

In Loving Memory of
Wilfred T. Allen

Sunrise
April 17, 1933

Sunset
May 7, 2015



Service

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Wilfred Thomas Allen, 82, passed away the morning of May 7, 2015, at Harlem Hospital due to a heart attack, and a long battle with lung cancer. He was born April 17, 1933 in Harlem, New York, the son of Alfred Richard Allen and Frances Martha Dyer. Brother to Mary, Eileen, Margaret, Josephine, Vera, Orlando and Joseph.

In his 20's, he worked as a shoe-shiner before joining the Army. He fought honorably in the Korean War. He later returned to New York City, to be with his now deceased life long partner, Janice Lee Jackson. Wilfred and Janice were high school sweethearts. They spent their days caring for Charles, Nicholas, Leon, Janiece, Matthew and Laura Simpson.

He managed to raise six kids in his small west side apartment, while working two jobs, one at a thrift store, and the other at a neighborhood bar. Wilfred enjoyed walks through central park, and quality time with friends and family. His favorite hobbies were reading, needle and threading, crossword puzzles, shoe shining, and his all time favorite, listening to jazz music. His love for music goes beyond words. He managed to collect over eighty, 33's long-playing records, throughout the years.

Wilfred was big on personal appearance. Known for his sharp suits and ties, and his well-kept shoe-game. Never to be seen dead or alive without his Fedora, bowler or flat cap hat. It's undeniable he had style, like no other.

He was able to show that style off in his later years, while attending Amsterdam Adult Day Health Care Program, for over five years. There he was treated with love, respect, integrity and received the best care possible. Ms. Rice managed his overall care at Amsterdam, while remaining present in his life until the very end.

Wilfred was a devoted Father figure, Uncle and Brother to his loved ones. A mellow and calm, yet vibrant spirit is what he'll always be remembered for. Forever giving to others, and thinking of himself last, there's no doubt his heart was pure and genuine.

His survivors include: two loving sisters, Vera and Margaret; dear friend, Raymond Cannon; several nieces and nephews, and an abundance of beloved family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
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 or 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 up 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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