

# *Celebrating Eternal Life*

*First Lady Jacqueline Renee Willis*



*Sunrise*

*August 5, 1957*

*Sunset*

*January 27, 2024*

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

**Rev. Dr. Ronald Benson, Pastor**

**Bethany First Baptist Church**

**Second Baptist Church**

**3310 E. Commerce Street**

**San Antonio, TX 78220**

**Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor**

## *A Short Synopsis of First Lady Jacqueline Renee Willis Life's Journey*

### *On This Side of Glory*

On August 5, 1957, in Orange, Texas, Bertrand and Maxine Green gave birth to their third daughter. They named her Jacqueline Renee Green. Affectionately known as Jacque, she accepted Christ at an early age at **Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Orange, Texas** where the **late Rev. W.J. Clark was pastor**. Jacque was baptized at a military chapel in Spangdahlem AFB, Germany, where her father Sergeant Green served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

Returning to the US in 1973, the Green family made San Antonio, TX, their home. Once they settled down in their new home, Bertrand and Maxine immediately found a new church home and joined **Wheatly Heights Baptist Church**, under the pastoralship of the **late Rev. Eddie Cunningham**.

Jacque graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1975 and attended St Philips Junior College. Jacque worked as a supervisor at Levi Strauss, an administrative assistant with Aries Realtor and lastly, an administrative assistant at Region 20 Education Service Center for over 20 years before retiring in 2013 to care for her mother and help with her grandchildren.

In 1973, Jacque was introduced to Bernard A. Willis, Jr., they became friends and soon romantic feelings took over and in November of 1981 they were joined together in holy matrimony by **Pastor Charles McIntyre**. Two children were born in this union. **Naomi N. Willis** and **Timothy D. Willis**.

As husband and wife, Bernard and Jacque understood that if their marriage was to stand the test of time, Christ had to be the head of their marriage. In 1981 they joined **Bethany First Baptist Church** under the **pastoralship of Rev. Dr. Ronald Benson**. She served in the church choir, and alongside her husband with the youth ministry. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Willis's moved their membership to **Good News Missionary Baptist Church** in 1990 under the **pastoralship of Bishop K.W. McIntyre** where she served in the adult choir and the youth ministry.

In October of 1998, Rev. Willis, was called to pastor New Testament Baptist Church. As the First Lady of New Testament, First Lady Willis embraced her numerous roles without hesitation by serving in the choir, praise team, usher board, administrative assistant, and wherever there was a need in the church. First Lady Willis served faithfully for the last 25 years at New Testament until her health prevented her from serving.

First Lady Willis is preceded in death by her parents Bertrand M. Green and Maxine Green and her sister, Cynthia Elaine Smith. She leaves to cherish her precious memory her husband Bernard A. Willis, Jr., her children, Naomi N. Willis and Timothy D. Willis, two Granddaughters Harmony and Sariah Sparks, Sisters Linda Gail Mills, Waldean Ann Ashford (Charles Ashford), Aunt Nellie Caraway (Houston, TX), Aunt Margaret Spears (Orange, TX), and a large host of family, God children, and friends.

**Bishop K.W. McIntyre, Officiating**  
**Pastor Greater Good News Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Order Of Service**

Processional.....Combined Choirs  
OT Scripture Reading.....Pastor Emerson Allen, Jr.  
NT Scripture Reading..... Pastor C.J. Littlefield  
Prayer.....Pastor Joe E. Barber  
Solo.....Sis. Norma Smith

**Obituary Reading Soft Music**

**Resolutions**

- \* Bethany First BC
- \* Greater Good News MBC
- \* New Testament MBC

A Selection.....GGNMBC Choir  
Tribute to my wife.....**Poem**.....Bernard A. Willis, Jr.

