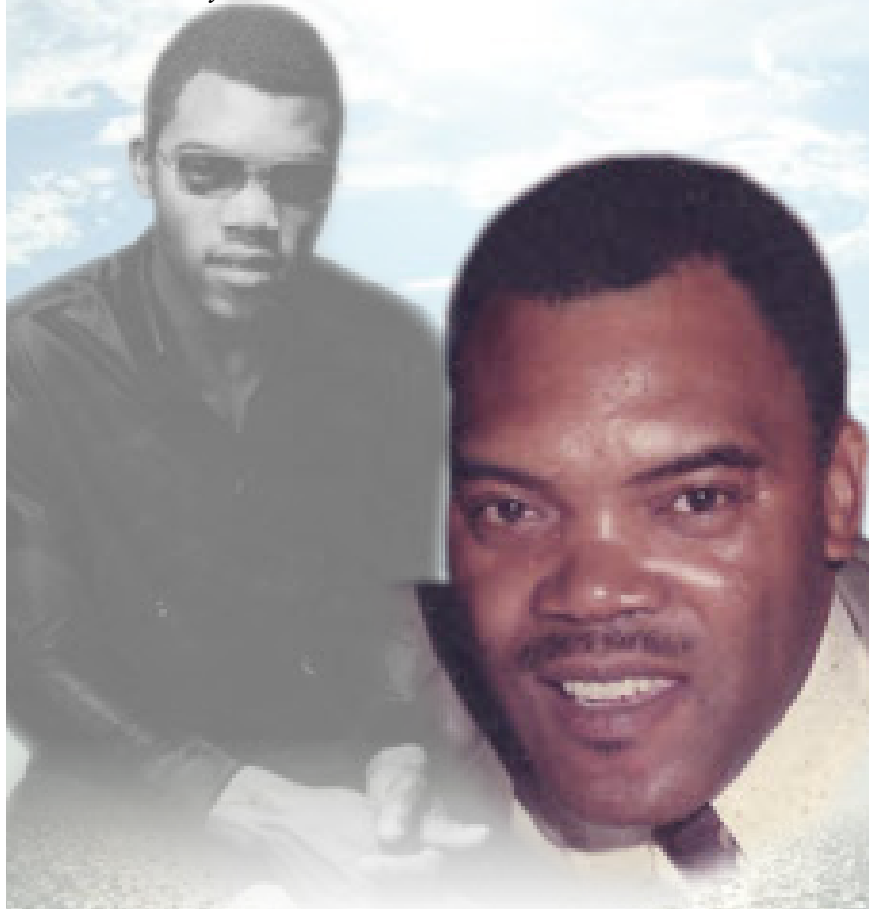


*A Triumphant Celebration for  
Sgt. Wilbur Lee Roseboro*

**Sunrise**  
*January 18, 1948*

**Sunset**  
*March 5, 2011*



Saturday, March 12, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

**HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH**

17 Muhammad Ali Avenue • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Dr. Jason Carl Guice, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Wilbur Lee Roseboro** was born on January 18, 1948 to Ethel Lee (Roseboro) Jackson and the late Robert McLendon. Wilbur grew up with the nick name "Pee Wee" and later on in life his daughter, Erica nicknamed him "Serge". He was baptized at an early age and his life revolved around the church. Wilbur was a member of Heavenly Vision Baptist Church of East Orange, NJ. He enjoyed helping members of the church with various activities.

Wilbur enjoyed promoting education and fixing old computers and donating them to his community. He was educated in the Whiteville, NC Public School system where he obtained his high school diploma. Wilbur relocated to Paterson, NJ and he went to enlist in the United States Army and served a year in the Korean War. After his tour in the Armed Services he continued to serve his country for more than twenty years by joining the New Jersey National Guard Reserve where he obtained the rank of 1st Sergeant.

Wilbur was a vigorous hard worker that started his career at Westwood, and continued his career at First Fidelity Bank, NJ Performing Arts Center and ended at the County of Essex where his untimely death occurred.

Wilbur met "Emilee" the love of his life in 1981 and married her in 1982. From this union came Jillian (Kinnery) Brown, Erica and Heather.

After a brief illness Wilbur was called home on Saturday, March 5, 2011. He was predeceased by his father, Robert McLendon and his stepfather, Will Jackson, Jr., brothers, Anthony and Moses Jackson.

Wilbur leaves to cherish his memories: his lovely and devoted wife of twenty-nine years, Emily, whom he adored; three daughters, Jillian Brown, Whitehall, SC, Erica, Gardner, MA and Heather, Irvington, NJ; one granddaughter, Cherderis Kinnery; a great grandson, Romell Middleton, Whitehall, SC; mother, Ethel Lee Jackson, Whiteville, NC; seven sisters and four brothers, Doris Brown (Carl), Lugoff, SC, Rosa Odomes (Melzee), Raleigh, NC, Alberta Freeman (Donald), Wake Forest, NC, Pamela Jackson, Whiteville, NC, Alice Lilly, Billie, Bobby and Robert Jr. all of VA, Anthony, Charlotte, NC, Wanda McLendon, Baltimore, MD, Rene McLendon, Sherman Oaks, CA; three special aunts and two uncles, Odessa Addison (Frank), Whiteville, NC, Millie Roseboro, Liz Dix and Uncle Paul Roseboro (Davata) all of Paterson, NJ and Rufus Monroe, Whiteville, NC. Wilbur will forever be remembered by his sisters-in-law, Helen Graham (Joseph), Whitehall, SC, Mary Rumph (David) of NJ and Virginia Singleton of Jacksonville, FL and one brother-in-law, Robert Kinnery (Susie), Jersey City, NJ. Wilbur also adopted Emily's best friend, Gwen Blake as his sister and her son, Justin Blake-Anderson as his nephew. He also leaves a countless host of family and friends who were blessed to have known him.

But they that wait upon the Lord  
Shall renew their strength  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles,  
They shall run and not be weary,  
And they shall walk and not faint.

-Isaiah 40:31

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Solo ..... Evelyn Shorter*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament ..... Andrea Brown*

*New Testament ..... Justin Blake Anderson*

*Prayer of Consolation ..... Minister Vincent Robinson*

*Solo ..... Denise Peoples*

*Special Remarks (approx. 1 minute)*

*Reflections of Life ..... Karen McFadden*

*A Special Family Tribute*

*By His Daughters ..... Erica and Heather*

*Solo ..... Dena Epps*

*Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Jason Carl Guice*

*Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. Jason Carl Guice*

*Interment ..... Fairmount Cemetery  
Central Ave., Newark, NJ*

*The Roseboro Family will greet you at the Repast  
immediately following the Interment in  
Hope Well Baptist Church Dining Hall.*

*.....in sickness and in health....*

*Till death do us part...*

*I will love you always,*

*Your wife, Emilee*



***Acknowledgement***

*We pray that we will continue to find comfort in the Holy Spirit and healing in God's tender love and embrace, and in knowing others remembered and cared. Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Our family deeply and sincerely appreciates your thoughts and prayers. May God bless each and every one of you.*

*We would also like to thank Rev. Dr. Jason Carl Guice and the Hope Well Baptist Church family for the care that they have given us in this time of need. Words cannot express our gratitude.*

*We thank the Cotton's Funeral Home staff for their kindness and support during our time of need.*

*~The Family*

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