



## Mrs. Willie O. Cross

June 29, 1930 - April 2, 2017

To know Willie Ola Burnell Cross was to love her. She was a woman of faith, dignity, class, style, and quick wit. She was a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, an aunt, a Granny and a friend.

Willie (also known as “Sister” and “Sis”) was born to the late Willis Burnell and Addie Hawkins on June 29, 1930 in Bethany, Louisiana. This union also produced a younger sister Dorothy.

Willie left Louisiana to marry the love of her life (she met the dashing Airman stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA) Abraham Cross on November 2, 1952. They raised six children in a home that was always welcoming to family and friends.

Willie was a very social and civic type person; she attended church where she served as an usher, choir member, missionary, and hospitality member. She also was an avid reader, traveler, seamstress, cook (her Fruit Cake, Pasta Salad and Crab cakes are still trying to be duplicated!), fabulous hostess, and member of the social group Silver Bells of Hampton, VA.

Willie retired from Anderson and Little Men’s Clothing as a much sought after seamstress. In retirement, Willie babysat many grandchildren and

neighborhood kids who all called her “Granny”! But keep in mind if travel called she could be known to announce at a moment’s notice that a substitute was to be found!

In May 2015 after the death of her husband of 58 years and a decline in her health, Willie was moved to Waterford Senior Living in Virginia Beach, VA whereshe was provided expert care. On Sunday, April 2, 2017 her spirit was freed.

Willie is survived by daughters Audrey Washington, Patricia Norton, Cynthia Harges, Wilma Cross, Marsha Cross and son Abraham Cross Jr.; twelve grandchildren, a host of great and great-great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends (devoted longtime friends Thelma B. Holloman, Rosa L. Johnson and Giovanna Stevenson). She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, and grandson.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery**

Semple Farm Road  
Hampton, VA 23666

# Previous Events

## **Funeral Service**

APR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
3601 Buckley Hall Rd  
Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Willie O. Cross*



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 05, 2017 at 06:07 PM

LW

*My condolences to a great family on the lost of there mother , my prayers are with you guys love you all Lorraine*

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**lorraine Winston** - April 06, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie O. Cross.*



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April 07, 2017 at 05:50 PM

EB

“ *May God be with you and your family in your time of sorrow.*

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**Ernest Barber** - April 07, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie O. Cross.*



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April 07, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ *To the Cross Family my heart goes out to you but most of all my PRAYERS. Wilma this is Valarie , Lorraines friend and I just wanted to extend my LOVE TO YOUR FAMILY and to say that I am here to serve in whatever capacity you all may need. Continue to be strong in the LORD as he carries you through this GOD BLESS! ,*

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**Valarie Chester** - April 06, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ *Aunt Sis you will be loved and remembered. My favorite memory of you is not from my childhood. Though those memories will always be cherished, my favorite is of something you said to me one day when we were all gathered at your house on Orcutt Ave.(?). You said "Brenda you remind me so much of your mother. Angie looks like her the most, but you carry her gentle spirit and caring ways." What a beautiful sentiment!!! You left me something that I will never forget. Rest easy Aunty. Don't fret about yours and Uncle Abrahams gang. We sister and brother cousins that are still here will look after, help and protect each other.*

*In Loving Memory  
Brenda Cross Phillips*

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**Brenda Cross Phillips** - April 06, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Willie O. Cross.*



April 06, 2017 at 07:54 AM

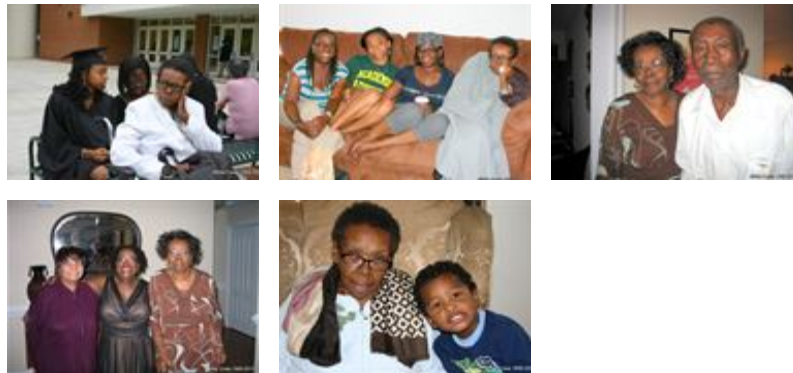


“ *To: Cynthia Harges; Please accept my deepest condolences during this difficult time! Through the many conversations we've had, I learned a lot about your mother and the deep love that you had for her. You were always there for your mother, so please know that God is pleased with you, because you never left your mother's side and she could not have had a better daughter. I know this is a difficult time, and I pray God's strength to you and your family. Warm regards, your co-worker Melvin Walton*

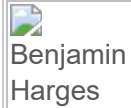
Melvin Walton - April 06, 2017 at 07:43 AM



“ *89 files added to the album Life Tributes*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - April 05, 2017 at 05:14 PM



Benjamin  
Harges

“ *Granny I love you. I am so privileged to say that though you were Granny to many, you were my Grandmother. Rest In Peace.*

*PS~ Please feel free to bless us from heaven with your bread pudding recipe lol It has been imitated but never duplicated. Love you.*

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**Benjamin Harges** - April 05, 2017 at 04:16 PM



Nikki  
Wilson

“ *Even though she told me goodbye I'm having a hard time letting go. As far as best friends go, she was mine ~ kept my secrets, supported my dreams, loved me unconditionally. So many memories of just her and me flooding my mind I can't turn them off. She fostered my love of traveling and flying, and fried chicken (our favorite date night meal)!!! While my grandfather was my first love she was definitely a close runner up.*

*Willie Ola Cross my one and only! I love you Granny. ❤️*



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**Nikki Wilson** - April 05, 2017 at 03:45 PM