

Celebration Home Service for Mr. Robert Elden Wilkie, Jr.

Sunrise
July 8, 1951

Sunset
October 29, 2011



Saturday, November 5, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, NJ

Rev. Reginald Clark, Officiating
Walt Sorey, Organist

Obituary

Robert Elden Wilkie, Jr., the only child of the late Robert E. Wilkie Sr. and Palmerlee M. Wilkie, was born in NYC on July 8, 1951.

Bobby, as he was lovingly known, attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic School during his formative years, and later graduated from New Utrecht High School. Always liberal minded, Bobby discovered the fashion world where he studied and graduated from the renown Wilfred Academy located in NYC. Bobby's passion as a cosmetologist was nurtured at the celebrated Rudell's Salon in Harlem, New York where his famous clients included; Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle and Gladys Knight. Continuing his thirst for knowledge, Bobby also studied Business administration at Bronx Community College. Upon completion of his studies, Bobby was chosen from several hundred candidates to work for the New York City Publishing Records department; a division of the Mayor's office of New York City. Throughout his distinguished career, he earned many citations and awards for outstanding service; most notably from Mayor David Dinkins and also Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Prior to retirement and after twenty years of exemplary service, Bobby reached the pinnacle of his career and was named Sr. Administrator for the City Publishing Records.

Throughout his lifetime, Bobby always sought fulfillment and contentment in the loving grace of his God and Savior; Jesus Christ. It came as little surprise when Bobby announced he heard God's calling and joined Loyal Baptist Church where he was later baptized. Additionally, he served as Patron of the Junior Choir and Member of the Young Adult Choir while a member. Upon relocating to New Jersey and wanting God's presence in his life, he became a member of the Mt. Moriah Church. Bobby, REW, or Bob E was a multi-talented, loving individual who sought acceptance and not fame. He will be forever remembered for the strength and character in which he lived life every day and the loving spirit he displayed.

He leaves behind to celebrate his life and cherish his memories: his daughters, Clarissa P. Wilkie, Fanni M. Wilkie, Shanta M. Wilkie I. two sons, Exzavior Zolton and Perrier Robert Wilkie; one daughter who preceded him in death, Palmerlee M. Wilkie; grandchildren Daquan M., Aaliyah A., Aaron R. and Malaysia Wilkie; his loving and devoted cousins, William H. Smith and Annette M. Murray; beloved cousins, Gwen Font, Marleen Faustin and Ava Faustin; one niece, Erica N. Rivera; nephew, Carlin P. Murray; goddaughter, Sasha A. Gonzalez. He also leaves to treasure his eternal love his lifelong companion, Michael Giannadeo and dedicated friend, Mark Dodson; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends who provided love and comfort throughout the years.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn “*Bridge Over Troubled Water*”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament John 11:25-26

New Testament..... Psalm 23

Prayer of Comfort

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

Selection..... “*His Eyes On The Sparrow*”

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Obituary

Selection..... “*Amazing Grace*”

Eulogy Rev. Reginald Clark

Recessional Organ Postlude

Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

Dearest Loved One's ,

I'm 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 thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

~ Lovingly Submitted, Bobby

Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;
for part of us went with you the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,
and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Ron Tranmer

Submitted by the Family

In Appreciation

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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