



## Lynda Dawson-Wilson

March 24, 1946 - January 31, 2022

Lynda Faye Dawson- Wilson affectionately known as Ma-Faye was born in Norfolk, Virginia to the late McNeal Dawson and Erlia Mae Yates-Dawson.

Lynda's family migrated to New Haven, Connecticut when she was a young girl. She attended New Haven Public School System graduating from James Hillhouse High School in 1964. After high school, Lynda Faye tried her hand in cosmetology where she completed and earned a certificate at Harrison Beauty Academy. She later earned an Associate Degree from South Central Community College.

Lynda Faye was truly a jewel on earth. This was shown through her personal, professional, and spiritual relationships.

Lynda Faye worked and advocated for her community, her beloved Hill Neighborhood as she would call it, she also advocated stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS, especially in African Americans.

In 2016 Lynda Faye was awarded The Leading Woman Society Award which she was extremely proud of. Lynda Faye was also a faithful member of Thomas Chapel Church of Christ in New Haven, CT.

Lynda Faye was involved with many organizations and served on many

boards. These organizations include but are not limited to: SWANA, The Usher Board of New Haven, Survivors of Homicide, Ryan White AIDS Council, Wise Women Win, The City of New Haven Mayors Task Force, How are the Children and The Hill Management Team HNCMT.

Lynda Faye leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband Dennonis Wilson Sr., son Dennonis Wilson Jr. of North Carolina, son in law Lionel McCullough of North Carolina, grandson Taimar Hawley Sr., granddaughter Tiffany Davis (Raquann), great-grandson Taimar Hawley Jr., great-granddaughters Teniya Warren-Hudson, Tai'Lynn Hawley and Royal Kelley. She also is survived by her 2 brothers William L. Dawson II and John Dawson, sister Florence Mangum all of New Haven, CT, her granddaughter in love Shequeda Rowe, and lifelong friends Anne Boyd, Kathleen Tolliver, and Naomi Jenkins.

Lynda was predeceased by her parents McNeal Dawson and Erlia Mae Yates-Dawson, daughter Talana-Hawley- McCullough, granddaughter Ja'mese Hudson, sisters Shirley, Patricia, and Vanessa Dawson, and one sister-in-law Burnestine Dawson.

Lynda will be sorely missed by a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends near and far. If you knew Faye just remember her favorite sayings to help you get through this difficult time, "I'm Bless In All This Mess", "To Blessed To Be Stressed"

"God Got Me, and He Got It" and "God Bless".

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 776-8179

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Lynda Dawson-Wilson

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ Frances Branch-Walker lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson



Frances Branch-Walker - February 11, 2022 at 08:09 PM



*Im so sorry to hear of your passing Ms. Lynda truly a Good one has left us you always have shown Unconditional love 💕 Im going to miss you and your kind words Im just sadden but Im glad you arent suffering any more Im glad I did call and speak with you we had a great laugh together gone but never forgotten thanks always for being there for me love Kim*

Ms. Kyles - March 07, 2022 at 05:26 AM



“ Karyn Butler lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson



Karyn Butler - February 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM

FR

“ *Fencia Rosario lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson*



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**Fencia Rosario** - February 10, 2022 at 01:00 PM

WC

“ *I met Lynda as a visiting nurse back in the 90's and through the years we crossed paths at events and meeting for the Mayors task Force on AIDs and Ryan White service meetings. Lynda will be sorely missed-always willing to share her views. in particular I remember going to a showing of a film, "Nothing Without Us-the Women Who Will End AIDS" at the Yale Law School. Lynda was of course there, serving on a panel for discussion after the film. My condolences to her family and all those who loved her.*



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**wendy cusick** - February 10, 2022 at 11:41 AM

AD

“ *Ms. Lynda will be missed by many, her work and efforts in this community will not be forgotten. To blessed to be stressed in all this Mess.*

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**Adrienne DeBarros** - February 10, 2022 at 10:14 AM

PH

“ *My dear sister Faye, you are truly Blessed to no longer be Stressed. My heart goes out to the family with sincere sympathy. I'll continue to Pray for your restful peace in paradise. I'll see you on the other side, "God Bless"*

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**Paul T. Hawley** - February 10, 2022 at 12:34 AM

PD

“ *Patricia A. DeWitt lit a candle in memory of  
Lynda Dawson-Wilson*



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**Patricia A. DeWitt** - February 09, 2022 at 09:43 PM

RG

“Lynda was the most formidably loving person I have ever known. Unafraid to speak truth to power in her own ineffable way, always remembering where true power reigns. Despite her challenges, her faith in a good and most gracious God was and always will be unwavering.

