



Dinah M. Oglesby

July 10, 1942 - March 25, 2024

Dinah Maurice Wilkerson Oglesby, known affectionately as Maurice, left this earthly world on Monday, March 25, 2024, surrounded by her family at Sentara Obici Hospital. At the time of her transition, Dinah was 81 years old.

A native of Smithfield, Virginia, Dinah was born on July 10, 1942, to the union of the late Junious and Agnes Wilkerson. She was the seventh of ten children and the middle girl of the couple's three daughters.

Early life for the family revolved around a shared love of God and music, leaving the family riddled with many soul-stirring gospel vocalists. Dinah often reminisced about her father's mesmerizing tenor voice, and the later formed Wilkerson Family Choir, never failing to mention that she "didn't quite get those singing abilities but that she could make a joyful noise nonetheless".

Dinah received her formal education at the Isle of Wight Training School. While there she honed a number of skills and interests: starring in the cast of the school play "Papa Says No!", acting on the senior class committee alongside her classmates, and dribbling on the court as point guard for the women's basketball team. Dinah graduated from IWT in the summer of 1961 and through the journey of her life kept in close contact with her dearest classmates and friends.

Young adult life for Dinah brought on the joys of travel and exploration. Whether it was her brief stint in New York in 1960 or her years living and expanding her family in Germany, she never missed a chance to look back on the memories she made across the world and the friends that she made along the way. She truly never met a stranger.

Dinah lived by the motto that “If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain” and held true to Ecclesiastes 9:10, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going”.

She served her community and church family with pride. She retired from Smithfield Packing in 2004 with 35 years of service. Co-workers and passersby remember her fondly for her stylish work-attire and her hospitable nature. The day was made when Ms. Dinah arrived with her homemade cakes, pies, breakfast and lunch sandwiches in tow.

In the early '90s Dinah decided that she would use education as a means to further her service to the community. It was then that she enrolled and graduated from Paul D. Camp Community College, receiving her license as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She cared for elder members of the community under this capacity for years after her official retirement and well into her own elder years.

A proud member of Mt. Tabor Church of God in Christ, Dinah served her heavenly father and his people with humility and fervor. She was a church trustee, member of the mother's board, hospitality worker, and never missed a chance to act on a committee, spearhead an event, or rally attendees from far and wide.

Dinah Maurice Wilkerson Oglesby is predeceased by her parents Junious and

Agnes Wilkerson, and her siblings Violet Smith, Beatrice Joyner, Hezekiah Wilkerson, Raymond Wilkerson, Junious Wilkerson, Wesley Wilkerson, Robert Earl Wilkerson, and Pinkie Davis.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Joe Oglesby; her two children Charles Henry Gray III (Ramana) and Yolanda White (Reginald); her brother Everett "Mack" Wilkerson (Pamela); her three granddaughters Nouri Gray, Bria Gray, and Mya White; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Tabor C.O.G.I.C. Cemetery

13468 Waterworks Road
Smithfield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapman - J. T. Fisher Funeral Services
658 W. Main Street
Smithfield, VA 23430
(757) 357-2326
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAR **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Tabor COGIC
13468 Waterworks Road
Smithfield, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dinah M. Oglesby



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 29, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ To the family, my deepest condolences are extended to you during this sorrowful time. She was truly a sweet, spirited woman. May God's arms of comfort and love continue to surround you.

Pamela Lee - March 29, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 28, 2024 at 09:10 PM

FW

“ Family of the late Robert E Wilkerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dinah M. Oglesby.

Family of the late Robert E Wilkerson - March 28, 2024 at 08:36 PM

FW

“ Family of the late Robert E Wilkerson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



Family of the late Robert E Wilkerson - March 28, 2024 at 08:36 PM

RW

“ Raven Nessa Wilkerson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dinah M. Oglesby.

Raven Nessa Wilkerson - March 28, 2024 at 03:13 PM

RW

“ Raven Nessa Wilkerson purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



Raven Nessa Wilkerson - March 28, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DF

“ Deacon Lloyd Branch & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



Deacon Lloyd Branch & Family - March 28, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SF

“ Shelia Murray & The White Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dinah M. Oglesby.

Shelia Murray & The White Family - March 28, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



March 28, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



March 28, 2024 at 01:44 PM

LB

“ Leon (Hammer) Boone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dinah M. Oglesby.

Leon (Hammer) Boone - March 28, 2024 at 08:47 AM

LB

“ Leon (Hammer) Boone purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



Leon (Hammer) Boone - March 28, 2024 at 08:47 AM

CF

“ Curtiss Wilson and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dinah M. Oglesby.



Curtiss Wilson and family - March 27, 2024 at 04:20 PM

MW

“ To Yolanda, Reginald, Charles, the grands and entire Family find comfort in the peace that only God can give any of us in the difficult seasons of our lives!



To my dear friend and sister, Dinah, rest peacefully in your new home. You have gone from labor to reward. Matthew 25:21 KJV says "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Until we meet again up in GLORY! I am going to miss you my forever friend!! 💔

Mamie Holmes Wise - March 26, 2024 at 07:18 PM

EB

Sending condolences and prayers to the family. May you find comfort and peace from our God during your bereavement.

Evelyn Hamlin Blount - March 27, 2024 at 10:33 PM

WS

Deepest sympathy to Yolanda and the entire family! I saw your loved one about a month ago. We hugged and it was just so good to be in her presence. She has entered into the Joy of the Lord ❤️🕊

Wanda Wells Savedge - March 28, 2024 at 07:30 AM

JD

“ My sincerest condolences to the family 🙏.

James N. Davis - March 26, 2024 at 03:27 PM

JD

Our deepest condolences to the family, praying for strength and comfort 🙏❤️ from Judy and Wesley Davis

Judy Davis - March 26, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MW

To Yolanda (Reginald), Charles, Everette (Pamela), the grands, nieces, nephews and the entire family, you have my sincerest heartfelt sympathy in this great loss. May God's perfect peace comfort and keep you all in this most difficult season of your lives.

Rest in sweet heavenly peace my dear Dinah, forever friend and classmate. You have been FAITHFUL, my sister and prayer warrior, your reward is great. Matthew 25:21 KJV "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the lord." We will meet again over in GLORY! 💔

Mamie Holmes Wise - March 26, 2024 at 10:45 PM

JB

Praying with the Family!

Joahn Brown - March 27, 2024 at 05:19 PM

RJ

To The Lovely Oglesby and Wilkerson Family, My heart is heavy as I was informed that Maurice had transitioned from labor to reward. We on earth are saddened, however, God has another precious angel now resting with her parents and siblings. I can see Beetrice and Hezekiah singing and ushering in another sibling and Maurice adding her melodious voice to the wonderful chorus rejoicing. May God give comfort, peace and a celebratory atmosphere during this period of bereavement. With the love of Jesus!!!!

Ronald D. Johnson - March 27, 2024 at 09:34 PM