



## Alma Rosetta "Silky" Wilkerson

March 11, 1936 - May 9, 2020

Early Saturday morning, May 9, 2020, our Heavenly Father called one of his angels home. Alma Rosetta Wilkerson "Silky", age 84 of Philadelphia, TN. She was home with her husband, Robert E Wilkerson and daughter, Brigina T Wilkerson.

She was born March 11, 1936. She accepted Christ at an early age and at her passing was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She received her B.S. in Education and taught in Georgia and Tennessee for 44 years. She was preceded in death by her parents Jodie F. and Voyace R. (Prater) Upton, son Daniel Eugene Wilkerson, sisters Helen Palmer, Juanita Jones, Jody Pearl White, and Mary Ellen Johnson, and brothers Charles (Bo) Upton and Louis Upton.

Survivors include husband: Robert E. Wilkerson, daughter Brigina T Wilkerson, son David E Wilkerson, USMC retired, daughter in law Jody L Wilkerson, grandsons Bryce M Wilkerson and Derek M Wilkerson of North Carolina. Brothers J.C. (Janice) Upton, J.N. (Rebekah) Upton and a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Silky was a beautiful, generous, Christian woman who loved her family dearly. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and teacher. Mom (Silky), you will be fondly remembered and forever missed. "LOVE YOU

MORE.”

Family will hold a Celebration of life service at Kyker’s Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, TN, on Sunday, May 24, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. with Pastor Reggie Jackson officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the American Diabetes Association or Alzheimer’s Association. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomesomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomesomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
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# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Hamlin Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alma Rosetta "Silky" Wilkerson.*



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**The Hamlin Family** - May 22, 2020 at 02:25 PM

HK

“ *Hank, Julia, Kayla and Darren Kirkland purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alma Rosetta "Silky" Wilkerson.*



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**Hank, Julia, Kayla and Darren Kirkland** - May 22, 2020 at 02:16 PM

SM

“ *My sincere condolences...such a sweet lady!*  
*Sherry McCaskill*



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**Sherry McCaskill** - May 16, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DS

“ *I loved Mrs. Wilkerson dear person and teacher she taught Debbie and twin Dewayne Lawrence. Also knew her Daughter and Son. Played basketball with her daughter had some great memories. She will be missed.*

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**Debbie Strickland** - May 15, 2020 at 09:08 PM

KB

“ Mrs. Wilkerson was my second grade teacher. I loved being in her class. She was a kind and caring lady. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Kim Bridges - May 15, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AM

“ My favorite teacher growing up. Remember learning my multiplication tables with her and that she was so kind as I struggled pronouncing r's and w's. Such a blessing. Prayers with her family. She definitely will be an angel looking over us.

Annette Moore - May 15, 2020 at 03:51 PM

JT

“ Silky was my first teaching partner, she was an inspiration to me. She was a wonderful, caring, person. I truly appreciated her advice & counsel. Loved her dearly!

Julie Taylor - May 15, 2020 at 02:18 PM

CJ

“ Mrs. Wilkerson was my 2nd grade teacher and her son, David, one of my best friends growing up! She was a wonderful Christian woman and so very caring! Sad to hear of her loss! Praying for her entire family right now! Christopher Jones

Christopher Jones - May 15, 2020 at 01:47 PM

KK

“ She was my teacher at Philly, I loved her, she was a great teacher and lady. I've seen her over the years in town and she always hugged me and remembered my name. I still always called her Mrs. Wilkerson. She will be missed.

Kim Knowles - May 15, 2020 at 01:37 PM

DL

“ Mrs Wilkerson was my 3rd grade teacher and was my favorite teacher I’ve had.she helped me through missing my uncle while he was in basic training to become a marine. She gave me Marine Corp posters that she said her son gave her and that her son was in the marines also.

dusty lane - May 15, 2020 at 12:22 PM

MH

Oh My! What a wonderful Lady....our deepest condolences to the Family.

Mr/Mrs. Raymond B. (Arby) Harrison - May 15, 2020 at 01:31 PM

EW

Silky was a class act. Her ability to teach with compassion, humor and sense of purpose was a testament to her amazing character. Her enthusiasm and love of Philadelphia School was shared to students and parents. Gina, David, and Gene my deepest respect and love. Red

ed waller - May 15, 2020 at 05:33 PM

DB

“ What a wonderful lady. I was blessed to know here.

Dave Birkholz - May 15, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DB

To know her.

Dave Birkholz - May 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM

CU

“ Dear Heavenly Father Put Your Loving Arms Uncle Eugene and Cousin's Brigina and David I'm Sending My Love And Hugs Out To You Family's I'm Truly Going Miss You Alma Rosetta (Silky) Wilkerson I Have Found Memories With You Aunt Silky And Uncle Gene and Cousin's Gina and David Our Dad Louis Used Bring Us From Detroit To Tennessee See Y'all I Used Stay With Y'all For Summer and Christmas Vacation .... With All Our Love ❤️❤️❤️❤️  
❤️ Carlotta Upton And Family's Your Detroit Michigan Family's Now Reside In Gilbert Arizona



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**Carlotta M Upton** - May 15, 2020 at 09:53 AM