

"To My Dad"

You and grandma gave me my first home. As a child you were the only one that could quiet me when I screamed like it was no tomorrow. I remember you working at Popeyes and how you would come back with chicken. I remember how you were so proud to make chili and how no one couldn't tell you that you weren't the best griller of the family. I remember how I started to love documentaries, because I would watch them whenever you had them on. I remember you keeping snickers at the top of your drawer and how my siblings and I would sneak to steal a few more. I think you knew we were taking them because you brought more than one bag. I remember your favorite gray sweatshirt and those jeans. I remember your cup **THAT GREEN CUP** with a crack on the side held the coldest water. I remember you singing *The Temptations* "My girl" because deep down I think you thought you were part of the group. I remember the tap of that left foot when you did that lil dancey dance. I remember when I asked you to come to my awards ceremony and you were late so you made them redo it so you could see it. I remember in the morning when you occasionally made coffee while grandma made breakfast. I remember the jokes you loved to tell. I remember wearing your jersey to school and I was so happy because I had nothing for spirit day. I remember my first nightmare. I was so scared, and you and grandma stayed up with me that night. I remember how you slept on your stomach at the edge bed with remote under your pillows. I remember when I was being hardheaded and put my hand in the can. You carried me with a sense of emergency. I remember everything. I remember you were my father and you told me that. I joined the navy, and every call when we spoke you asked me what my rank was. I never got to tell you that I was coming home. I made civilian. My biggest regret is thinking I had more time. I don't know what broke your heart in here dad and I could only imagine based off the things I've witnessed myself, but I pray you are at peace now and by any chance you can hear me... I want to say thank you. I love you dad. I was so close to coming home, to share my own stories, to take care of you like you and grandma (& Kiara of course) did me. You are forever loved by me...Big head. Take care of our ppl ♡👵 Like you said it's never bye...It's see you later.

👉 Love, Ba'shea

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Pallbearers

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Acknowledgments

The family acknowledges, with sincere thanks and appreciation, the many comforting calls, visits, messages, floral tributes, cards, prayers, and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed. Your thoughtfulness is a testament of God's love and your love.

May God bless each one of you!

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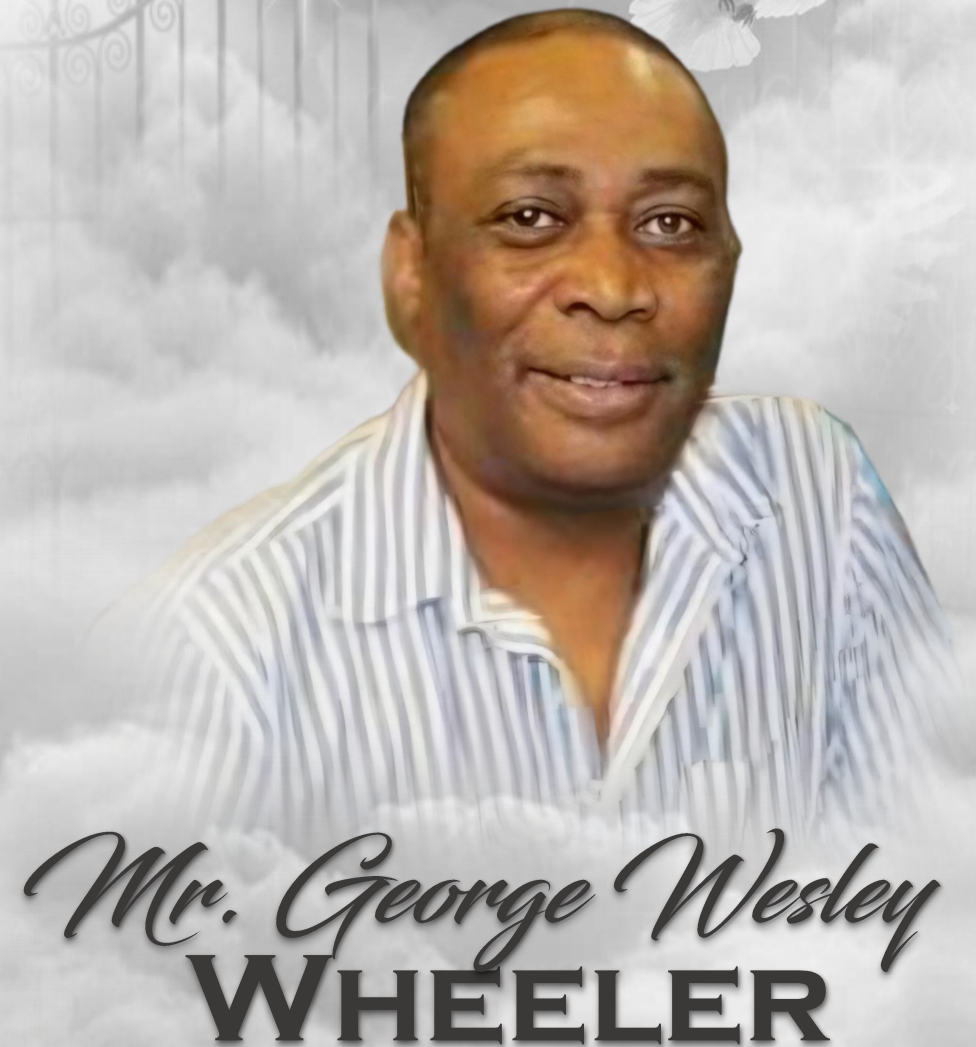
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A Celebration of Life For



