

*In Loving Memory of*



*Leon Wilson, Jr.*

**Sunrise**  
*August 4, 1948*

**Sunset**  
*July 20, 2011*

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Jeffrey Garland, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Leon Wilson, Jr.** the son of the late Leon Julius Wilson and the late Bessie Wilson-Brantley, was born on August 4, 1948 in Marion, SC. He departed this life on July 20, 2011 at home with loved ones.

Leon went to Marion County Public Schools where he graduated. He later had three daughters (Beaulah) and worked many jobs before moving to Newark, NJ. After moving to Newark he worked as a construction worker for many years before becoming ill.

Leon was a private and quiet man who loved to watch TV in his favorite chair and he also liked to go fishing whenever he could. Leon was a kind hearted and loving person, if you needed him or wanted something done, all you had to do was ask and he did it, to know Leon was to love him. He has help raise two of his step-grandchildren, Ronnie and Rashaun Surratt to adult hood. Leon has blessed our lives in so many ways.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Isola Johnson of Conway, SC and brother, Cleo Wilson of Marion, SC.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his long-time companion, Mary F. Gregory; three daughters, Illa Ree Wilson, Valiree Wilson and Tonya Denise Wilson all of Winston Salem, NC; two step-daughters, Robin Surratt (Daniel Heard) of Newark, NJ and Teri Gregory of Dobbsferry, NY; two step-sons, Aaron Surratt, Sr. and Kevin Gregory (Deborah) both of Somerset, NJ; eleven grandchildren; five step grandchildren; five sisters, Nellie Wilson of Newark, NJ, Janie Wilson of Marion, SC, Victoria McGee of Marion, SC and Elizabeth Brooks of Effingham, SC; four brothers, Joseph Wilson of Newark, NJ, William Wilson of Leesburg, FL and Kinney Wilson of Marion, SC; two aunts, Vernita Davis and Clara Sanders; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A very special thanks to his Home Health Aide, Kenyetta Taylor for whom has helped our family care for Leon and has made him laugh almost everyday until the end. ~Thank you

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-3

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... Sherry Basden-Heard

Acknowledgement / Resolutions ..... Crystal Turner

Remarks ..... (2 minutes please)

Obituary ..... Crystal Turner

Selection ..... Sherry Basden-Heard - "I'll Fly Away"

Eulogy ..... Rev. Jeffrey Garland

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey</p>
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## **Pall Bearers**

Ronnie Surratt	Rashaun Surratt
Aaron Surratt, Sr.	Aaron Surratt, Jr.
Michael Miles	Gregory Gibbs

*Family and friends are invited to the repast held at*  
**Long Shoreman Hall**  
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# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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