

## *I Am Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I 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  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to the  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

- Unknown Author

### *Honorary Pall Bearers    Honorary Flower Bearers*

Ronnie Davenport  
Robert Earwood  
Derrick Baxter  
Richard Wilkerson  
Jim Lowrance  
Chris Lowrance  
Robert Barnett

Tasha Barnett  
Ruby Kelley  
Vivian Harris  
Melinda Lawrance  
Christine Daniel's  
Mary Cudd  
Cynthia Lily

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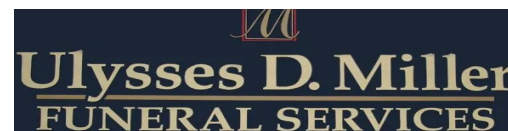
The family deeply appreciates your gracious expression of sympathy. The family wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for your comforting words and your sincere acts of kindness during our time of separation from our loved one.

### *Special Thanks*

Daryl (Amber) Conley  
Donald (Sharon) Wilkerson  
Douglas (Cindy) Wilkerson  
Pastor Jerome (Gaye) Wilkerson

### *Final Message To Family*

Dear wife, children, and grandchildren, I lived my life to the fullest. The father came and called me home. I want you all to stay united, uplifted, and encouraged. Love you from your Husband, Father, and Pawpaw.



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| Phone: 828-287-3800  
"We Are The Voice of Comfort In Your Hour of Grief"

## *In Loving Memory of*



*Larry Darnell Wilkerson*

*Sunrise: May 1, 1953*

*Sunset: August 7, 2024*

Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Services  
485 Poors Ford Road Rutherfordton, NC

*Celebrating His Journey to Heaven*

Go Rest High on That Mountain  
Son your work on earth is done  
Go to heaven a-shoutin'  
Love for the father and son



# Order of Service

Processional-----Pastor and Family

Statement of Occasion-----Pastor Jerome Wilkerson

Song-----Rev. Eddie McKinney

Scripture Reading

Old Testament-----Rev. Kenneth Lynch

New Testament-----Rev. Arrie Melvin

Prayer of Comfort-----Rev. Ricky Wilkerson

Song-----La'Braia Duncan

Reading of Obituary-----Tracy Fuller

Acknowledgements-----Tracy Fuller

Song-----Apostle Michael Gilmore Tate

## The closing of the casket

Remarks-----Rev. Kenneth Lynch

Sister Tasha Barnett

If you would like to share words of comfort, you may now do so.  
(3 minutes a piece)

Song-----Vince Gill

Eulogy-----Rev. Jerome Wilkerson

Song-----Lena Wilkerson



# Obituary

*Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old: Behold, I will do a new thing; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert:*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

Larry Darnell Wilkerson, age 71, of Forest City, NC, was born on May 1st, 1953 to the late John Lee & Darcus ( Lowrance) Wilkerson. Larry departed his earthly body at his residence on August 7, 2024 to reunite with his loved ones spiritually in heaven.

In addition to his parents he proceeded in death by his brothers, Joe (Toby) (Maria) Lowrance, John Lee (Alisa) Wilkerson Jr, daughter Tysha Wilkerson, stepson Jevon M. Crews. and grandson Jahcoby Adams

Larry attended East Rutherford High School and graduated in 1971. He proceeded to the U.S Army where he served our Country for two years. Larry was employed at General Fire Proof for twelve years or more after this journey he went to work for AGI for fourteen years. Larry attended Isothermal Community College and received his Auto Body Program Certificate, which was instructed by Wayne Toney. This achievement allowed him to become a Custom Painter Technician. He had a special love for classic cars, especially Fords and his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Soon after becoming a Technician, he opened up his own body shop with his brother, which started two brothers with one dream. " Wilkerson's Body Shop."

He attended Jerusalem Baptist Church of Harris, NC throughout his childhood. Later, he became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church of Kingstown, NC.

He has six brothers and one sister, . Left to cherish memories on Earth are Jimmy (Nina) Wilkerson of Kannapolis, NC , Diana (Benjamin)(Wilkerson) Watson, of Raleigh, NC, Lonnie (Shelia) Wilkerson, Donald (Sharon) Wilkerson of Rutherfordton, NC, Douglas (Cindy) Wilkerson of Roseville, CA.

With wisdom and knowledge he survived by his wife, Therina (Crews) Wilkerson of twenty-eight years. Three children; Sophia (Michael) Wilkerson of Greensboro, NC, Laneka Wilkerson of Forest City, NC, Leenisha (Brandon) Adams of Forest City, NC. Seven grandchildren, Tyler Wilkerson, Reakwon Wilkerson, Briona (Akeil) Hagin, La'Braia Wilkerson, Nykeria Petty, Jahcaries Gay, Irelynn Morris, two great grandchildren, Antonio Wilkerson, Nova Hagin, and a host of special nieces and nephews.

*"When the LORD calls my name...I want to lay down on this side, asleep and wake up on the other side in Heaven and rejoice." -☆ Larry*