

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	
Opening Prayer	
Musical Selection	
Old Testament Reading	Psalms 63 Janecia Greathouse & Aryanna Lewis Granddaughters
New Testament Reading	Romans 13:8-14 Samantha and Shenequa Granddaughters
Prayer of Comfort	Mildred Brun
Musical Selection	
Poem	"A Garden" Keyana Barnes
Obituary	
Eulogy	Pastor Ewart Carter
Closing Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
Benediction	Elder Andrew Archer
Recessional	

PALL BEARERS

Jacobi Lewis	John Greathous
Antwoan Ottey	Taylor Wilson-Maze
Kain Lewis	Donald Lewis

Grave Site Poem

Sharome Dorham "He Only Takes the Best"

—Interment—
Forest Lawn Cemetery
2858 E. Highway 150
Lincolnton, North Carolina



A Tribute to My Wonderful and Loving Husband Fred

I would like to acknowledge Fred for being a loving and caring husband. Fred, I thank the Lord each day for allowing you to be a part of our lives. You were the best part of my life. I can remember how you would pray for healing for me. On the days when my body was racked with pain, you would tell me to stay home; and when I refused, you would pay for me to stay home. You were loved by so many. You were my protector, my spiritual partner, and the love of my life. And for that, I am eternally grateful. I prayed that God would give us forever and a day, but He only gave us a lifetime. You are my everything, and I don't know how I am going to live the rest of my life without you.

Acknowledgement

Donald Lewis cared for his father since April of 2019, whom he loved. Shantay Robinson was a constant help in the home, assisting with personal care in addition to household duties. Home Health Aid, Louise Beaver, prepared meals and cared for his daily hygienic needs.

"You will never be forgotten; Long live the Wilson Legacy."

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Celebrating the *Life* and *Legacy* of Mr. Fred A. Wilson



Viewing: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Home Going Service
11: 00 AM

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church
4159 Titman Road
Gastonia, North Carolina 28056
Pastor Ewart Carter, Officiating Minister

OBITUARY

Fred A. Wilson, Sr., also known as Freddie, was born in Dallas, North Carolina on June 13, 1943, to Charlie and Bernice Ballard-Wilson. Fred was a part of a large loving family.

Fred attended Lincoln High School in Lincolnton, North Carolina. After graduating high school, Fred enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served and was discharged honorably. Fred left the military and moved to New York with his sister Martha, where he began working with the New York City Fire Department. While working at the fire department, Fred continued higher education at Brooklyn College. Fred worked for the New York City Corrections Department, where he excelled through the ranks and elected second vice-president of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association (COBA), where he served for 20 years before retiring. Fred was married, and from that union six children were born.

During his time at corrections, Fred met a beautiful island woman named Yvonne, who captured his heart. Yvonne had three children, whom Fred also adored, and she later became his wife. Yvonne has been a blessing to him throughout the entirety of their life together. After retirement, Fred and Yvonne decided to relocate to the place of Fred's birth; Dallas, North Carolina, where they built a loving home and he resided until his death, Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Bernice Ballard-Wilson; Brothers: Robert Wilson, Calven Wilson, Charlie Wilson Jr., Jacob Wilson Sr., James Wilson, John Wilson, Dennis Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, and Gary Wilson. Sisters: Mary Bell Wilson, Lela More Wilson, Carrie Wilson, Christell Wilson, Martha Oates; and daughter, Viviene Hogarth.

Fred leaves behind his wife, Yvonne Yankana-Wilson; children, Donald Lewis, Andrew Lewis, Marcus Wilson (Isabel), Malkum Wilson, Alak'e Wilson (Ed), Alona Williams (Carrington), Anika Wilson, and Freddie "Bally" Wilson; siblings, Dorothy Kithcart, Ruth Ward, Annette Mintz, and Nancy Grant; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, family, and other extended loved ones.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Loved