



Services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015 at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1507 Hillman St., Youngstown, for Mrs. Emma Lou High-McWilson, 82, of Shawnee, Kansas, formerly of Youngstown, who departed this life Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at her home.

Mrs. McWilson was born September 14, 1932 in Youngstown, a daughter of Chester James and Maude Marie Dungee High. Emma lived in Youngstown, Ohio most of her life and was known by many as Emma Lou. She worked in the healthcare field as a nurse's aide for many years, before retiring in the early 1990's. She was a former member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, where she served as an usher and on the pastor's aide committee. She was a faithful member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where she served on the usher board. Emma was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star. Emma was known for her classy and sassy dress, and the personality that went with it.

Emma leaves to cherish her memory three sons, Chester James (June) Clardy and Raymond (Shelly) McWilson III both of Youngstown, and Gregory (Patricia) Clardy of Raytown, Missouri; her daughter, Yvonne Clardy of Shawnee, KS, with whom she made her home; a brother, Chester James High, Jr. of Cleveland; sisters, Jackie Gilmore of Columbus and Sandy Gilmore of Youngstown; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; her companion, Garland Sims, Sr.; and a host of other family and friends. She will be truly missed by us all.

Besides her parents, Emma was preceded in death by two daughters, Yolanda L. Finley-Clardy and Yvette E. Thurman-Clardy; an infant brother; and a grandson, Chester James Clardy, Jr.

Friends may call Friday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.