*A faith that manifested in action, always showing up to represent and give a voice for those who weren't able speak up.*

*May her life inspire others to do the same, lifting us all to a higher ground to be more loving, just and accountable.*

*I am going to miss our conversations. Her clarity and keen sight brought consolation and affirmation to what is good and right.*

*Lynda always had the last word whenever we spoke. I would always say I love you, and she would always say “I love you more.” I knew she meant it, and had no doubt that it was true because her heart was big enough for both of us.*

*I am so glad I had the opportunity to thank her for all this and more. Never miss an opportunity to tell someone how much they mean to you.*

*As Lynda always said “God is good.”*

*Remembering that goodness.*

*Rev. Alexander R. Garbera*



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Rev. Garbera - February 09, 2022 at 08:01 PM

RH

“ Deep sympathy, prayers and condolences are extended to the entire family. Lynda was loved by many. I met her in the mid- 70's through Hill Health Center, then we worked together along with the late Mrs. Elsie Cofield, CEO and founder of AIDS Interfaith. Lynda was a tireless advocate and supporter of anyone in any community needing help, not just the Hill. Lynda my friend, a recent learned relative of my husband through family reunions, also took care of one of my brother making him to feel apart of her family along with her late father, Mr. McNeal Dawson and brother John Dawson. They loved him unconditionally. Our family is happy that Lynda is no longer suffering and with the Lord.



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**Rev. Wilton & Rev. Fannie Hardy** - February 09, 2022 at 02:43 PM

TP

“ Tina Phelmetta lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson



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**Tina phelmetta** - February 08, 2022 at 07:08 PM

OJ

“ *Our Deepest Sincere Heartfelt Condolences goes out to the Family of Ms. Lynda Faye Wilson. On behalf of the NHPD Survivors of Homicide Victims Support Group, we will like you to know that our Prayers & Thoughts are with you during this time of Bereavement. Ms. Lynda Faye was a Precious Jewel to Our Group, and she will forever hold a special place in our Hearts. Although, we are going to miss her dearly, we know to be Absent in the Body, is to be Present with the Lord. Ms. Lynda Faye, You have Fought a Good Fight, and You have Finished Your Course, You have Kept the Faith. Sleep in Peace Our Dear Angel, Sleep in Peace, We Got it from Here.*

*Officer Nancy Jordan  
NHPD Survivors of Homicide Victims Support Group*

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**Ofc. Nancy Jordan** - February 08, 2022 at 03:10 PM

WD

*My dear friend Lynda I can't believe that you left us last time we talked I saw in your eyes that you were growing tired but not only me saw that but so did God I'm going to miss you my dear sister and friend go on and take your rest until we meet again*

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**Wallace Jerome Daniels** - February 14, 2022 at 11:23 AM

VF

“ *We the Franklin family will miss you Ma-Faye love Claretha , Michelle , Felicia & Vonda Franklin . Love the Franklin family*

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**Vonda Franklin** - February 08, 2022 at 01:43 PM

BF

“ *Bynum Family lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson*



Bynum Family - February 08, 2022 at 06:34 AM

CT

“ *Lynda Faye a treasured friend from Lafayette /Oak st neighborhood; she fought the good fight and helped so many others who struggled with AIDS, living her life with grace and dignity. God Bless her and God's Peace to her family. Cynthia Teixeira and Linda Texeira.*

Cynthia Teixeira' - February 07, 2022 at 11:19 PM

SJ

“ *I left New Haven in 2009 to move near family in Oregon. Lynda was one of the special people I left behind. We worked together for a decade on criminal justice reform, as members of People Against Injustice. I was very sad to hear of Lynda's passing, and will keep fond memories of our relationship and of her care for others. When I came back for a visit to New Haven in 2012, I got together with Lynda & other members of People Against Injustice (see photo) I never met Lynda's family but I send you all my condolences on your loss.*  
-Sally Joughin



Sally Joughin - February 07, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy and condolences to Shawn and the entire Dawson -Wilson family on your precious loss. Praying God continue to enfold each of you in his loving arms as you prepare to lay your love one to rest 🙏❤️*



**Maxine Pullen** - February 07, 2022 at 03:58 PM

WD

“ *I love you so much Aunt Faye and will truly miss being in your presence.*



**Wanda Dawson** - February 07, 2022 at 01:54 PM

NJ

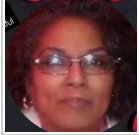
*Faye you was a true friend. You ❤️ will always have a special place in my heart ❤️ and will truly be miss.*

**Naomi Jenkins-James** - February 08, 2022 at 05:59 PM

FY

*Deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. Linda was such a wonderful person. Always had a smile and a hug when I would see her. She was a person that I remembered from a little girl living in Hill/Oak st..areas long ago with her family. Whenever we spoke she would always remember my family members names and asked about them all individually. That was special to me. Linda will always be a fond memory.*

**Frances Young** - February 11, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Consuela Laurent lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson*



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**Consuela Laurent** - February 07, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Bernice Drumgoole lit a candle in memory of Lynda Dawson-Wilson*



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**Bernice Drumgoole** - February 07, 2022 at 01:09 PM