



## Arbidella Claudette Wilson

September 24, 1959 - January 25, 2024

Obituary for Arbidella “Arby” Claudette Wilson

September 24th, 1959 ~ January 25th, 2024

Arbidella Claudette Wilson, known by many friends and family as “Arby”, but to her close cousins, she was, and always will be, ‘Della’.

Arby was the first daughter that her mother, Virginia Iona Wilson, and her father, the late William Andrew Wilson Jr., brought into this world on Thursday, September 24th, 1959, in Chestertown, MD.

She returned home to the Lord on Thursday, January 25th, 2024, at the young age of 64, in the home where she grew up-- in Millington, MD.

In her teenage years, Arby attended Kent County High School in Worton, MD. While she was still in high school, she made the decision to begin a job as a Factory Worker where she worked for the duration of her high school career before graduating in 1977.

Following her graduation, she moved on from her factory job and began her career in the medical field when she started working at Kent & Queen Anne’s Hospital as a Dietary Aide allowing her to find her true passion; caring and dedicating her time to the health and wellbeing of others.

Around the mid-1980s, Arby understood that there was more to life and moved to Washington, DC where she would go on to do volunteer EMT work and became a certified CPR instructor. She worked for Quest Diagnostics at

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD as a Phlebotomist for over 40 years of hospitality, dedication, and generosity to her patients. She even took it a step further and obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Health Management before retiring due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Arby thoroughly enjoyed life. She enjoyed listening to jazz music, and indulging in succulent foods; she loved her crabs, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. Arby was very outgoing, enthusiastic, creative, funny, and most importantly, loving! Arby was a genuine person, who had no fear telling you like it is but was always willing to help/aide whenever she could.

In addition to her father, Arby was preceded in death by one sister, Faye Wilson, her ex-husband, Oswald Gilliam, and one nephew, DaShaun Hughes. She is survived by two daughters, Ashley Smith (Malik), Aliyah Saunders (Josiah), and her adopted daughter, Bryana Streets (Andre) of Baltimore, MD. Two sisters, Doris Wilson of Dover, Delaware, Virginia Little of Millington, MD, two grandchildren, Maximus and Zion Smith of Baltimore, MD, and four great nieces, all of whom she adored dearly; Sha'Nye Quail, Serenity Wilson-Quail, Lai'Onna Hughes, and Shauniece Quail of Dover, Delaware and numerous other nieces, nephews, and family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 370 Cypress Street, Millington, MD 21651 at 11:00 AM

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.FHNFuneralHome.com](http://www.FHNFuneralHome.com)  
Arrangements by Fellows Family Funeral Home 370 Cypress St. Millington, MD

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 10 (ET)

Fellows Family Funeral Home  
370 Cypresses St  
Millington, MD 21651

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ *John Vogel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arbidella Claudette Wilson.*



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**John Vogel** - February 18, 2024 at 07:20 PM

NG

“ *Najay Greene lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Najay Greene** - February 10, 2024 at 04:40 PM

SW

“ *Shashuana Wilson lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Shashuana Wilson** - February 09, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ 94 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 09, 2024 at 04:53 PM

RM

“ I worked side by side with Arby at WAH for nearly 10 years. She was not only a friend but a mentor to me. I learned so much about the Lord and life from Arby. She always put me in my place if I was wrong and lifted me up and encouraged me when things were tough. We laughed, we cried, we smiled, throughout the years. one thing she said to me that I will never forget is "When things seem they are at their worst, that is when you thank GOD the most, because it is in the hard times that HE is making way for something better. Keep thanking GOD."



Rachel Milstead - February 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM

SW

“ Condolences to the family, friends and the extended family. Remembering the good times and good old days of The Class of 1977. Sleep in Peace classmate.💔

Shirley Williams - February 07, 2024 at 06:04 PM

SW

“ Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Shirley Williams - February 07, 2024 at 05:52 PM

TQ

“ Thelma Quinn lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Thelma Quinn - February 07, 2024 at 01:15 PM

TQ

“ Mrs. Wilson, Doris ,and Ginny your family is in my thoughts and prayers.



Thelma (Ellis) Quinn - February 07, 2024 at 01:14 PM

AT

“ Arby was my classmate and friend. I will forever cherish the memories of our time together as the class of 77



Annette Turner - February 07, 2024 at 02:13 AM

MW

“ *Margie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Margie Wilson** - February 06, 2024 at 06:46 PM

LW

“ *Liz Wilson lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Liz Wilson** - February 06, 2024 at 06:45 PM

MW

*I miss you so much, you will forever be in my heart* 🧡🧡🧡🧡

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**Margie Wilson** - February 06, 2024 at 06:49 PM

TD

“ *Arby was my classmate and friend. Whenever we saw each other she greeted me with her beautiful smile and a hug. My sincere condolences to the family. May God bring you peace and comfort.*



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**Terr Deaton** - February 06, 2024 at 06:42 PM

MF

“ Margie, Ricky, Liz, Shuana & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Arbidella Claudette Wilson.



Margie, Ricky, Liz, Shuana & family - February 06, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JB

“ Juanita Burris lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Juanita Burris - February 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM

JB

Wow still can't believe it but God makes no mistakes and I will just cherish the memories that we had together all of those talks, laughs and just hanging out coming to see you and Aunt Pete, spending family time together.... Love you and Miss you....

Juanita Burris - February 06, 2024 at 10:50 AM

AB

“ Angela Burris lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Angela Burris - February 05, 2024 at 10:06 PM

MA

“ *MR.&MRS.TONY A.PERRY,SR lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



**MR.&MRS.TONY A.PERRY,SR** - February 05, 2024 at 02:43 PM

MS

“ *Michele Aka Shelly Somerville lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



**Michele aka Shelly Somerville** - February 05, 2024 at 05:53 AM

MS

*Dear sis you was there with me though some tough time and will forever love and thank you with all my heart... Life is funny, just a few weeks ago we were sharing a moment listening to wlfw. I'm going to miss you sis. Tell Sheree I said hello! I know two are having a good time."LOVE YOU"*

**Michael Gilbert sr** - February 07, 2024 at 10:49 AM

MS

*Cousin Arby's I called you I'am truly going to miss you . Your heart was like gold ,you would always say little Shelly you okay you had my back I will miss you so dearly I love you*

**Michele Somerville** - February 09, 2024 at 06:12 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jeff lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Brenda Jeff** - February 04, 2024 at 04:50 PM

TH

“ *Trudy Henry-Brown lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Trudy Henry-Brown** - February 03, 2024 at 06:54 PM

KM

“ *Kay McHenry lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson*



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**Kay McHenry** - February 03, 2024 at 06:29 PM

KM

*RIP Arby!*

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**Kay McHenry** - February 03, 2024 at 06:30 PM

SJ

“ Shirley Jeff lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Shirley Jeff - February 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DG

“ Doris George-Bramble lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Doris George-Bramble - February 02, 2024 at 06:08 PM

DG

Arby and I went to Kent County High together, she was sweet, nice, smart and beautiful. RIP dear classmate. I have many fond memories of you.

Doris George-Bramble - February 02, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JH

“ Joyce Henry lit a candle in memory of Arbidella Claudette Wilson



Joyce Henry - February 02, 2024 at 03:00 PM