab driver; owning her own cab in DC when very few if any women were allowed to drive a cab, much less possess ownership. Throughout her career she owned and operated several clothing and fashion accessories businesses. she worked as a postal clerk for a period of time at the post office on Capitol Hill. My mother was talented, and her talents were displayed in these and in many other ways. Not least of which were her cooking, baking, and sewing skills. Her entrepreneur spirit turned her baking skills into a profit while bringing joy into the homes of family, friends and acquaintances, especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. The selling point of her cakes and pies was that they tasted so good. I heard it said that Willie could cook an old shoe

and make it taste good.

You could sense that she had a great desire to pass along to her family and anyone who might be interested the knowledge and skills she possessed. If you ever had the privilege of knowing my mother well, you would have discovered that her greatest possession was her ability to love.

Here are the people I know she loved:

Her sisters, Teacora Watts, Dorothy Harris and brother, John Paul Norris (Ernestine); her siblings preceding her in death, Annie Pearl Stewart, Virginia Reese; brothers, Robert Norris and Tommy Norris. She also loved her grandchildren; Stephanie Wells, James Wells, Amanda Whittenburg, Patrick Whittenburg (Ashley); great grandchildren, Amari, Bria, Samiya, Ciera, Noah, Patrick Jr.; a great-great grandchild, Ahmir, plus her many friends.

We all love you too, Mother.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Oakland Baptist Church
3408 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302

Funeral

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Live Streaming Link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/845947086>

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A Mask MUST be worn for entry into the sanctuary

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Interment

DEC 4 (ET)

National Harmony Memorial Park
7101 Sheriff Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Willie Lee Norris Wells*



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