



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Thomas "Jay" Wilson

December 8, 1950 - September 14, 2024

Friday, September 20, 2024

Visitation: 12:30 p. m. – 1:30 p.m.

Service – 1:30 p. m.

Springfield Memorial Baptist Church

2920 Dallas Stanley Highway

Stanley, North Carolina 28164

Rev. Dr. Theodore Armstrong, Jr., Officiating

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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Order of Service

Processional	Clergy, Family, Friends
Reception of Friends	12:30 – 1:30 p. m.
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Theodore Armstrong, Jr.
Song	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Old Testament
	New Testament
Prayer of Comfort	
Song	Sis. Judy Brown
Remarks	Family and Friends
Song	Sis. Judy Brown
Words of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Theodore Armstrong, Jr.
Recessional	

—Interment—
Springfield Memorial Baptist Church
Stanley, North Carolina
Floral Bearers and Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude, all expressions of love and comfort in the form of cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, your prayers during this period of our loss. May God bless you.



Obituary

Thomas “Jay” Wilson, 73, passed away on September 14, 2024, after a long hard-fought battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving and devoted wife at the time of his passing. Thomas was born in Cleveland County, NC on December 8, 1950, to the late Lillie Bell Wilson and the late Jesse Mathis.

Thomas was an Army veteran. After service, he was employed by the US Postal Service for many years. Thomas left the US Postal Service to pursue his passion and gift for residential construction. Using his self-taught construction skills, he built many houses brick-by-brick around Gaston and surrounding counties. There was nothing in the building arena that he could not do.

Thomas was a member of Springfield Memorial Baptist Church in Stanley, NC. He was known for his generous heart as he donated his time and skills to his community, church, and loved ones. He was honored by The Gaston County Organization for Community Concerns for his many years of service to his community. Thomas loved classic cars and would show off his cars any chance he got in local car shows, often winning many awards. He also loved riding his motorcycle with his motorcycle riding crew. Thomas loved old tractors and riding them annually in the Stanley Christmas parade. He enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. He seemed to have a gift where he could always grow some of the biggest fruits and vegetables.

One of his greatest joys was his grandchildren. He loved spending time with them, riding tractors, playing games, talking sports, attending their sporting events, attending grandparent days at school, Easter egg hunts, and any other way he could interact and spend time with them.

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Nelious Kee, Sr. and Rosie Mae Kee.

Thomas leaves to remember and cherish loving and fond memories, his wife of 52 years, Carolyn Kee Wilson; his children, Reginald Wilson (Sharonda) and Darrick Wilson; his grandchildren, Devin Wilson, Jordan Wilson, Jaiden Wilson, Aniyah Wilson, Aleyna Wilson, and Landon Wilson; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Odessa Montenegro (Narcisco); his brother, Clifford Wilson (Sandra); and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.