



Vivian A. Preston

January 25, 1926 - October 24, 2018

Obituary

Vivian Artnel Wilson Preston was born January 25, 1926, the second child of the late Brooks and Corean Wilson in Blackwell, Arkansas. She confessed her hope in Christ at age 11, was baptized, and united with St. Matthew #3 Baptist Church. She was one of a huge number of candidates being baptized after a two (2) week Church Revival. She worked in all phases of the church as a child, and continued in her adult years, until God called her home to heaven. Vivian attended Rural Elementary and junior high school in Blackwell and Morrilton Arkansas. Upon graduation from Morrilton High School, her father brought her to Kansas City Kansas and located her with family friends. Vivian was very disciplined in doing what her father instructed, however, one Sunday she decided to attend the 8th Street Baptist Church. Soon after, she started attending 8th Street. Vivian met the love of her life, Beryl LeFrance Preston Sr. She and Beryl were married April 27, 1947. She was blissfully married to Beryl LeFrance Preston Sr. for 49 years. Four precious beautiful children were born to this union: Franklin DeJuanette, Alda Sheverlia, Alicia Margarita, and Beryl LeFrance Jr. This happy marriage sadly dissolved in 1996. Vivian was a faithful member of Eighth Street Baptist Church for over 70 years. She worked tirelessly and faithfully in several areas of the Church.

Vivian was instrumental in the formation of the Young Adult Choir. After reaching the (then mandatory) age of 35, she transitioned to the Imperial Choir where she faithfully served. Vivian had a beautiful lyrical solo voice and

led several anthems as a member of both choirs. Vivian was called to the Deaconess Ministry when her husband was selected to become a member of the Deacon Board. She served faithfully in this capacity for over 62 years including more than 25 years as Deaconess Board Chair. Vivian served as a Sunday School teacher, BTU worker, Sadie Johnson Crusaders Mission Circle, and participant regularly attended prayer meeting. She was faithful in these activities as long as her health allowed her to do so. Vivian truly believed in God and made every effort to let you know it. She and her husband taught their children to participate in as many available activities as possible as she worked to make sure they were nurtured spiritually. In her last years, Vivian was only able to come to church a few times, but the joy it brought her each time she could come was readily evident on her face. Vivian was the consummate homemaker. At her husband's insistence, she did not work outside the home but concentrated on raising her four children and maintaining the household. In her later years Vivian worked as an election worker during local elections. In 1996, the marriage that helped make this happy life sadly ended in divorce. Vivian is survived by three sisters (Blondia Jordan, Hampton Virginia), Dr. Willarene Beasley (James) Roseville Minnesota); Dr. Jacqueline Hughes (Percy) Minneapolis Minnesota), Four children (Franklin Troy Michigan; Dr. Alda Preston Kansas City Kansas); Alicia Saunders (Paul) Kansas City Kansas; Beryl Preston Jr (Leslie) Kansas City Kansas. Twelve grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and her loving church family, many- many friends. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Eight Street Baptist Church 1420 North 8th Street KCK 66101. Visitation 9:00 A.M. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery 701 North 94th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66112.

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ To Deacon Preston and Family, We're praying God's grace and mercy will sustain you, and your Mom's memory bring you comfort.
The Taylor family

Danice Taylor - November 03, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LO

“ My deepest condolences Prayers and hugs Love ❤️ Nunn Walton Family

Louise - November 02, 2018 at 07:26 PM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was sent on November 2, 2018My deepest condolences
Love Nunn Walton Family

Expression of Sympathy - November 02, 2018 at 11:34 AM

ES

“ A GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN REMEMBERED was sent on November 1, 2018On behalf of Spring 2003 Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. we would like to extend our condolences to the Preston family and our brother Christopher Preston.

Expression of Sympathy - November 01, 2018 at 04:19 PM

MC

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Mary E. Collins-Hayes - November 01, 2018 at 10:04 AM

MC

“ To Alda, Alicia and family! I am praying for all of you at this time, that God will grant you comfort, peace and much love as only He can. I have such fond memories of your parents, as a child, teen and as an adult, as they were friends of my parents and for awhile lived next door to us! Trust in the Lord, remember all she taught and gave to you, and may precious memories fill you with joy and thankfulness that you were so blessed to have a mother such as she. God is good! Love, blessings and prayers, Mary (Esther) Collins-Hayes, KCK

Mary E. Collins-Hayes - November 01, 2018 at 10:03 AM

AM

“ Condolences and prayers to Dea. Franklin Preston and family.

Alma Moss - October 31, 2018 at 09:32 PM

ES

“ A Beautiful in Blue was sent by Larry & Mary Knox on October 31, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - October 31, 2018 at 01:31 PM

JN

“ May our God comfort and keep you and your family is my prayer. He's Able, continue to look toward the hills! My fondest memory of your Mom is how she greeted me so kindly and always with a smile.

Janet Nash - October 31, 2018 at 01:24 PM

CG

“ *To Paul & Alicia Saunders and the family of Mrs. Vivian Preston,
Now The God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing,
that you may abound in Hope, through the Power of the Holy Spirit
(Romans 15:13).*

Carol Graham-Pitchlyn - October 30, 2018 at 06:47 PM