



## Laurel Patricia Wiltshire

October 11, 1949 - January 25, 2026

Laurel Patricia Wiltshire was born in Brontie, Manchester, Jamaica. She was a beloved mother, faithful servant of the Lord, and a light to all who had the privilege of knowing her. She entered eternal rest on January 25, 2026, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, surrounded by love of family and carried by grace.

A woman defined by love and selflessness; Laurel gave freely of herself to everyone she encountered. Her heart was generous, her spirit gentle, and her life a living testimony of faith. She loved the Lord deeply, and her walk with Him shaped every part of who she was. Through her words, her actions, and her unwavering kindness, she reflected God's love in ways that left a lasting impression on all who encountered her.

Laurel possessed a remarkable wealth of wisdom. Whether through quiet conversation or heartfelt guidance, she shared insight, encouragement, and understanding with anyone who needed it. She had a rare gift for making people feel seen, valued, and heard.

Professionally, Laurel first worked as a Pharmacy Assistant at the then Bailey's Drugstore in Christiana where she met and subsequently married Sylvin Newman Snr. She then worked as a librarian with the Jamaica Library Service, and served at the Mandeville and Christiana locations where her love for knowledge and learning allowed her to nurture young minds. Laurel found

great joy in counseling young people, nurturing their curiosity, and helping them discover their potential. Later, answering a higher calling of care and compassion she immersed herself into the scriptures, and often shared the word as an Evangelist and Lay Preacher in her home church, Chudleigh Restored Pentecostal.

Laurel later migrated to the United States of America where she became a Certified Nursing Assistant. In this role, she poured out her heart through service, tending to others with patience, dignity and genuine love, whilst treating every person as though they were family.

Above all else, Laurel cherished her role as a mother. Her love was unconditional, her sacrifices countless, and her devotion unwavering. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, wisdom, resilience and love.

Laurel is survived by her four children, Sherna, Carol (Joan), Delrose and Selvin Newman Jr., Sons-in-love – Donovan and Courtney, Daughter-in-love – Ana, Grand Children – Jodi-Kaye, Kimberly, Carlson, Courtnegail, Chaniel, Zoe, Max, and Milan, siblings Agatha (Gloria), Audley (Roy), nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Though she will be deeply missed, we rejoice in knowing that she now rests in the arms of her Savior, hearing the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Mom, we love you! Your legacy of love and Christian devotion will forever be etched in our hearts and minds.

Sleep in eternal peace Mother Dear and may God’s perpetual light shine on you always!!!



# Cemetery Details

## Bailey Memorial Gardens

7801 Bailey Road  
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels  
5980 West Oakland Park Blvd.  
Lauderhill, FL 33313  
(954) 484-1833  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

BY

“Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.”

*A true veteran of the faith has gone home to be with her Lord and Savior.*

*I met Laurel in the early 1970s, and she remained a dear friend ever since. She was a dedicated servant of God, appointed Evangelist by the late Leonard McIntosh. She labored faithfully between Devon and Chudleigh Restored Pentecostal Church and wherever the Lord sent her. Her love for God and His people knew no bounds.*

*As neighbors in Chudleigh, Manchester, our friendship deepened. We worshiped together, raised our children together, and shared many evenings of fellowship. I looked up to her as a mentor and treasured our inseparable bond.*

*Laurel loved the Word of God, memorized Scripture with ease, and left her children a rich Christian heritage. She passed on my birthday and will be laid to rest on my late son's birthday — a son who loved her dearly.*

*She will be greatly missed.*

*Sleep on, my friend, and take your rest.*

*Blossom Young*

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**Blossom Young** - February 13 at 07:12 PM

OS

*My dear friend Sherna and family*

*I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Losing a mother is one of life's hardest moments, and my heart is with you and your family during this time. Though I'm unable to attend the service tomorrow, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*May God surround you with His peace, comfort you with His presence, and give you strength in the days ahead. May the beautiful memories you shared with your mom bring you warmth and reassurance.*

*Sending you love, comfort, and sincere condolences.  
Lloyd and Olivene Swaby*

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**Olivene Swaby** - February 13 at 08:35 PM

SG

“*Auntie Laurel as she was known to my sister and myself was a soft spoken, gentle lady who we had the privilege of visiting many Sunday mornings on our way to our grandparents or sitting with her on her job at the Christiana Public Library when the other adults were otherwise engaged. She was neat, practical and mannerly with a different sense of humor. She had a small smile that could rumble into a good laugh.*

*Sherna, Rose, Delrose and Junior, know that your cousins mourn with you. The death of a mother leaves a hole that nothing or no one can fill. Rest assured in the Christian values she placed in you and that Great Getting Up Morning when we shall see her again.*

*~Sharon, Jennifer, Neville and Delroy*

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**Sharon Gayle** - February 13 at 06:39 AM

SJ

“ Sam & Deren John purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.



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**Sam & Deren John** - February 12 at 07:59 PM

NY

“ Nicole Y. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.



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**Nicole Y.** - February 12 at 12:59 PM

SO

“ Mr Newman as I would call her, was a very kind polished classy, and most of all a Godly woman..we had long talks back in the day she would pray for. We met at a little church in Chudleigh Manchester Jamaica and the rest is history.. she has the most wonderful children that I loved dearly. Her beautiful daughter Delrose sang at my wedding. Love those girls her son is an amazing young man. I know the angels are singing . We will miss you forever but you are in your father's arms now. R.I.P MY DARLING SWEET FRIEND.

