

Service

Saturday, December 21, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Theodore A. Faison, Officiating

## **Obituary**



Sampson Wiley (also known as Junior) was born in Townes, Georgia to the union of Elmer Jay Wiley and Ideal Clark. His family moved north to East Orange, New Jersey while he was still young. Sampson completed his schooling in East Orange, and married Almetra Maddux in 1950. Two daughters were born of this union, Sandra and Gwendolyn. Later a son, Jay Wiley was born to another union. Eventually Sampson met his current wife Margaret, whom he married in 1977. There were no children born of that union, but Sampson acquired two stepchildren, Brian and Judith.

Sampson spent most of his adult life as a truck driver, driving both big rigs and short jobs (as they are known in the industry). He retired as a driver for Yellow Freight in July of 1998. Sampson was very proud of his profession, and of his membership in the Teamsters Union. He counted many union officials among his friends, including Union President Sonny Musso, Shop Steward, Jackie Barnes and Keith Hanley.

Sampson was also a member of a Social Club called Six Plus One, along with friends L.J. Pitman, John Smith, Otis Brown, Dennis Houston, and Charles Butler. The group had many years of fun and friendship before the eventualities of time, age and infirmity disbanded the group.

Sampson remained active after his retirement. Gardening, visiting friends, keeping up with the grandchildren, and caring for his wife Margaret. He fell ill in January of 2012 and after a brief hospitalization, was transferred to Emeritus Senior Living, an assisted living facility in West Orange. In April of this year, his health took another turn for the worse, and after a series of hospitalizations, he was transferred to Forest Hill Healthcare Center in Newark, where he remained under Hospice Care for his last few months.

Sampson Wiley departed this life on Friday, December 13, 2013.

He is survived by: his wife, Margaret; sister, Willie Pearl Bragg; his daughters, Gwendolyn Priester and Sandra Wiley; his son, Jay Wiley; his stepson, Brian Richardson; his stepdaughter, Judith Richardson Dunkley; grandchildren, Tiffany Wiley, Regina Priester, Corey Wiley, Tyrone Richardson and Jerrod Richardson; great grandchildren, Brandon, David, Jonathan and Alexis Peten, and Nashieha Wiley; and a host of family and friends.

He will be greatly missed.

# Order of Service

Opening Statements and Prayer

Welcome

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

The First Lesson Psalm 23

The Second Lesson

The Holy Gospel

Remembrances

The Homily

**Concluding Prayers** 

The Commendation

Closing Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal

#### **Interment**

Monday, December 23, 2013 Mt. Hebron Cemetery Upper Montclair, New Jersey

## Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### 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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