

## *Expressions of Gratitude*

*We wish to express our deepest appreciation for all the acts of kindness, prayers and loving support. We ask that your thoughts and prayers continue. Know that your presence, in church, online, conversations, special words, letters and cards are a comfort.*

*We love you,  
The Wilson Family*

### *Pallbearers*

*Michael Lehmann - Matthew Lehmann - Darnard Clemons  
Maurice Perry - Andrew Lewis - James Lewis - Donnie Lewis*

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

*Robert Clemons - Gary Wells - David Lehmann - Edwin Totty  
Calvin Johnson - Malvrick Lewis - Melvin Weems - Lafayette Lewis  
Will Jones - Hosea Whitson - Anthony Atwater*



To offer condolences to The Wilson Family,  
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## *Homegoing Service For*



## *Dorothy Mae Wilson*

December 27, 1938 - August 11, 2023

Friday, August 25, 2023

**United AME Church**  
Pastor Kevin J. Cooper

286 East Church Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385

Visitation: 10:00am - Service: 11:00am

# Obituary

Dorothy M. Wilson went home to God's Kingdom on August 11, 2023, at the age of 84. She joins her loving husband Etsel A. Wilson in eternal life. She was also preceded in death by her mother and father, Thelma and Hayes Clemons; two sisters, Alice Morgan, Annie Clemons and her brother, Robert Earl Clemons.

Dorothy was born in Tipton County, Tennessee. The second of seven children, five girls and two boys. She was the matriarch of her family and abundantly loved, honored and protected everyone. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Robert (Linda) Clemons, Willie Earl (Georgia) Walker, resides in Greece, Ruby Jean (Clarence) Whitson, and Willa Dean Hammonds, all residing in Tennessee. She leaves to cherish her memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family and friends.

Dorothy was a devoted and caring mother of two daughters, Shari (David) Lehmann, and Pamela Atwater. She was an inspiring and amazing grandmother of five grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, Michelle, Victoria, and Anthony.

Dorothy was a proud alum of Frazier High School, where she achieved one of the highest rankings of academic excellence, earning her several scholarships. She attended Wilberforce University for two years and later graduated cum laude from Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. She obtained a master's degree in education from Wright State University, graduating summa cum laude.

Dorothy was a retiree of the Xenia City School System where she had a profound impact for more than 33 years, motivating, captivating, and influencing her students. Teaching was her passion and joy! She took time to help all her students, giving her talents to those who needed extra help. Those who needed to be challenged; she gave powerful opportunities for growth that fostered a greater understanding and appreciation for learning. Dorothy's efforts and energy were a divine gift that never ceased – no matter how difficult, she was up for defeating any challenge.

Dorothy served on numerous committees during her tenure as a teacher these include, Math (15 years), Social Studies, (10 years), Reading (7 years), Materials Review (2 years), Language Arts, Chairperson/Math Specialist and Wilberforce University Student Education Advisory Committee. Dorothy received many awards: Martha Holding Jennings Scholar Award, Who's Who Outstanding Teacher Award, Math Committee Award, The Wilberforce University Student Education Advisory Committee Award and numerous Perfect Attendance Awards. Dorothy held membership in The Ohio Education Association (OEA), The National Education Association (NEA) and the Xenia Education Association (XEA). She was a member of the Doris L. Allen Minority Caucus and an academic member of the Kappa Delta Phi Honor Society. While raising a family, Dorothy also found time to become a member of committees supporting social and civic programs in Xenia and Wilberforce communities. She was focused on giving back and had a mindset to help pave a way for everyone to succeed. She also served on the Ladies Cultural Club and the 20th Century Club, both of Xenia, Ohio.

Dorothy's hobbies included reading, writing, gardening, canning, and traveling. She and Etsel's enjoyment of travels took them to Europe, the Caribbean, Hawaii and all throughout the United States.

Dorothy will be laid to rest, along with her loving husband, at the Dayton National Cemetery.

# Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDE..... Music Ministry
- PARTING VIEW.....Immediate Family
- SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dr. John E. Freeman  
UR the Church
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23
- New Testament.....John 14:1-7
- PRAYER.....Rev. Dr. John E. Freeman  
UR the Church
- SELECTION.....Mary Whitson
- REMARKS ..... Family and Friends
- READING OF OBITUARY..... Read Silently
- SELECTION.....Mary Whitson

## The Eulogy

Rev. Dr. John E. Freeman  
UR the Church

- BENEDICTION .....Rev. Dr. John E. Freeman  
UR the Church
- RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family, and Friends

## Interment

Dayton National Cemetery  
4400 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45417

