Life

Life is just a stepping-stone
A pause before we make it home
A simple place to rest and be,
Until we reach eternity.
Everyone has a life journey,
A path to take with lots to see
God guides our steps along the way,
But we were never meant to stay.

Our final destination is a place
Filled with love, His majesty and grace.
Today we celebrate the life of a loved one
Who has gone before us, the race he has won.
His journey has now ended,
His spirit has ascended
Claiming the great reward
With Jesus, our Lord.

Acknowledgements

*The Family of **Freddie L. Wilbon** acknowledges with deep, sincere appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during their time of bereavement. May God richly bless you for your thoughtfulness.*

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DEACON Freddie L. WILBON

Sunrise: April 29, 1955 - Sunset: November 3, 2026

Friday, November 20, 2026
11am

First-Park Baptist Church
315 West Seventh Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060
Rev. Craig N. Johnson, Senior Pastor

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

Psalm 23

NKJV

'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths 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 You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs 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.'







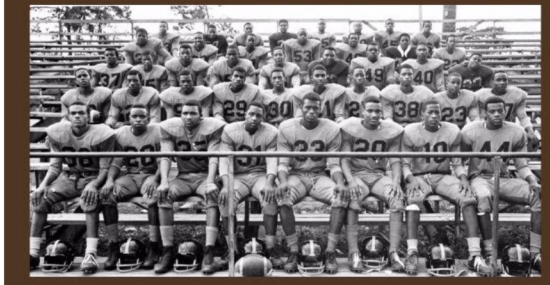














PRECIOUS MEMORIES







Musical Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn of Celebration ..... "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Consolation

Old Testament Scripture ..... Psalm 27

New Testament Scripture ..... Romans 8:37-39

Ministry In Song

Words of Comfort

Words of Reflection

Reading the Obituary ..... Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Nelson

Ministry in Song

Eulogy ..... Rev. Craig N. Johnson, Senior Pastor

Committal

Recessional

Repast Immediately After Service in the Fellowship Hall.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Freddie Lee Wilbon was born on April 29, 1955 to the late Johnny Will and Katie Bell (Bradley) Wilbon in Valdosta, Georgia.

Freddie was born and raised in Valdosta, where he attended Valdosta High School and was an avid sportsman. He loved the camaraderie of all sports, but developed a special affinity for football. He played offensive tackle for the Valdosta High School Wildcats and was a proud member of the 1971 undefeated Championship Team, which was recently inducted into the Georgia High School Football Hall of Fame in 2025. After graduation, Freddie continued his education as a student-athlete at Morris Brown College where he earned a B.S. in Business Management.

After graduating from college, Freddie would spend time with his siblings, Alfred "Peter" Wilbon and Gloria (Wilbon) Christmas, who moved up to New Jersey from their southern roots. As the typical youngest sibling, Freddie also decided to follow in their footsteps and move to New Brunswick, New Jersey in 1978. It was there that he met a young lady from Plainfield named Carol, who would become the love of his life. They were united in Holy Matrimony on June 27, 1987, and were happily married for 35 years until her passing on January 26, 2023. During their union, Freddie and Carol were blessed with the birth of a beautiful daughter, Valerie. Just as her name suggests, they raised her to be fearless, brave, and strong.

Raised up in the church, Freddie joined the First-Park Baptist Church in 1994 at the behest of his daughter, as it is written, "...and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). Freddie was a faithful member of the church and an exemplary steward of God's house. As a member of First-Park, he participated in the Choir, Usher Board, Men's Fellowship, and was the proud Chairman of the Deacon Board until his passing. Freddie fulfilled many other roles and duties wherever there was a need. Freddie was a true servant of God, and in serving God, he took pride in serving and helping God's people.

Freddie was known as a gentle giant. He loved to joke around and spend time with loved ones. He loved watching all sports (even golf!) and game shows. He was a loving and dependable son, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend who was loved by so many. He passed away peacefully at home on November 3, 2026.

Freddie was preceded in death by his parents, Katie Bell and Johnny Will Wilbon; his brother, Alfred "Peter" Wilbon; and his beloved wife, Carol (Hardwick) Wilbon.

Freddie leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughter, Valerie Wilbon of Plainfield, NJ; his sister, Gloria Christmas (Anderson) of Plainfield, NJ; his sister-in-law, Linda Bradshaw of Franklin Park, NJ; nieces Haneefah "Shenekka" Williams of New Brunswick, NJ; Chemil Bradshaw of Franklin Park, NJ; Kimberly Alexander (Bradley) of Concord, CA; and Alesha McAdams (James) of Concord, CA; nephews Devvin Wilbon of Vernon, TX, and Marcus Wilbon of New Brunswick, NJ, and a host of cousins, friends, neighbors, and his beloved First-Park Baptist Church family.

Humbly Submitted,
The Family