Mr. George Wesley
WHEELER

July 05, 1954 — December 15, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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Reflections of Life

Mr. George Wesley Wheeler was born on July 5,1954 to the late Mr. Sewell Wheeler and the late Mrs. Mamie Love Robinson-Wheeler in Columbus, GA. He was the youngest of 7 children. Mr. Wheeler proudly attended Carver High School. He later joined the US Navy, where he proudly served 12 years. Some of his job titles included Fireman and an Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Aircraft Handling). He served aboard the USS William H. Standley (DLG-32), USS Tripoli, and the USS Saratoga. During his time in California, he attended Mira Costa College and worked as an auto body mechanic. After his retirement from the US Navy, he relocated back to GA where he wore many hats. He was a long-time employee of The Day Company (Columbus Forest), many local restaurants (Popeyes (his favorite), Fox’s Pizza, and more), and a lot of autobody and mechanics shops. His favorite things to do included singing the Temptations, cooking, and grilling, painting cars, engaging in intellectual conversations (especially those that were about his navy days), helping those in need, telling jokes, spending time with his family, and spoiling his grandchildren. Mr. George made his peaceful transition surrounded by family on December 15, 2023, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA.

He was preceded in death by his father Sewell Wheeler (Columbus, his mother Mamie Wheeler Collier (Columbus, GA), 2 brothers Ocie Lee Robinson and Moses Wheeler (Columbus, GA), 1 sister Julia Mae Crocker of Columbus, GA, and 1 granddaughter Masai Shakoor (Atlanta, GA) and a mother-n-law Rosa Lee Preston of Cuthbert, GA.

He leaves with lots of cherished memories his loving wife of 47 years Ellen Wheeler of Cuthbert, GA, 2 daughters Tancy Wheeler-Richards (Damarcus) of Atlanta, GA and Kiara Wheeler of Cuthbert, GA, 2 sons Theon Jackson (Columbus, GA) and Jerome Wheeler (Cuthbert, GA), 1 brother Eugene Wheeler (Anita) of Acworth, GA, 2 sisters Jerelene Goodwin (Carl Durham) of Columbus, GA and Patricia Ann Whittaker of Atlanta, GA, 2 sisters-in-law Rosie Preston (GA) and Helen Preston (FL), 4 brothers-in-law Robert, Larry, and Tonney Preston all of Florida, and Horace Preston of GA, 12 grandchildren ShaBreon Jackson, Treveon Pridgett, Kymora Dawson, Jazzmine Wheeler, Ba’Shea Duncan, Catera Duncan, Danielle Alexander, Makeba Shakoor, T’Challah Shakoor, Goddess Shakoor, and Madisyn Williams, 3 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and a few best friends.



~ Order of Service ~

Processional & Final ViewingMinister and Family
Invocation Minister
Scripture:
Old Testament Minister
New Testament Minister

Reflections of Love

Family & Friends
Limited to 4 People (2 minutes Please)

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Eulogy.....Rev. Henry Hogan III
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