



Mrs. Ada Bell Wilson

November 1, 1943 - July 6, 2025

On November 1, 1943, in Washington D.C., at Gallagher Hospital, renamed D.C.General Hospital, a greatly anticipated bundle of joy was received by Leola Manning Wilson and Daniel Wilson. Ada Bell Wilson arrived several months early and so little at only three pounds, that they called her Teensie. Growing and progressing in the nation's capital, She was baptised in the name of Jesus Christ, at the Way of the Cross Church, under the leadership of Bishop Henry C. Brooks. She later moved her membership to Holy Temple Church of God under Bishop Joseph Weathers along with her father, a founding member of Holy Temple. Serving on the youth choir, and then later, the young adults choir, she enjoyed being in the presence of the Lord. Ada went on to live a life marked by unwavering faith, tireless service, and the fierce love for her Savior and her family.

Ada graduated from Eastern High school and began her training at Burdick Vocational School, where she became a Licensed Practical nurse. But that was just the beginning. Armed with her license, she went to work at The Washington Hospital Center, as an emergency technician and on to becoming one of the first nurses in their newly opened I.C.U. burn center. She then went on to work for Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital.

Ada had several careers over the years and never stopped learning. She attended Howard University School of Divinity where she was educated in the

ministry and went on to be ordained as a minister of the gospel. She then went on to study further at The National Church of God Bible College, where she was elevated to the office of Elder. Combining her work in the ministry and the education she received, she was able to reach the pinnacle of theology by obtaining her T.H.D. Degree in Theology, and was elevated to the office of Pastor

Ada was known for her quick wit, always ready for a good joke and laugh. Her infectious bubbly personality was the reason she had never met a stranger. If you sat next to her, you would walk away knowing you just made a new friend. She practically pulled out a couch and invited you to tell her all of your problems, then pray with you as she would share her life's experiences.

Ada, who everyone called mom, transitioned peacefully during a nap on Sunday July 6, 2025. She was preceded in death by her husband William T. Wilson, mother, Mrs. Loela Manning Wilson, father Daniel Wilson, brothers, Milton and Albert Whittington, sister, Mary Emonerfay Wilson-Hunt, and several close family members. Left to cherish her memory her children, son, Bernard F Wood Jr and his wife Natalie Wood, daughters, Donna Wood-Hayes and son-in-love Michael Hayes, Marsha Keyes-Greene and son-in-love Terry Greene, Kimberly Keyes, grand children, Nicole Hazel, Nytalia Wood, Brittany Wood, Daniel Nightingale-Bey, Jasmine Tobey-Rarugal, Terrance Hayes, Nila Hayes, Earon Keyes, Angelique Keyes, Taimarah Livingston, 12 great grandchildren, favored nephews Edward and Tyrone Whittington, niece Carolyn Whittington and many more nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to gather in remembrance of Ada Bell Wilson. A memorial service will be held at Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel on Monday July 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m until 12:00 pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Tribute Wall



“ Keith and Joanne Nightingale-Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ada Bell Wilson.

Keith and Joanne Nightingale-Campbell - July 10, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ Keith and Joanne Nightingale-Campbell purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Ada Bell Wilson.



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