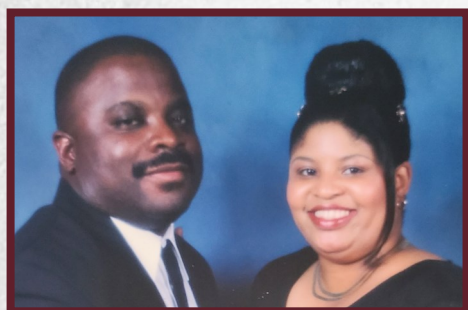
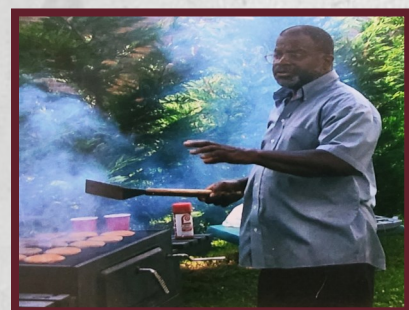
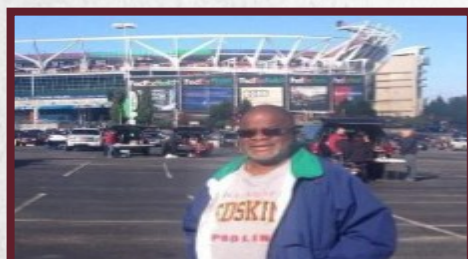


I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



The family of Artruer LaFonda "Tight Rope" Wilson wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, texts, visits, your presence here today, and your prayers during this difficult time.

Pall Bearers

Nephews

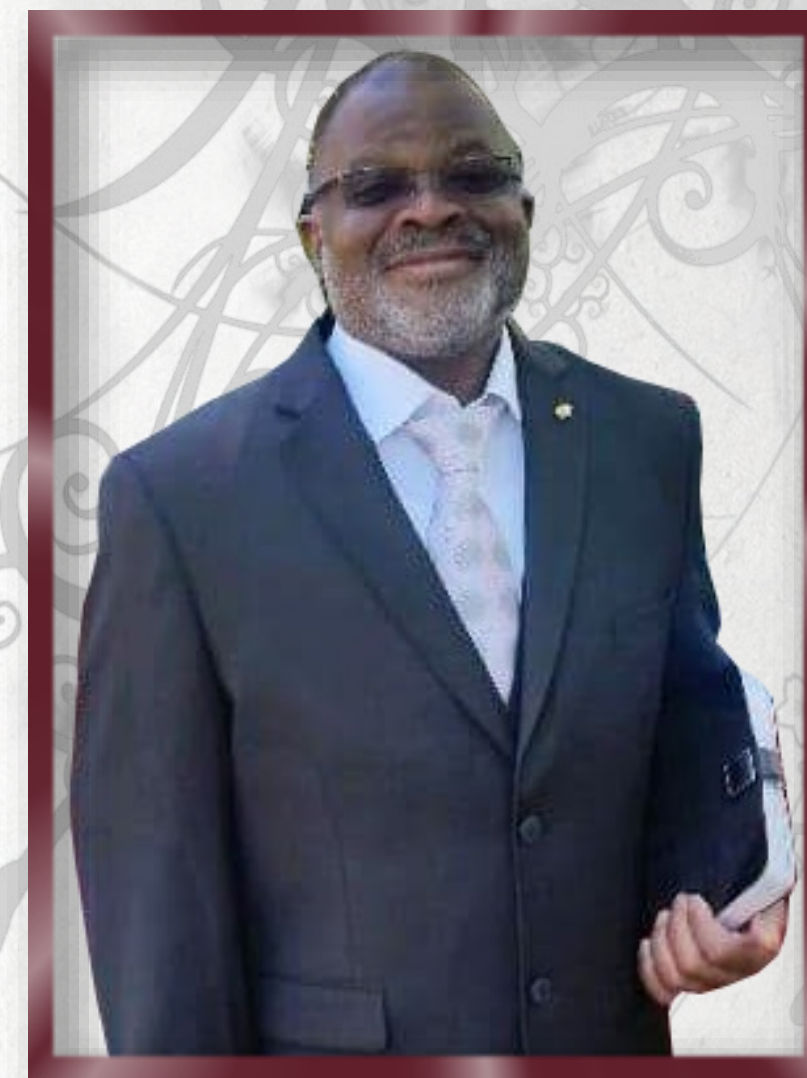
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Nieces