**Special Remarks**

Jacque's Family.....LaTanya LaCour / Ronnie Spears  
Representing Minister Wives.....First Lady Kimolyn Cooper  
Representing Clergymen.....Pastor Furman Burton  
A selection.....Bethany First BC Choir

**Eulogy**

**Rev. Dr. Ronald Benson**

Committal

Closing Prayer

Recessional.....Combined Choirs

The Repast will be held at the  
Second Baptist Church fellowship hall



*Our Love For You Will Never Fade*

My Beautiful Mother,

The most beautiful and purest soul with a smile to match. Mama, I miss you so much but I love you even more. My heart is heavy from loosing my life advisor, but most importantly, my Mother. The decades growing up and learning from you would definitely be cherished, remembered as well as embraced. The last few months, you gave me one more lesson to take with me from here on out and that is to fight! I am proud of you Mama, you definitely did not want to give up. Love Always, "Buster Brown"



When I think of the favor of the Lord, I am reminded of your beautiful smile, your gentle spirit, your love for Dad, Tim and I, your strength, your dedication to your family, your constant sacrifice and your giving heart. Mom, you were one of the most strong women that I have ever laid my eyes on, physically and mentally. You knew how to gracefully set boundaries, put a smile on someone's face and how to comfort and minister to others in very few words. Your humble, loving and nurturing spirit has touched so many peoples lives. You never, ever gave up on Tim and I and you have loved Sariah and Harmony like they were your own...sometimes I'd have to remind you that they were mine lol. You've shown me how to love and be dedicated and faithful to one man, how to raise my girls with a healthy relationship and how to carry myself in this crooked world. I will forever be grateful for our AMAZING relationship, your many prayers and your love. Mommy, my heart hurts because you are not physically here with me, but Glory to God that I was raised by YOU! I'll see you in the morning, my girl!

Love Always, Nick-Nack



Never in my life did I ever think I'd be loosing the most impactful, encouraging and meaningful person in my life. I feel so empty and heartbroken, you have loved me like I was your own since I was 4 years old. I think to myself, "Who do I go to after school and talk to about the latest school drama?" I cant even count the number of times that we bumped heads and disagreed over the smallest things, we would always work it out and laugh about it, then 5 minutes later, you would be defending me. It pains me to know that you'll never walk on this earth again , but its all worth it knowing that your are happy and safe in Heaven. You're finally home. I love you Grandma, Harmony "Twiggy"



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Hi Momma, it's your baby, Sariah. For the last 10 years, you have been my best friend, my shopping buddy, my protector and the greatest Grandmother ever. You and I had a bond like no other, you were definitely like my other Mom! I thank you for always being there for me, Harmony and Mommy. Thank you for our late night Walmart trips, your many prayers and for teaching me how to carry myself as a young Christian girl. I will miss you and our time together but I know that you are safe in Heaven! I love you Momma, I will see you soon. Love Always, Your Baby, "Riah -Pa-Paya"



Let us say goodnight to our sisters Jacque and Cindy as they go on their journey back home. We feel comfort in knowing that you are resting with loved ones who have gone home before you. As for today, we will remind ourselves that we have youth in our family and life to live. With God's help, Waldean and I will do everything we can to guide them to their own secure futures. We will continue the legacy and the things that God has assigned for our lives, and we will never let a day go by without thanking God and keeping him in all our business and not putting oneself in harm's way. We love you dearly and with prayer, it will all be okay. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Happy birthday my love! #mamasboy



## *Active Pallbearers*

Brandon LaCour  
Erik-Anthony Mills  
Christian Ashford  
Nicholas Ashford  
Timothy Willis  
Pressure McNally

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ronnie Spears  
Charles Ashford  
Russell LaCour  
Troy Holmes  
Roosevelt Spears  
Eddie Willis

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of First Lady Jacqueline Renee Willis would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

A very heartfelt thanks and gratitude to **Dr. Jemerson and the Second Baptist Church family** for opening up their doors to make it possible for the Willis family and friends to comfortably celebrate the homegoing of First Lady Willis.

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