



## Marla Rae Cleghorn Wilson

February 9, 1947 - October 13, 2017

Marla Rae Cleghorn Wilson, age 70, peacefully joined her heavenly family while surrounded by her earthly one on October 13th. She was preceded in death by her parents George W. and Tillie Cleghorn. Marla is survived by her husband Jerald of 50 years; daughter April Deerman (Drew); twin sister Glenda Cannada (Dale); brother Dean Cleghorn (Mary), of Haverhill, MA; brother-in-law Warren Wilson (Peggy); sister-in-law Dontis Minyard (Gordon); niece Erin Horpayak (Kitja), of San Diego, CA; nephew Tim Cannada (Anissia), of Gulf Breeze, FL; three great nieces and one great nephew. Marla earned a bachelor's degree from Lee University and a Master of Music Education from Samford University. She was a retired educator and choral teacher for Jefferson County Schools, having taught at Ketona Junior High, Brookside Junior High, Mortimer Jordan High, Rudd Junior High, Johnson Elementary, and Center Point Elementary. Marla served in various choral director capacities at Kimberly Church of God, McDuffie Street (Anderson, SC), Pinson United Methodist, and Metropolitan Church (Birmingham). She also worked in administrative assistant roles for multiple levels of both church and university organizations. Marla professionally and personally inspired students to reach their full potential in all ministry, academia, and life pursuits. Marla had a missionary's heart, truly never met a stranger, and impacted everyone with her loving, magnetic spirit. Her living legacy is most evident in the international outpouring of love and support covering her family at this time. Heaven's gain is our loss, and she will be greatly missed by all who

knew her. Our Celebration of Marla's Life will be on Sunday, October 15th at Metropolitan Church, 2800 Metropolitan Way, 35243. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. with a service to follow. Graveside service and interment will be held on Monday, October 16th at 10:00AM at Jefferson Memorial in Trussville.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Metropolitan Church Of God  
2800 Metropolitan Way  
Birmingham, AL 35243

## A Time of Celebration

OCT 15. 6:00 PM (CT)

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2800 Metropolitan Way  
Birmingham, AL 35243

## Graveside Service

OCT 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Jefferson Memorial Gardens  
1591 Gadsden Hwy  
Birmingham, AL 35235

# Tribute Wall



“ 103 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home** - October 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Mrs. Wilson was my choir teacher at Rudd middle school. I loved her dearly. She taught me a lot. I will miss her dearly. Fly high with the angels!*

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**jessica (Kyzer) Fountain** - October 15, 2017 at 07:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marla Rae Cleghorn Wilson.*



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October 14, 2017 at 07:42 PM