



Obituary

Virginia Nell Wilson Brandon, wife of Reverend Garrett R. Brandon, departed this earthly life on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in Washington, DC. Born on January 21, 1936 in Manning, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Reverend Johnny and Mrs. Lillie Mae Martin Wilson.

Nell, as she was affectionately known, was a graduate of Manning Training School in Manning, SC. Nell moved to Washington, DC shortly thereafter graduation, where she remained until her death. Nell was very passionate about her work with children and families; she dedicated most of her life to their well-being.

Nell had a very infectious laugh and was not without relish for practical jokes. She took great pleasure and pride in spending time with her family. Her nieces and nephews could always count on Aunt Nell for a supply of ice cream and candy. In her younger days, she enjoyed traveling by bus to spend the weekend with one of her sisters in DC and there was always a shopping trip involved. Later when Nell was less able to travel, she always sent gifts to family and friends to commemorate special occasions and achievements. Nell loved to give gifts and joy to others as well as receiving gifts, no matter how small, she just appreciated being thought of. In the years when she was unable to go out, dear friends Patricia and Doretha were regular visitors ensuring Nell had what she needed including home cooked meals. Nell always spoke highly of those visits.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Annie Mae Gamble, Cordelia Hutchins and Queen Brayboy; one brother, Roy Wilson.

Nell leaves to cherish her fond memories her devoted husband of 20 years, Reverend Garrett R. Brandon of Washington, DC; two sisters, Lillie Ann (Paul) Simmons of Pawleys Island, SC and Evangelist Carolyn (Arthur) Bennett of Manning, SC; three brothers, Reverend Dr. John E. Wilson of West Hartford, CT, Robert Louis (Jackie) Wilson of Hephzibah, GA, and Frank Wilson of Manning, SC; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grand and great-grand nieces and nephews, and two special friends, Patricia Martin and Doretha Newby both of Washington, DC.

In remembrance of Nell, the Wilson & Brandon families ask that you do something nice for someone who is shut in or living in a facility. Bring a smile to someone today.