

The Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family
Musical Selection.....Mt. Zion Anointed Choir
Scripture Readings
Old Testament.....Pastor Margaret Spells
New Testament.....Pastor Roy Spells
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Richard Harris
Solo.....Minister Terry Ann Bridgers
Remarks.....Please limit to two minutes.
Pastor Margaret Spells
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church
Others
Solo.....Ms. Dionne Spells
Acknowledgements &
Obituary.....Ms. Lisa Savage
Musical Selection.....Mt. Zion Anointed Voices
Eulogy.....Bishop Robert Earl Daniels
Funeral Director's Brief
Recessional



Interment

Rest Haven Cemetery
1717 Bishop L.N. Forbes Street
Wilson, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family

Pall Bearers

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Acknowledgements

The family of Thelma Best Richardson acknowledges with grateful hearts and deep appreciation all expressions of sympathy extended to our family during our time of bereavement. Your kindness and thoughtful deeds have enabled us to bear the loss of one we held so dear. Thank you for your loyalty and support. A very special thank you to the staff of Wilson Pines for your tender and loving care. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and keep you forever in His grace and mercy.

The Best and Richardson Family

To the Family

*It appears that nothing surpasses
All your grief and despair
But God is a mighty refuge
And your loved one is in His care
Carrons Funeral Home Staff*



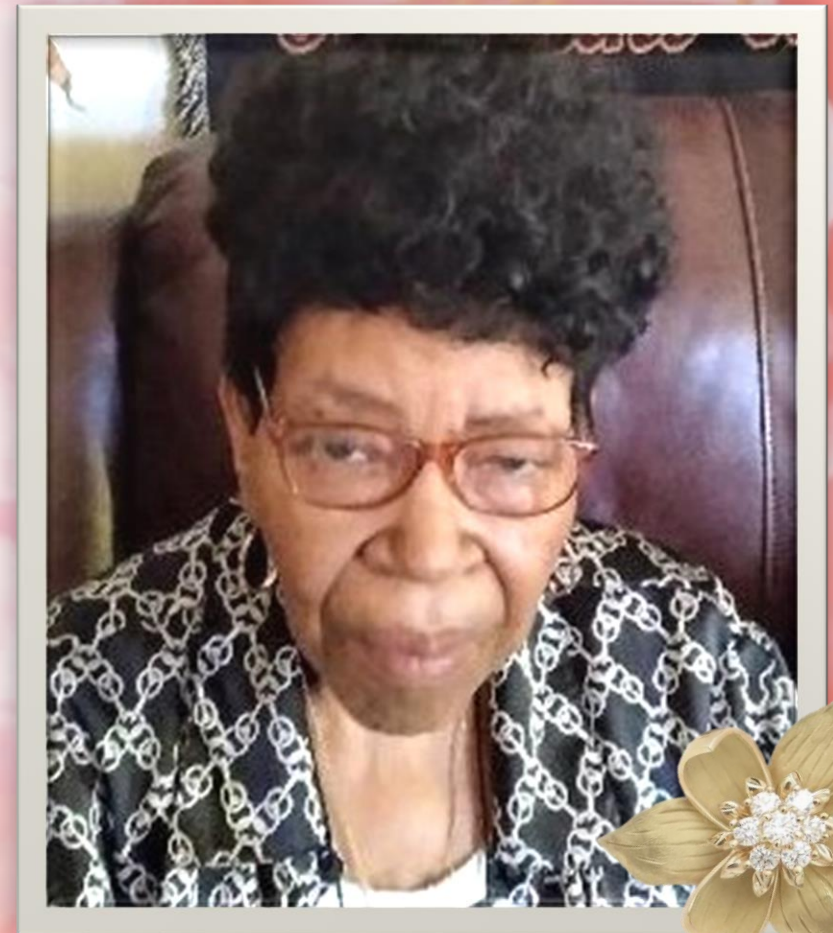
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A Celebration of the Life Of "Gma"

Thelma Best Richardson



Sunrise: April 17, 1943 Sunset: March 24, 2022

Saturday, April 2, 2022

1:00 PM

Mt. Zion Progressive Primitive Baptist Church

731 Pender Street South
Wilson, North Carolina

Bishop Robert Earl Daniels, Officiating
Carrons Funeral Home, Directing



Precious Memories

The Obituary **Thelma Best Richardson**

1943 – 2022

Thelma Best Richardson, the first of nine children born to Clifton A. D. Best and Helen Summerville Best, was born April 17, 1943 in Greene County, North Carolina. She peacefully transitioned on Thursday, March 24, 2022 as she was called to her eternal rest. Affectionately called “Gma”, Thelma was reared in Greene and Wilson Counties where she received her formative education. After ten years of public education, she entered the workforce. She was employed by Rubin H. Donnelly Marketing where she retired after more than thirty years of dedicated service. Loving kind and devoted, she was a caregiver for her son-law, Herman Dew for three years. She married Lester Lee Richardson on July 12, 1971. To this union six children were born, Elteresa, Lester Eugene, Marchelle, Alfonia, Curtis, and Claudia.

Devoted, loving, and kindhearted, Thelma was loved by so many friends and family. She enjoyed life and the many pleasures she received from cooking, dancing, and listening to music. Her beautiful smile, always on her face, was so warm and inviting. It was always a pleasure to be in her presence. She was blessed as she blessed others by her love and compassionate spirit. Believing in the love of God, she united with Summerville Chapel Church where she received Christ in her life. Later she joined Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church where she worshipped and served until her health failed. A beloved heart is now at rest to always be remembered with love and thanksgiving. Along with her parents, A.D. and Helen, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Claudia Moore; her brothers, James Best, Rudolph Best and Bobby Best.

So many precious and cherished memories are shared by her husband, Lester; her children, Elteresa Dew of Wilson, NC, Marchelle Woods (Herbert) of Texas, Lester Eugene Richardson (Lydia) of Wilson, NC, Alfonia Richardson (Tammy) of Wilson, NC, and Curtis Ray Richardson and friend Lylanda of Texas; two sisters, Janice Bridgers of Durham, NC and Catherine Huggins (Eddie) of Tarboro, NC; two brothers, Clifton “Boot” Best of Wilson, NC and Harvester Best (Patricia) of Wilson, NC; one aunt, Mildred Rowe of Washington, DC; one uncle, Elijah Rowe of Washington, DC; three sisters in-law, Dorethene Braswell Best of Zebulon, NC and Jackie Best of Mint Hill, NC and Louise Yelverton (Carver) of Durham, NC; seventeen grandchildren; thirty great grandchildren; six nieces; five nephews; three special friends, Pam Jones, Shannon Spells and Helen Spells; a host of cousins and devoted, faithful friends.



Come With Me

In tears we saw you sinking,

We watched you fade away,

Our hearts were almost broken,

We wanted you to stay,

But when we saw you sleeping,

So peacefully free from pain,

How could we wish you back with us,

To suffer that again?

All the pain and grief is over,

Every restless tossing passed,

You are now at peace forever,

Safely now in Heaven at last.

The Family

