# A Celebration of Life for Jewell Wingfield Tilghman

May 9, 1939 - June 16, 2020



### Saturday, June 27, 2020

Viewing: 9:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

**Beall Funeral Home** 6512 Crain Highway Bowie, Maryland 20715

Reverend Willette O. Wright, Officiating

## Order of Service

| Invocation               |  |                               |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Congregational Hymn      |  | "Blessed Assurance"           |
| Scripture Reading        |  |                               |
|                          | Old Testament: Psalm 91:7              |                               |
|                          | New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |                               |
| Prayer of Comfort        |  |                               |
| Selection                |  | Ms. Malika Taylor-Phillips    |
| Acknowledgements         |  |                               |
|                          | Ms. Blondie Clinton                    |                               |
|                          | Mr. Milton Lundy, Amtrak               |                               |
|                          | Ms. Denisha Williams                   |                               |
|                          |  |                               |
| Poem                     |  | Mr. J. Antonio Jones, II      |
| Obituary (Read Silently) |  |                               |
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| Song of Preparation      |  | Mr. Hendrix Dickens, III      |
| Message of Hope          |  | . Reverend Willette O. Wright |
| Call to Christ           |  |                               |
| Committal                |  |                               |
| Benediction              |  |                               |
| Recessional              |  |                               |
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## **Congregational Hymn**

#### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

#### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

#### Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain



## **Obituary**

Jewell Bass Wingfield Tilghman made her peaceful transition to eternal life on June 16, 2020, surrounded by loved ones. She was born on May 9, 1939, to the late Willie O. and Martha Parham Wingfield.

During her formative years, Jewell was raised by her grandmother, the late Pearl Malcolm. In 1957, she graduated from Spingarn High School in Washington, D.C., and immediately enrolled in the Holy Ghost Hospital School of Practical Nursing earning an associate degree in 1959. She began her career as a licensed practical nurse caring for the elderly showing compassion, and lending a listening ear.

On June 16, 1962, Jewell married Robert Cyprian Tilghman. From that union two children were born, Dana Elizabeth and Robert Christopher. In 1977, her youngest child, Kiarra Anise was born. Looking to broaden her horizons, Jewell connected with the Urban League and later began working for Amtrak as a crew base supervisor, the position from which she retired after 40 years of dedicated service.

In the mid-1980s, Jewell accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and joined From the Heart Church Ministries under the leadership of the late Dr. John A. Cherry. Jewell was actively involved in the life of the church serving as ministry head for the Nursery Ministry. She also served in the Telephone Reception Ministry; and was known as "choir mother" for the church's Youth Choir. Jewell truly loved the Lord and had a servant's heart for utilizing the gifts that God had blessed her with. She actively sought opportunities to use her gift of nursing with members of From the Heart who were "shut-in" but not "shut-out" from the Body of Christ.

Jewell relocated to New Jersey, but she continued to fellowship with From the Heart through their televised services. However, because of her desire to fulfill her gift of service she joined Christ Church in Rockaway, New Jersey, under the leadership of Pastor David Ireland. While worshipping at Christ Church, she faithfully served as an assistant to Sister Sandra Bugg, Church Administrator. Jewell had a host of friends at Christ Church to include her pastor, David Ireland, Pastor Ron, and Brother Stephen who always made sure she didn't leave the church without a meal.

Jewell enjoyed cruising, even though she was not a swimmer, and seized any opportunity to board a cruise ship regardless of the season. Additionally, she was a genuine bird lover. In fact, a few years ago, her canaries (her true babies), had an entire bedroom to themselves to freely fly around during the day—she always believed that birds should be free. Jewell also loved nature, and had a green thumb. Her aptitude for gardening could be seen in her lawns adorned with the splendor of colorful flowers and plants. The hydrangea was her "trophy" flowering plant—not that she ever entered a contest! Painting and coloring were also among her interests. Her beautiful artwork is on display today.

Jewell with her radiant smile, warm spirit, and ministry of helps touched everyone who had the pleasure of being in her presence. Her name was an apt description of who she was, for she was a true "Jewell." She will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Jewell leaves a legacy of love to her children: Dana (Tony), Christopher and Kiarra; three grandchildren: Chanel, Antonio and Christian; five siblings: Carl Wingfield, Jerry Wingfield (Eva), Pearl Brandon, Wilhelmina Wingfield, and Jean Burnette; two goddaughters, Jill Traci Wingfield and Celeste Knox-Smith; bonus daughter, Denisha Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

#### En Voyage

There's a ship sailing on to a harbor,
To a haven of comfort and rest;
It's a ship of God's fashion and making,
And its voyage by Him will be blest.
It departed with silence and beauty,
With the Master, Himself, in command;
As with dignity truly majestic
It sailed out of sight of all land.

There will always be clear skies above it;
There will always be calmness below
There will never be storms to harass it,
For the Master is on it, you know,
And His wisdom will carry it safely
To the port of His infinite peace,
Where the light of His love will protect it
With a blessing that never will cease.

You have watched it sail onward and outward,
With a tear of regret in your eye,
For a loved one was sailing upon it,
And there's grief when you're saying goodbye.
But your tears would be tears of rejoicing.
And your heart would be happy and free,
If you could look for only a moment
On that ship that is sailing to sea.

For the one you have loved is at leisure,
With no worry or trouble or care;
There's contentment beyond understanding,
In the way God's passengers fare.
And you'd know from your own observation
That the sailing was joyful—not grim,
For it means a new life and new living,
And a sweet, closer contact with Him.

Oh, the solace there is in the knowledge,
Life is life and it always will be,
And it's simply a change of direction
When we sail on His ship out to sea.
And the tears that we shed for our loved ones
Are in truth shed for us left behind,
For it hurts to give up to the Master,
Tho we know He is gentle and kind.

So believe in His great and good wisdom, Trust in Him, as you patiently wait; On His ship God is ever the pilot, And the one you have loved is the mate.

By: Carlyle Emery



































































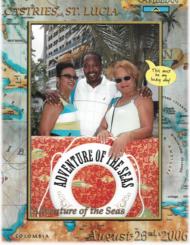
































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The entire family of Jewell Tilghman sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

Special thanks to all of the staff at Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice in Newton, NJ. Thank you to Dawn, Carrie, Justin, Steve and all the other nurses who cared for our mom. We would also like to thank the Oncology team, and Dr. Tatiana Alistar at Morristown Hospital in Morristown, NJ.

Services Entrusted To:

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