



Wylene Annesley Broomfield

December 18, 1935 - May 12, 2025

Wylene Annesley Parham Broomfield was born on December 18, 1935, in a community then known as White Sulfur Springs near Durand, Georgia. She was the eighth and youngest child of the late Reverend John Dewey Parham and Annie Mae Martin Parham. On May 12, 2025, she peacefully entered eternal rest at her home in Decatur, Georgia, in the loving presence of her children.

At an early age, she joined Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. As the daughter of a CME pastor, she later became an active member of several churches where her father pastored, including Mt. Zion CME Church in Vienna, Georgia; Holsey Chapel in Columbus, Georgia; and Mt. Sinai in Manchester, Georgia.

Her early education began at Spring Chapel Elementary School. She continued her studies in schools aligned with her father's pastoral appointments—Vienna High and Industrial School in Vienna, Georgia; Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia; and Meriwether County Training School in Manchester, Georgia, from which she graduated in 1953.

She pursued higher education at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia, graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She later earned a Master of Arts degree from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta

University) and completed further graduate studies at the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of the District of Columbia (formerly D.C. Teachers College).

On June 23, 1957, she married Oree Broomfield, Sr., and together they raised three children: Oree Jr., Leonard Bernard, and Telesia Evon. Their marriage lasted 47 years until his passing on April 10, 2005.

She began her distinguished teaching career at Tenth Street Elementary School in West Point, Georgia, where her husband was then pastoring. She went on to teach in cities across the country in other places where her husband served as pastor. Her teaching appointments included Sand Flat High School and Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs, Mississippi; Sousa and Roper Junior High Schools in Washington, D.C.; Roosevelt Junior High in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Richland Community College and Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas, Texas, where she served as Chair of the English Department from 1984 to 1986.

In addition to her classroom work, she served as Director of the Cleaves Development Center in Oklahoma City for four years and volunteered as a Laubach Literacy tutor. She also organized and directed the Israel Metropolitan CME Church Tutorial Program in Washington, D.C.

As the wife of a CME pastor and later bishop, she was a devoted and active member of several churches over the decades: Emmanuel Chapel (West Point, GA); Anderson Chapel (Holly Springs, MS); St. John (Washington, D.C.); Greater Cleaves Memorial (Oklahoma City, OK); and Cedar Crest Cathedral (Dallas, TX). When her husband was elected bishop in 1982, she became a member of Israel Metropolitan CME Church in Washington, D.C., where she remained active until his retirement in 1998. She then joined Shy Temple CME Church in Atlanta, Georgia, where she served faithfully until her

illness and passing.

A lifelong learner and servant leader, she was affiliated with several professional and civic organizations throughout her life. She was a member of the National Education Association (NEA), the Phi Delta Kappa teaching sorority, and the NAACP. She was a life member of both the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and the Paine College Alumni Association. She also supported various charitable organizations, including Bread for the World.

She was deeply involved in the CME Church and the broader Methodist community. At the local level, she faithfully served for several years as president of the Joy Ministry, a ministry for seniors at Shy Temple CME Church—a role she found deeply fulfilling, as she loved bringing seniors together for fellowship and spiritual connection. She also taught Sunday School on fifth Sundays and was a devoted participant in Wednesday Bible Study, often leading sessions as part of the teaching rotation. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society and especially enjoyed taking road trips with fellow church members on the church bus—whether visiting another congregation or traveling for senior outings. She also previously served as a tutor in the Shy Temple tutoring ministry and taught youth during Vacation Bible School.

Within the Sixth Episcopal District and the international CME Church connection, she was an active member of and frequent traveler with the Bishop's Spouses and Widows Auxiliary and a member of the Sixth Episcopal District Ministers' Spouses, Widows & Widowers Auxiliary. As part of the broader Methodist community, she attended several quinquennials of the World Methodist Conference, including those held in Nairobi, Kenya (1986); Singapore (1991); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1996); Seoul, Korea (2006); and Durban, South Africa (2011). She also participated in the World Federation of

Methodist and Uniting Church Women conferences in Jeju Island, Korea (2006), and Durban, South Africa (2011).

She was preceded in death by her parents, Annie Mae Martin Parham and Reverend John Dewey Parham; her brothers—John (stillborn), Andrew, Robert, Leon, Calvin, and Charles Parham; her beloved husband, Bishop Oree Broomfield, Sr.; and a host of extended relatives and cherished friends.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy: her only sister, Edna Parham Lovelace of Chicago, IL; her three children—Oree Broomfield II (Bridget) of Helotes, Texas, Leonard Bernard Broomfield (Julianne) of Decatur, GA, and Telesia Evon Davis (Devaris) of Irmo, SC; three grandchildren— Oree Broomfield III of Denver, CO, Maya Ladell Broomfield of Beaumont, Texas, and William Devon Davis of Irmo, SC; two bonus grandchildren—Chad Jones of Machenbach, Germany and Daniel Jones of Atlanta, GA; her sister-in-love —Joyce Robinson of Chicago, IL; a host of nieces and nephews; a wide circle of other extended family—Parhams, Martins, and Broomfields; and numerous friends across the country who lovingly shared in her journey.

Final services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Family Hours

MAY 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034-4146
(404) 288-1910

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

West Mitchell CME Church
560 M.L.K. Jr. Drive
Atlanta, GA 30314

Burial

MAY 21. 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Lincoln Cemetery
2275 Joseph E Boone Blvd NW Atlanta GA 30314
Atlanta, GA 30314

Tribute Wall

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“ Wylene's smile, loving spirit, and big heart will forever remain in my heart. I could not help but smile each time I saw her.

Thank you, Wylene for being an amazing person and I thank God I had the pleasure of knowing you.

I wish the family peace and comfort in knowing that her beautiful will forever remain in the hearts of these who knew her.

With much love,

Sonya Gilmore Evans

Sonya Evans - May 20, 2025 at 09:37 PM



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“ Though she is gone, her love and legacy lives on thru all of us. May her memory always be a blessing.
Her sister, Edna Mae Lovelace and children

Sandra Jean Lovelace-Brown - May 20, 2025 at 05:13 PM

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“ Sending condolences to Telesia and family. Thinking of you at this time. I hope memories of Wylene will continue to fill your heart with love.

Nancy White (HBA) - May 20, 2025 at 10:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wylene Annesley Broomfield.

May 20, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ The Crafts, Ducksworths, and Atkins purchased the Peace & Prayers Blue & White Standing Cross for the family of Wylene Annesley Broomfield.



The Crafts, Ducksworths, and Atkins - May 19, 2025 at 10:19 PM



“ A great soul serves everyone, all the time. A great soul never dies, it brings us together again and again.”

From your nieces and nephews,
The Crafts, The Ducksworths, and The Atkins

Alice Craft - May 19, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wylene Annesley Broomfield.

May 16, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lavender & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Wylene Annesley Broomfield.*



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