



Celebrating the Life of
Maxine T. Wallace

Sunrise:
March 20, 1932



Sunset:
September 20, 2024

Monday, October 7, 2024

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
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Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Obituary

Maxine T. Wallace was born on March 20, 1932 in Centralia, Illinois, to Frank and Annie Taylor. She was the youngest of twelve children.

Maxine graduated from Centralia High School and Centralia Township Junior College, currently Kaskaskia College. She and her sister Barbara took the civil service examination and acquired positions with the federal government in Washington, D.C. This was done much to their mother's chagrin. Furthermore, she attended Howard University while working at the U.S. Library of Congress, initially living at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.

Maxine completed her undergraduate and graduate work at Howard University and earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in Social Work. Additionally, she taught at Howard University's School of Architecture and Planning and received a Loeb Fellowship, which allowed her to teach at Harvard. Harvard Yard, the oldest and among the most prominent parts of the campus, became one of her favorite places.

Moreover, Maxine spent over 50 years working in the district and federal governments. In her many roles, she worked as a social worker and a clinic director for D.C. Neighborhood Free Clinics. And she helped plan many of the city's social services programs. Leaving district government, she worked as a city planner with the Rouse Company, contributing to the planning of the Columbia and Fort Lincoln communities. Returning to government employment, Maxine worked at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Planning Development Grant Program. Additionally, she contributed to new communities nationwide, from Northtown on Roosevelt Island, New York, to Oklahoma.

On August 10, 1986, Maxine joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Maryland, where she faithfully served in the Helps Ministry. Simply put, she loved her From the Heart family. Her favorite time in the ministry was when she assisted with the Pastors and Leaders Conference. Additionally, she enjoyed cruising with her faith family and many other activities.

Maxine was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. Family was everything to her. As the matriarch, she kept her family going. She took care of her older siblings in their later years, singlehandedly raised her only daughter, and helped to raise her two grandsons. When her grandsons were younger, she participated in Boy Scouts, t-ball, and little league softball.

Maxine will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Jocelyn Duncan; grandchildren: Christopher Wallace, Joel (Hannah) Wallace, Kali Simon, Kia Duncan, Kianna Duncan, and Kendra Duncan; great-grandsons, Gavin and Gabriel Wallace and Julian Marks; great-granddaughters: Melanie Kei, Kaelin and Gabrielle Simon; nephew, James (Cynthia) Cotton; nieces, Jennifer Cotton and Ayanna Taylor Carter; great-nephews, great-nieces, and many friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Annie Taylor; and siblings: Frankie, Theodore, Ida Mae, Helen, Mildred, Harold, Bennie, Doris, Barbara Jean, and three-year-old twins.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "It Is Well"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Ms. Deidra Swinson, Co-worker

Poem Ms. Kendra Duncan

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Reverend Willette O. Wright

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:
Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, Maryland 20722



The Broken Chain

By Ron Tranmer

*We little knew that morning
that God was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

*It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;
for part of us went with you, the day*

God called you home...

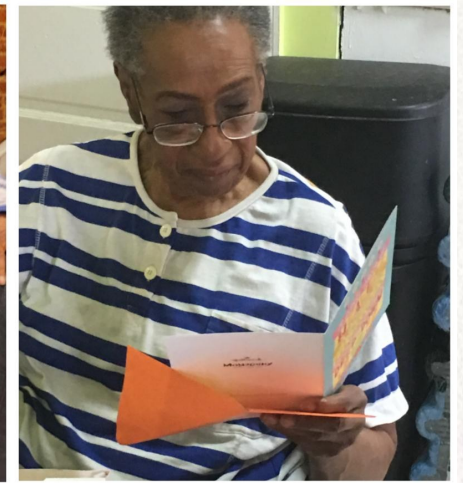
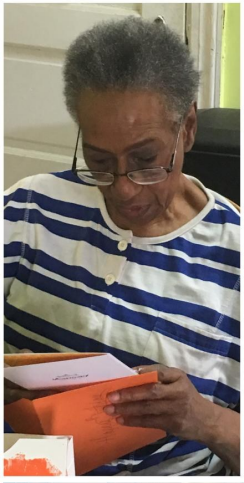


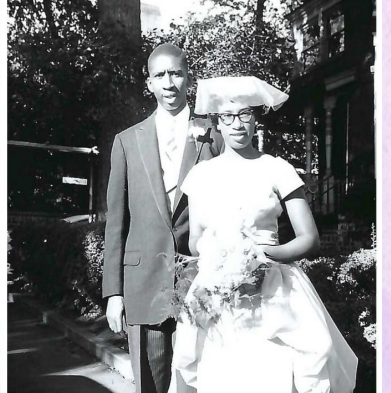
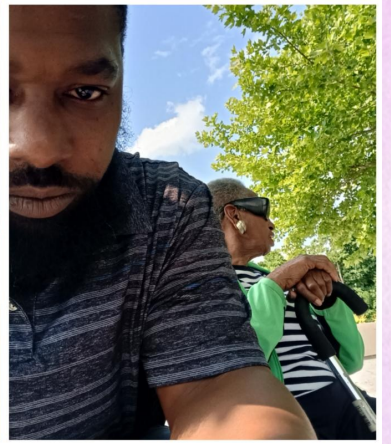


*...You left us peaceful memories,
your love is still our guide; and
though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.*







Congregational Hymn

IT IS WELL

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

It is well, with my soul, It is Well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Chorus

Acknowledgment

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today. Love, The Family.

Special Acknowledgment

The family would like to thank Pearls of Wisdoms Care. These incredible women were patient and loving as they provided nursing care to Maxine during the last few months of her life. Ms. Benita Bryan and Ms. Bichone Seawright, thank you for your wisdom and care and for continuing to check on us as we process our loss.

The family would also like to thank Gregory Massey. A special family friend who was willing to assist, transport and do anything to provide comfort and assistance to Mom.

Pallbearers

Friends and Family

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

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