



Wilhelmina Rivers

March 15, 1929 - July 10, 2021

Mrs. Wilhelmina Jacobs Rivers, daughter of the late Jerry Ricks and Susannah Wright Bowen, was born March 15, 1929, in Sumter County, South Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter, S.C.

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. She was employed by Sumter School District 2 and retired after more than twenty-five years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Wilhelmina was a life-long member of Wayman Chapel AME Church. She attended the church and served as a member of the Stewardess Board and a member of the Wilhelmina "Sweetheart" Burgess Missionary Society. She was married to the late James Rivers, Jr. Six children were born to this union. She was predeceased by two of them.

Mrs. Wilhelmina had a sweet loving spirit and well-liked by all who knew her. She was mild mannered but was a strict disciplinarian to her children. She had a no nonsense attitude toward life and this was evident when she interacted with family and friends.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: three sons, James (Lula) Rivers, Decatur, Ga., David Rivers, Dalzell, S.C., Jerry (Sarah) Rivers, Bronx, N.Y., and a devoted daughter, Cynthia (Joseph) Whiting, Dalzell, S.C.; Brothers, Louis Jacobs, Wedgefield, SC, Benjamin F. Bowen, Sumter, SC, Sammie L. Ricks, Sr. and James Ricks of Sumter, SC; Sisters, Elizabeth Sumter, Sumter, SC, Susanna Swanson, Burlington, NC, Ruth Jackson and Mary Geter of

Sumter, SC, Annie Mae DeBreaux of Hampton, Va.; eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 14 great great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; Charlie Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Eugene Jacobs, and Joseph Ricks; a sister, Marie Ricks Gary.

To access the livestream of the service, please go to Facebook.com, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc., and "like" the page. The livestream video will begin at the designated time of the service.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wayman Chapel Church Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilhelmenia Rivers*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Rivers passing. You have my deepest sympathy. Ernestine R. James*

Ernestine R. James - July 17, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Wilhelmenia Rivers.*



July 15, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilhelmenia Rivers.*



July 15, 2021 at 08:50 AM

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“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Wilhelmenia Rivers



Jackie - July 14, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Wilhelmenia Rivers.



July 14, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilhelmenia Rivers.



July 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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“ RIH Auntie ... love you

Jacqueline Oconnor - July 14, 2021 at 10:31 AM