



Evangelist Emma Ophelia Wilkes (Barksdale)

August 28, 1944 - October 12, 2019

Evangelist Emma Ophelia (Barksdale)Wilkes returned to Gods loving Arms October 12th, 2019 at St. Mary's hospital at the age of 75. She was born on the 28th of August in 1944 in Zama, Mississippi. She came to Passaic in 1966 and resided there for 53 years. She was a devoted member of Roger Williams Baptist Church and was a former member of the 2nd Timothy Baptist Church and the Greater 2nd Timothy Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey. Emma also worked at St. Mary's Hospital of Passaic for over 30 years. She was a former coach of Passaic's Recreation girls softball team. She was also a member of a formally known group called the Gospel Wonders since the 1980's.

She is survived by:

1 daughter

Emma Mae of Passaic, New Jersey

Like a daughter

Jessica Barksdale of Passaic, New Jersey

2 sons

Douglas Barksdale of Passaic, New Jersey

Donnie Barksdale of Passaic, New Jersey

2 sisters

Martha Robinson of Passaic, New Jersey

Marie Mouzone Passaic, New Jersey

2 brothers

Sammie Barksdale

Bon L. Barksdale

16 grandchildren,

21 great grandchildren

17 great-great grandchildren

She was predeceased by:

1 daughter

Jan Barksdale in 1999

1 grandson

Dana R. Barksdale

4 brothers

Hulene Barksdale

Ray C McMillian

John D. Barksdale

Morris (JohnBoy) Barksdale

Tribute Wall



“ *Evangelist Emma Ophelia Wilkes (Barksdale)*

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Emma I will miss you R.I.P. my friend until we meet again love you*

Betty Simpson - October 20, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *My Condolences To The Barksdale Family*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - October 19, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear that Evangelist Wilkes transitioned to be with the Lord. She was always an inspiration and I will miss her sweet spirit. God bless the family.*

Francine Wise - October 18, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *My dear friend and earthly "Angel" has gone 2 be with the Lord. My heart is so broken; but I understand the ways of the Lord. He needed u, and He came and got u. My heartfelt condolences go out to the families of Evangelist Emma Wilkes. May God comfort u n this sad and difficult time. Sending my love 2 u all. Miss Emma's memory will 4ever live on.*

Barbara Daniels - October 17, 2019 at 09:34 PM

DB

“ You will be truly missed Aunt Emma. We always enjoyed her when she visited Mississippi. God has gained a great Angel. Resting in His Arms. The Barksdale Family in Mississippi.

Debbie Barksdale - October 17, 2019 at 06:43 PM

BS

“ Emma Rest In Peace We Love You, but God Loves You Best. Condolences To The Family. Betty Smithi

Betty Smith - October 17, 2019 at 01:37 PM

CG

“ The sudden loss of our dear friend Emma was a shock to us all. Emma was our true and trusted colleague at St Mary's hospital for many years. She was a wonderful lady , full of goodness, compassion and strength. Many a troubled heart was comforted by her uplifting spirit and her caring words. Her spontaneous laughter, love and friendship will linger forever in our memories. We miss you Emma; May you rest forever in the arms of your Savior. Sincere sympathy to the family during this difficult time.

catherine Glynn - October 16, 2019 at 10:54 PM

ER

“ You will be missed my condolences to the family

Etta Ricks - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 PM

NP

“ Emma Mae, May our Dear Heavenly Father continue to breathe his love, grace and mercy upon you and your family. I will miss talking with her. sorry for your loss Charles & Nancy Penn

Nancy Lipscomb Penn - October 15, 2019 at 06:00 PM

CD

“ To the Barksdale Family, Pastor Robert and Rev Carolyn Davis and The Cornerstone Baptist church of Hackensack sends our deepest condolences and prayers. May God wrap His arms around you in this hour and the days to come.

Carolyn Davis - October 15, 2019 at 03:44 PM

KK

“ Aunt Sis, I will miss you & the conversations we used to have. See you at the batting cages Love, Diamond

Karmaa Karm - October 15, 2019 at 12:36 PM

TR

“ Aunt Sis, "This ole building just keeps on leaning. I've got to move to a better home. To a building not made by man." We Love You and May You Rest in Heavenly Peace. Your Niece, Towanda (Moo-Moo), Reggie, Rhapsody, and Ajah To my family, my heartfelt and deepest condolences.

Towanda Robinson - October 15, 2019 at 11:35 AM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family RIP angel To you and your family

Joy & Cj Davis - October 14, 2019 at 07:57 PM

JD

“ To the Barksdale family, I'm so sorry for your Lost but Know she will be missed. The times we had on her front porch was everything through softball nights to just hanging out. Thanks for always showing love RIP angel you will be missed. Joy and Cj davis

Joy & Cj Davis - October 14, 2019 at 07:55 PM

RN

“ *L.O.V.E., (Living Out Visions Everyday) would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the wilkes/Barksdale family. We have truly lost a great warrior.*

Rev Grace Nelson - October 14, 2019 at 07:43 PM