



## Mother Helen V. Wade

August 3, 1928 - February 20, 2023

### Obituary

Mother Helen Vernell (Swift) Wade was born August 3, 1928, in Monticello, Arkansas to the union of Ruth Owens and Eddie Swift. She was the oldest of two children.

Mother Wade attended school in Monticello, Arkansas where she was raised by her grandmother. In 1943, she married Wilbert Neal; to that union, one son, Wilbert Neal Jr., was born and they moved to Alameda, CA. After living in California for five years, Mother Wade moved to Kansas City, MO in 1948. While living in Kansas City, she met and married Elihue Wade and they had four children: Russell, Patricia (Pat), Carla (CoCo), and Gregory (Greg).

Mother Wade gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was a woman of faith, strength, and love. Mother Wade depended on God throughout her life and did not take for granted the blessing he bestowed upon her. While serving the Lord and being an active member of the church, she enjoyed being a Sunday School Teacher, serving on the Mother's Board, attending church conventions, listening to gospel music, and giving spiritual words of encouragement to her sisters and brothers in Christ. Mother Wade was an obedient Child of God and led by example as the Matriarch of the family.

Mother Wade was a domestic worker during her life. She enjoyed cooking but

mastered the culinary skills in making desserts. Her legendary German Chocolate, Pineapple, and Caramel cakes were a favorite to many whom she fed. Mother Wade was a woman who loved life. She was a humbled Fashion Diva and loved to travel. Mother Wade was not selfish with her teachings, she shared her wisdom and knowledge of experience to embolden anyone in becoming the best person they can be.

Mother Wade knew no strangers and everyone she met loved and remembered her. She was a spiritual, kind-hearted, loving woman with many saying she lived by. When Mother Wade spoke, she meant what she said, and she said what she meant and in that order. She was truly one of a kind. Mother Wade ran a good race and held on to her faith to the very end.

Mother Wade is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Owens, and father, Eddie Swift, grandmother, Bell Owens, sister, Pauline Robinson, husbands Wilbert Neal and Elihue Wade, son, Russell Wade, and daughter, Patricia Calhoun.

Mother Wade cherished memories are with: two sons, Wilbert (Tony) Neal(Rody) and Gregory (Greg)Wade (both of KC, MO), two daughters, Carla (CoCo) Adams (KC, MO) and Irmalyn Thomas (Beaumont, TX), seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Gloria Bonner (Altadena, CA), four extended family members, Norma Johnson (KY), Michael Brewer (MI), Steven Brewer (KC, MO), and Soretta Boone (NC), cousins, and friends.

Funeral services Friday, March 3, 2023, 11:00am at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Interment XII Gates Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation 10:00am-11:00am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared our website.

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in memory of Mother Helen V. Wade, please visit our floral store.

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Mother Helen V. Wade  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
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Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mother Helen V. Wade** - May 25, 2023 at 10:56 AM

LL

“ *My condolences to the family!!! Mother Wade was such a beautiful lady!!! She would call my mom when she got sick and checked on her every week and it meant a lot!!! Sending prayers of comfort to you!!!*

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**LaTanya Liggins** - March 05, 2023 at 08:23 AM

SL

“ *To the family of Mother Helen Wade: Mother Wade was one of the sweetest people I have ever known. I will TRULY miss her smiles and conversations, I admired her to the upmost. Here's sending my love and sympathy to the family.*

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**Sherryl Lee** - March 02, 2023 at 04:34 PM

KC

“ *A beautiful and wonderful spirit! May your smiles and hugs continue to envelop your family and loved ones!*

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**Keith Caldwell** - March 01, 2023 at 07:10 PM

LC

“ Prayers and Condolences to My Brother Wilbert and Rody Neal.  
Love You.

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**LINDA CARSON** - February 27, 2023 at 09:45 AM

RJ

“ To my Big Cuz Wilbur and Rody,I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. I pray that you keep close your fondest memories of her and cherish the special moments that you shared with her. I know I'll remember my conversations with her regarding the latest news of family members and her recipes. I also pray that God fills your hearts and minds with hope and peace that surpasses all understanding. I will continue to keep you and the family lifted in prayer in the coming days, months, and years.Love,Your cousin,  
Rhonda ( Indianapolis, IN)

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**Rhonda Jones-Jointer** - February 24, 2023 at 01:31 PM