



Mrs. Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade Keith

June 2, 1933 - February 23, 2014

A Time to Be Born

Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade Keith was born in Paterson, New Jersey on June 2, 1933. She was the daughter of the late Merritt Wimberly, Sr. and Ruth Ann Bates Wimberly. At the age of 6 months, she was entrusted to the care of her grandmother, Channey Bates, who raised her with the assistance of other aunts and uncles.

A Time to Die

On the morning of February 23, 2014, she departed this life for eternal life at the Palmetto Baptist Hospital.

A Time to Get

A lifelong resident of the Arthurtown community, Lillian was educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina. As a person who recognized the dignity that work affords, she was gainfully employed all of her life. She worked in the clothing industry at Capital City Manufacturing Company and Randy Apparel, and retired from Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel Division.

A Time to Serve

Mrs. Keith joined the church and became a member of the Brown Chapel family when she was a young girl, and she retained her membership until her

death. She served and supported the church faithfully and attended regularly until her illness prevented her from doing so. She was a member of the Stewardess Board, the Missionary Society and one of the founding members of the BC Singers. She was also a member of the Frasier Thomas Culture Club.

A Time to Love

She married the late Albert Lindsay Wade and to that union five children were born. Later she was married to the late William Keith. Lillian Keith was a selfless person, who loved her children and her family with unconditional love. Always generous and caring, she gave willingly of herself and her resources to ensure the happiness and well being of her family. She basked in the love of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and spent many hours as theirs and other family children's babysitter. She took particular delight in any event that brought family and friends together in love and harmony.

A Time to Mourn

Left to cherish the memory of a life well lived are her loving children. She leaves to mourn two loving daughters, Sharon J. Bates of Elmwood Park, New Jersey; Andrea Wade (Rev. Michael) Hill of Columbia; three sons, Lindsay (Rita) Bates of Columbia, SC, Rev. Derrell E. (Rev. Carolyn) Wade of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Rodney L. Wade of the home; two brothers, Heyward Wimberly of Paterson, New Jersey; Theodore "Donald" Wimberly of Whiting, New Jersey; three sisters-in-law, Laddie Miller of Monclair, California, Florine Wimberly of Paterson, New Jersey and Shirley Wimberly of Gaitherburg, Maryland, nine grandchildren, Kimbray (Michael) McNeal of Travis AFB, CA, Tiffany (Errol) Lindo of Charlotte, NC, Deidre (John) Light of Woodbridge, VA, Inga Rearden Goodwin of Columbia, SC, Michael Bates of Columbia, SC, Marshay Proctor-Bates of Arden, NC, Courtney Proctor- Bates of Elmwood Park, NJ, Carolyn (Ricky) Lang of Woodbridge, VA, Marcel Ashley Proctor-Bates of Elmwood Park, NJ, Mercedes Wade and Miata Wade of

Columbia, SC, 16 great-grandchildren, two special cousins whom she regarded as sisters, Vivian Ricks of Columbia, SC and Mary Tourse of Paterson, NJ, a special daughter Debra Wade of Columbia, SC and her godson Gregory Williams of Columbia, SC and a host of other sorrowing nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and church family who loved and will miss her dearly.

Services will be held 1:30 pm Friday, February 28, 2014 at Brown Chapel AME Church, with interment to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6-7:00 PM Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Palmer Memorial Chapel. The family request that condolences and memorials be made on their web page @www.palmermemorialchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Cemetery

808 Barnes Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade Keith*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Today may you find comfort, for God is present to walk with you through this difficult time of loss . . .*

May you find peace, for God is present to care for your deepest need . . .

May you find hope, for God is present to assure you of His guidance in the days ahead.

You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy,

*Jacqueline B. Woods &
Columbia Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society
Irmo, South Carolina 29063*

Jackie Woods - February 28, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ *Theresa Davis English lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade Keith*



Theresa Davis English - February 28, 2014 at 07:58 AM

PJ

“ *Pastor Wade and family,
Her prayers have all been answered, she has finally arrived. The
healing that has been delayed has now been realized. No one's in a
hurry, no more schedules to keep
she is enjoying Jesus, just sitting at His feet. If you can see her now
she is standing tall, thinking straight and whole. If you can see her
now she is walking the streets of gold. If you could see her now she
has finally seen Jesus face to face If you can only see her now.*

*Though she has had many trials they can never compare to the joy
of knowing Jesus*

*No language can ever share you would not want her to leave this
perfect place*

If you can only see her now.

*May you find comfort and peace in knowing that your mother is
resting with Jesus.*

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Percy, Percy Jacobie and Pamela The Watfords Suffolk, VA

Pamela Jones-Watford - February 28, 2014 at 07:06 AM



“ On behalf of Pernell Williams & Family,
Please accept our condolences on the
passing of your beloved mother. May you find
comfort in knowing she now rests in the arms
of Jesus.



" For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose
under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time
to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to
weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a
time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a
time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to
seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a
time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time
to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for
peace."

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

TE Cooke Overton FH - February 27, 2014 at 05:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade
Keith.



February 27, 2014 at 12:14 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to you Derrell, Carolyn and your extended
family. Delora Kennebrew and Ashley Grantham

D. Kennebrew - February 27, 2014 at 11:17 AM

FJ

“ Mrs. Keith, you shall be missed! Thank you for always being so kind and loving your family. I remember you said once you just wanted to be around for your baby, Rodney Wade and to see him safe at home. God blessed you with your request and now he's seeing you off to your eternal home.



To the entire family, my prayers are with you. To my brother, Rodney, sister Debra and Nieces Mercedes and Miata, I'll see you very soon. I apologize that I cannot be with you during this very trying time, I shall hold you all warmly in my thoughts.

God's blessings

Freddie Patterson-Johnson & The Johnson's Family
(Thomas, Tommie & Demetrius)

Freddie & Thomas Johnson - February 26, 2014 at 06:46 PM

GS

“ To our family I pray God will comfort you in your time of sorrow. They say the streets up there are paved with gold. No more trouble, no more sickness, no more pain.

Gary Suber - February 26, 2014 at 04:29 PM

FP

“ Francis Walker Person lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Ruth Wimberly Wade Keith



Francis Walker Person - February 26, 2014 at 03:18 PM

MP

“ *Grandma I will miss you more than you can imagine. I'm so blessed that God choose me to be apart of your Life. Love Marshay*

Marshay Proctor-Bates - February 26, 2014 at 11:49 AM

BH

To the family, I send my condolences in this time of sorrow. I know that Mrs. Bates is at peace and will live in your hearts forever. God bless her and all of you.

Betty J. Hines

Betty J. Hines - February 27, 2014 at 07:19 PM