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Family and Friends

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of James Leroy Wilson acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all.

> Services Entrusted to: 3240 Zebulon Road Rocky Mount, NC 27804

In Loving Memory of James Leroy Wilson January 28, 1946 – October 2, 2020



Friday, October 23, 2020

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries® Annex at 5055 Allentown Road Suitland, MD 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II -Pastor



Obituary

James Leroy Wilson was ushered into the Kingdom of God on October 2, 2020. Roy, as he was affectionately known by his family, was born in Bethune, South Carolina, in Lee County to the late Spencer Wilson and Emma Hart on January 28, 1946. The youngest of five children, his childhood was fun and at times scary because of his rambunctious ways. As a toddler, he remained sickly for some time, but with his strength and strong will he overcame many bouts of illness.

In the south, Jimmy worked on many farms and in the logging business. He attended Bethune Carver Elementary School. As a teenager, he and his family took up residence in Brooklyn, New York, where he finished his early school years. Jimmy attended college for a couple of years in upstate New York. His jovial smile, freespirited personality, along with his 6'4" stature, would draw others to him causing friendships to blossom.

Jimmy had a short stint as a short order cook, but worked for many years in the construction foundation business in the D.C. metropolitan area. He and his wife would drive around, and he would point out the buildings in Washington, D.C., where he laid the foundation saying, "That building would never fall because the foundation is strong." Jimmy was famous for his pineapple upside down cake, which he was very proud of. He also was a staunch lover of old-school westerns—and his chuckle would light up a room.

Married for 37 years, James was affectionately called "Jimmy" or "Mr. Wilson," by his wife, depending on his proclivities. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and subsequently joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1985. He was actively involved in the life of the church for many years and was baptized in 1989. Jimmy was a proud man, and a family protector. As his wife would say, "I love him today, and he will always be with me. Oh, it's good to know that I know where he is, resting in the bosom of the Father, and that I will see him again! May my "Gentle Giant" rest in peace." He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jimmy leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife, Rosie; loving and devoted goddaughter, Lucy; nieces: Tessie, Tammy, Alicia, Marcelette, Delores, and Kimberly; nephews, Eric and Isaiah, II; grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mom and dad, and four siblings: Spencer, Louise, Bessie, and Isaiah.

























Order of Service Invocation Scripture Reading Old Testament: Psalm 23 New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Prayer of Comfort Acknowledgements Mrs. Tammy Waddell, Niece Mr. Robert Carpenter, Friend Mr. Damian Bascom, Neighbor Mrs. Rosie Wilson, Wife **Obituary** (Read Silently) Call to Christ **Benediction** Recessional



Dear Husband In Heaven

Baby, I didn't expect you to fly away, but to get up and walk like you had done before; but that wasn't meant to be. You transitioned in your sleep, just as peaceful as could be. You're with the Father and I know you're okay; and if you're okay, I'm okay. And as always:

> I thought of you with love today But that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday And days before that too. I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories And your pic<mark>tu</mark>re in a frame *Your memory is my keepsake* With which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart

Rest in peace, my GENTLE GIANT, until we meet again!!

Love forever and always, Your Doting Wife, Rosie







For the Great Things He Has Done!