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**Sandra Oglesby** - February 11 at 04:38 PM

BC

*My condolences to the family so sorry for your loss may her soul RIP*

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**Beth cummings** - February 12 at 12:04 PM

HW

*My love and deepest condolences to Carol and her siblings on the passing of her hero - her beautiful mom. Keep her memories alive in your* ☐  
*Heather*

**Heather White** - February 14 at 11:57 AM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.*



February 11 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ *Jodi-kaye C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.*

**Jodi-kaye C.** - February 11 at 01:00 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.*



February 11 at 12:52 PM

JC

“ *Jodi-kaye C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.*

**Jodi-kaye C.** - February 11 at 12:52 PM

FF

“ From Christine and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.



From Christine and family - February 10 at 01:59 PM



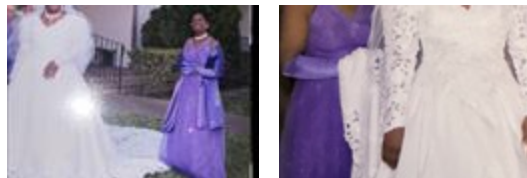
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.



February 10 at 01:58 PM

NW

“ Evang Newman was one of my best friends. She was my matron of honor at my wedding. She was so principled, disciplined, proper, orderly. She was a Godly woman. I remember when my son was a teenager and would have lots of challenges and would get in trouble, she labored in prayer for him as if it was her own child. She was a prayer warrior. She heard directly from the Lord! She never compromised her faith. When we spoke it would be for hours! Father thank you for allowing me to meet her! She demonstrates what a true Christian should look like. So sorry I didn't get to say goodbye!! See you someday my friend!!



Nadine wray - February 07 at 09:47 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.



February 03 at 07:48 AM



“ The Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurel Patricia Wiltshire.

**The Family** - February 03 at 07:48 AM



“ I remember one summer when I was scheduled to go the Spring Ground for the summer. I should have gone on a Thursday. We spoke and she ask me what would like her to make for me. I said auntie you know what I want already, banana bread. She said ok, well I already got all the ingredients and it will be waiting on you.

She knows I love the batter so she did the sweetest thing. I should have arrived on the Thursday but because of some issues, I instead arrived on the Friday night. When I go there she took me to the dining room, sat me down and gave my 12 year old self the bowl with the batter. She had placed it in the fridge awaiting my arrival. Boy.....

**Terrence Graham** - February 01 at 08:50 AM

DC

*Today we honor the memory of a virtuous mother, one whose legacy was etched in her devotion to God.*

*Mommy dedicated here life to family, and always made sure that her children, grandchildren and extended family assured their salvation and acknowledged God as their ultimate source.*

*A selfless individual who sacrificed more than you could ever imagined, even by putting others well ahead of herself.*

*Mom taught us to be kind, to find joy in the simple things of life, to bond together and be resilient. There were no heights that were unreachable in her estimation as long as you made God the centerpiece of your life and universe.*

*We salute you today for the many sacrifices and sometimes pain you endured. You were the foundation of the family alter and remained the family adviser right up to the time of transition.*

*As we pay tribute to your memory, we acknowledged the values you've instilled in us and promise to uphold the sacred principles you taught.*

*Though you are no longer physically here, you remain alive in our hearts.*

*Thank you for pouring into us Godliness, resilience, kindness and humbleness.*

*While you continue to rest, we will not say goodbye but see you later.*

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**Donovan Cunningham** - February 01 at 09:48 AM

SC

*Many individuals pass through the hallways of life and have left legacies and lasting impressions on all who have encountered them. Such is the case of my mother, a gem among gems. She taught us many things and used tough love when she deemed it necessary. Mom was not perfect but she did the best she knew how. She taught survival skills that supercedes the temporal life and meanders into the eternal one. For me personally, she exemplified a relationship with God, that manifested in her daily walk with Him, especially through her prayer posture and habit. Her example taught me that God - is a friend who sticks closer than a brother, is near to us at all times, is interested in every faculty of our lives, that He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3) and longs to be gracious to us (Isaiah 30:18). Above all, she taught that a personal relationship with God was the most important decision one could make in life. Mommy, thanks for demonstrating how to survive daily and ensure success in temporal and eternal living. Your heritage of kindness, love and resilience is forever etched in my heart and mind. Your transition has left a void which cannot be filled, but I will always hold on to my precious memories of you and seek to carry on the baton. Sleep on in Eternal Peace Mommy and may God's perpetual light shine on you always.*

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**Sherna Cunningham** - February 03 at 09:21 AM

EW

*All I can say, my dear Sister was a true Servant of God. We would pray and share the word together. You were that woman who believed in God and the things of God. RIP Sis Laurel. You needed the rest and so God saw it fit to call you home. May Your family find Uncommon Favour in God.*

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**Eldora Wright-Johnson** - February 04 at 06:21 AM



*I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your mom. My heart aches for you during this painful time. A mother's love is something so special, and that love will always live on in your heart and in the beautiful memories you shared.*

*Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am here for you — today and in the days ahead — for whatever you may need.*

*With all my love and deepest sympathy,  
Joan 💔  
-Michele ROSE*

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**Michele McKenzie** - February 14 at 10:43 AM



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