



Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson

October 16, 1945 - May 30, 2019

Condolences are being expressed to the family of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson, age 73, who passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Hock Family Pavilion, 4023 N Roxboro Street, Durham, N.C. 27704. He was one of seven sons born to the late Larry and Juanita Wilson of Durham, North Carolina.

Jimmy graduated from Hillside High School in 1964. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and married his high school sweetheart, Bernadette Hopkins. To that union was born a daughter, Sharen - the true apple of his eye.

He served four years in the army working in security and foreign communications intelligence. In the early 1970's, he volunteered often at the YMCA in Washington, DC. There he mentored young men and coached the basketball team. Shortly after his discharge from the Army, he joined the Washington, DC Police Department and remained in law enforcement for 39 years. In DC's sixth precinct, Jimmy rose through ranks as he was instrumental in reorganizing the department's homicide investigation unit and headed investigations into the 1981 attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan. In his illustrious career, Jimmy later served as Deputy Chief of Police in Washington, DC; Chief of Police in Jackson, MS; Chief of Police in Canton, MS; and Chief of Police in Suffolk, VA.

While pursuing a demanding career in law enforcement, he managed to find time to seek and obtain an Associate Degree, a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science, Education. Because he truly enjoyed his work, he found time to work in many other aspects of law enforcement: President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; Director of Public Safety of VA State University; taught Police Management and Supervision at Penn State University; President, CEO of Global Public Safety Services in Suffolk, VA; and as an ATA (Anti-Terrorist-Association) Lead Instructor that sought his expertise in multiple foreign countries. Jimmy enjoyed spending quality time with his daughter, granddaughters (Quintina and Sharena) and other family members. Among his hobbies were fishing and boating.

Jimmy is predeceased by his parents, Larry N. Wilson and Juanita C. Wilson; his brothers, Clarence Wilson, Edward Wilson and Nathaniel Wilson.

Surviving relatives include his daughter, Sharen A. McGlothen of Manassas, VA; brothers, Larry Wilson, Jr. (JoAnn) of Durham, NC, Kenneth Wilson (Cynthia) of Raleigh, NC and Kerry D. Wilson (Kimberly) of Bowie, MD; sister-in-law, Melverleen Wilson of Wilson, NC; grandchildren, Quintina and Sharena McGlothen; and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives, friends and special friend Jacqueline Cooper of Louisville, KY.

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at Union Baptist Church, 904 N Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina, 27707, at 12:00 noon, with a family visitation one hour prior to the service.

Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson will be laid to rest in Glennview Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
904 N. Roxboro Street
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 688-1304
info@myubc.org
<http://www.myubc.org/>

Celebration of Life

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Chief Wilson. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing. He and I worked together at Virginia State University where I found him to be a fine man and a polished professional. He will always be remembered fondly.*
Clementine Cone

CLEMENTINE CONE - June 06, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *Gloria Vessels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*



Gloria Vessels - June 05, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *Barbara Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*



Barbara Johnson - June 05, 2019 at 08:21 AM

BW

“ Chief Jimmy Wilson was AWESOME Chief when he was at Virginia State University. He was kind and always made you laugh. He had a kind sprite. That will forever live in our hearts. Best Chief Ever.



Brenda Webb - June 04, 2019 at 10:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson.



June 04, 2019 at 07:19 PM

Karen
Walton-
Taylor

“ *"The Final Inspection"* ”

*The policeman stood and faced his God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining.
Just as brightly as his brass.*

*"Step forward now, policeman.
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My church have you been true?"*

*The policeman squared his shoulders and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't,
Because those of us who carry badges
can't always be a saint.*

*I've had to work most Sundays,
and at times my talk was rough,
and sometimes I've been violent,
Because the streets are awfully tough.*

*But I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep....
Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep.*

*And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fear.*



*If you've a place for me here,
Lord, It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't.....I'll understand.*

*There was silence all around the throne
Where the saints had often trod.
As the policeman waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.*

*"Step forward now, policeman,
You've borne your burdens well.
Come walk a beat on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in hell."*

Author Unknown

Lovingly Submitted by: MPDC 6th District Old Timers

Karen Walton-Taylor - June 04, 2019 at 06:50 PM

TF

“ *The Steele family purchased the Lovely One Spathephyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson.*

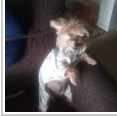


The Steele family - June 04, 2019 at 05:55 PM

CW

“ *Rest in Peace Chief Wilson. My deepest sorrow to the Wilson family. This was a good man. Cliff Wilson, retired MPDC.*

Cliff Wilson - June 04, 2019 at 03:15 PM



May you rest in Heaven Chief Wilson. I will never forget the talks, smiles and laughter. Years had passed but you kept in touch with an appreciative person. Africa will remember and I will treasure the pictures of all the animals too. Love You Chief!! I Salute You Sir!!