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Celebrating the Life and Legacy of *Artruer LaFonda Wilson*

JULY 30, 1960 - JULY 5, 2024



VISITATION FROM 12:30 PM –1:00 PM

SERVICE 1:00 PM

THE 20TH OF JULY 2024

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Lowell
120 Branch St, Lowell, NC 28098
Apostle Dr. G. Albert Enlow
Greater Covenant Community Church

Order of Service

Processional

(Receiving of family and friends from 12:30 PM until 1:00 PM)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Opening Selection Minister Ann Worthy

Old Testament Rev. Gene McCorkle Jr.

New Testament. Rev. Gene McCorkle Jr.

Prayer of Comfort . . . Rev. Dr. Dimayquoaye Smith

Selection Angie Hope

Remarks . Friends and Family (Limited 3 minutes)

Reading of Obituary

Selection Pastor Sharon Collins

Eulogy Apostle Dr. G Albert Enlow

Recessional

Benediction

Interment:

Gaston Memorial Park
1200 South New Hope Road
Gastonia, NC 28052

Artruer LaFonda Wilson

The Man - The Myth – Our Legend

Artruer LaFonda Wilson affectionately known as “Tight Rope” was born in Lowell, NC on July 30th, 1960, to the Rev. Elwood Wilson and Piccola Walker Wilson and transition to his new life on July the 5th 2024 at Robin Johnson's Hospice House.

Tight Rope graduated from Ashbrook high school class of 1979. Where he played football and was awarded many trophies, plaques, and several other awards. He was known as one of the best fullbacks in Gaston County. When it came to the “I-Formation Play” everyone knew it was Tight Rope’s time to shine. After high school, he served our country in the U.S. Army, and the Army Reserves for 6 years. Tight Rope was employed by Westvaco for 18 devoted years, and worked at Daimler as an Assembly line operator for 25 dedicated years until his health began to decline.

Tight Rope was our gentle giant. He was a very humble and kind person until you made him mad. Tight Rope took pride in helping people. He loved all sports and enjoyed going to games in person to experience the action first hand. He loved cutting grass so much that he started his own lawn service affectionately named “The Art of Lee” after him & his wife. He enjoyed going to the beach, traveling, playing spades, cooking, grilling, fishing, taking evening drives, and visiting parks. These were some of his favorite past times. Most importantly he cherished spending time with his grandchildren who were his pride and joy. He loved hanging out with his special nieces and nephews. Tight Rope will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. He was a devoted Redskins fan since he was 10.

Tight Rope was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters Girlee W. Smith, Glender W. Phillips, Rev. Lois W. McCorkle, and Tequola W. Seigle. Three brothers Andre Wilson, Albert Lee Wilson, and Charles E. Wilson.

Precious memories of Tight Rope will be held dear to the heart of his wife Lewanda Knox Wilson of more than 39 years. His two sons Courtney Wilson and Cameron Wilson of Gastonia NC. Four grandchildren Amare, Andreus, Amiya, and Olivia Wilson all of Gastonia NC. One caring and devoted sister Arnetta W. Harris of Gastonia NC. He had one goddaughter Damorian Wilson, and four sisters-in-law, Margie W. Garvin, Jean Wilson, Fannie B. Wilson, and Michelle Mood. He also leaves behind four brothers-in-law Preston Phillips, Gene McCorkle Sr., Tony Knox, and Howard C. Mood, father-in-law Howard Mood whom he admired and respected, along with a host of other relatives, loved ones, and close friends.

We want to thank his nieces Sharon Wilson-Linney and Angela Wilson Barber for the consistent dedicated love and support they showed to their uncle to the end. We also thank Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and the Lowell community for your thoughts and prayers.

