



## Martha Celeste Wilkinson

October 13, 1925 - September 27, 2018

Martha “Celeste” Brotherton Wilkinson, 92, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2018. She was the only child of the late Vance and Myrtle Karriker Brotherton, born on October 13, 1925 in Rowan County, NC.

She was salutatorian of her 1942 graduating class of Mount Ulla High School, Mount Ulla, NC and a graduate of Kings Business College, Charlotte, N.C. She married the late Rev. Frank C. Wilkinson, June 8, 1952. She was active in Presbyterian Women’s work in the local church, district, Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. In 1986, she was presented an honorary Life Membership from the Women of the Church, Fayetteville Presbytery, Fayetteville, NC. During their ministry she served as circle chairman, Sunday school teacher, choir member in the local church and was an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Celeste and her husband, Frank, had no children, but their lives touched many in their ministry together and will continue to help students at Franks Alma Mater through the Boyce and Delphia Wilkinson Scholarship and Frank and Celeste Wilkinson Scholarship established at Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Frank C. Wilkinson; brother-in-law, Barnett Wilkinson and wife, Catherine; brother-in-law, Allen Wilkinson and wife, Charleen; brother-in-law, Paul Wilkinson and wife, Daisy.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Violet La Shomb (Don) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 PM, on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Prospect Presbyterian Church with Rev. Will Gipe officiating. Burial will follow the service at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the burial in the church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prospect Presbyterian Church, 9425 West NC Hwy 152, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Frank and Celeste Wilkinson Scholarship at Davidson College, Davidson, NC 28035.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Wilkinson family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Prospect Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Presbyterian Church  
9425 WNC 125 Hwy  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

### Graveside Service

OCT 1. 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM (CT)

Prospect Presbyterian Church Cemetery

### Public Viewing

OCT 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Prospect Presbyterian Church  
9425 WNC 125 Hwy  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Celeste Wilkinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Martha Celeste Wilkinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Martha Celeste Wilkinson*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Celeste was a special lady, and very supportive of her husband Frank, my cousin on my mother's side. I have many wonderful memories of her caring, loving ways. Frank and Celeste served our Lord JESUS wonderfully. Sylvia Karriker Lail*

Sylvia Lail - September 30, 2018 at 07:09 PM



“ *Mable & Nathan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Martha Celeste Wilkinson*



Mable & Nathan Johnson - September 29, 2018 at 12:38 PM

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*Celeste was a neighbor of my Aunt & Uncle in Mooresville. After she married Rev. Frank, he served at a church in my community and he officiated at our wedding 56 years ago. I attended her 90th birthday celebration. Such a sweet, loving couple. my condolences to the family. She will be missed.*

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**Mable Johnson** - September 29, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“*Rev. and Mrs. Wilkinson served at my home church, Flat Branch Presbyterian Church (Bunnlevel, NC) 1958-1964. Even though they didn't have children, they enjoyed hosting parties for the youth at the manse. I have many fond memories of her and have been in touch quite often. Will miss her dry wit and thoughtfulness.*

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**Carolyn Shaw** - September 28, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“*Mrs Wilkinson attended my parents' wedding officiated by her husband.*

*They visited us in Newport News and enjoyed an outing to the Williamsburg Pottery.*

*No wonder she liked cooking so much. I never knew her first name was Martha. Guess she and my mom, Martha, can have cooking contests.*

*They were born same year, one month apart.*

*Will miss her Christmas card.*

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**Ann Butts (Spring Lake NC)** - September 28, 2018 at 03:11 PM