Celia Corner - June 04, 2019 at 07:01 PM

JW

“ **JOYCE WHITAKER-LAWRENCE** lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson



JOYCE WHITAKER-LAWRENCE - June 04, 2019 at 01:20 PM

JW

My condolences to the family, Jimmy will be missed. He was my neighbor for many years and after my husband passed would pull my trash cans back in after pickups and I would watch his house whenever he was out of town. The Bennetts Creek Landing community was blessed to have him as a resident. Joyce Whitaker-Lawrence -VP Bennetts Creek Landing Board of Directors and neighbor

JOYCE WHITAKER-LAWRENCE - June 04, 2019 at 01:24 PM

MM

“ **MPO Byran and Sherrie McReynolds** purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson.



MPO Byran and Sherrie McReynolds - June 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

LB

“ *Levi Beckwith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*



Levi Beckwith - June 04, 2019 at 10:47 AM

TS

“ *Tonya Evans SPD lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*



Tonya Evans SPD - June 03, 2019 at 04:21 PM

WM

You will be great missed, Rest Easy Chief Wilson.

Wendy McGhee - June 04, 2019 at 09:32 AM

TS

“ *The Loss Of A Loved One*

*The loss of a loved one is so hard to face.
You just want to hide,
go somewhere and escape!
But death is something
we all must go through.
I know it's hard
when it's someone you loved and knew.*

*Just know now,
he is in a better place.
No more hurt or pain shall he face.
It seems unfair, and yes, this is true,
but he is in Heaven now
watching over me and you!*

*God has called him home to rest!!
And he's being well taken care of
Because God knows best!*

*Our deepest sympathy extended to your family during your time
bereavement. Chief Wilson's thoughtfulness and kindness will
forever remain with us.*

Tonya Evans and Ofc. J. Jackson SPD - June 03, 2019 at 04:17 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Seberry Williams lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson*



Sandra Seberry Williams - June 03, 2019 at 03:59 PM

SW

Deepest sympathy from Williams/Seberry family

Sandra Seberry Williams - June 03, 2019 at 04:02 PM

MF

“ *We were deeply saddened by the news of Jimmy’s passing.*

I will be forever grateful for his support when I first moved to Washington D.C. after finishing college and over the years since then. We will miss his presence, thoughtfulness and kindness. He will forever remain in our thoughts.

We pray the family finds the love and strength to forge ahead in his huge absence. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Melinda Fields and Family
Washington D.C. & New Jersey*

Melinda Fields - June 03, 2019 at 09:51 AM

TF

“ *The Fields and Joseph Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Jimmy L. Wilson.*



The Fields and Joseph Family - June 03, 2019 at 09:37 AM

LH

“ *I was proud to serve as Chief Wilson's Legal Counsel when he was Chief of Police in Jackson, MS. He was intelligent, kind and honorable. I will miss him. Leyser Q. Hayes*

Leyser Q. Hayes - June 02, 2019 at 07:46 PM

EB

“ Condolences to the family. As a young DC Police lieutenant I was transferred into the Internal Affairs Division to serve as Jimmy's administrative lieutenant. We didn't really know each other and had only seen each other in passing. Although he had not asked for me in that position, he welcomed me and we had a great working relationship during our time together. We learned that we were both North Carolina natives who ended up in Washington, DC. It was always great seeing him after we had both retired from MPDC at the NOBLE Conferences throughout the years and he shared his experiences in the positions he held after retirement. Always a laugh and a smile. Farewell my friend.

*Earl M. Boyd (Commander, MPDC-Retired)
Henderson, NC*

Earl Boyd - June 01, 2019 at 05:55 PM

BI

“ We served two tours together in Internal Affairs and one in Homicide. Condolences to the family. Jimmy was a great guy.

Retired MPD Deputy Chief Bill Ritchie

Bill - June 01, 2019 at 03:40 PM

BS

A great guy. Worked with him in 3D..Retired D2 Bill Shearin...

Bill Shearin - June 02, 2019 at 10:07 PM

RC

“ Chief Wilson was one of the best Police Official with DC Police. Prayers for the Family. Retired MPD Detective Geneva Couser, Maryland

Retired Detective Geneva Couser - June 01, 2019 at 03:23 PM

KW

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Kenneth Wilson - June 01, 2019 at 11:05 AM

KW

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
so he put his arms around you and whispered,
“Come to Me”*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Rest well in the arms of the Almighty.

We'll miss you Uncle Drip.

Kenneth Wilson - June 01, 2019 at 12:30 PM

ER

“ *Praying for your strength during this difficult time. Jimmy will forever
be in our hearts and memories.*

EJ Russell - June 01, 2019 at 07:32 AM