

# In Loving Memory of **Wilbert Penn**

**Sunrise**

March 1, 1943

**Sunset**

July 24, 2020



*Service*

*Thursday, August 6, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary

Wilbert Penn was granted his angel wings on Friday, July 24, 2020.

Wilbert was born on March 1, 1943 in Newark, New Jersey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Pauline Hollis and his wife, Magalene Carpenter Penn, his brothers: Jesse Hollis, Lee Hollis and Harold Porter, and his sister Pauline Tucker.

Wilbert leaves to cherish his loving memories his children: Andre Wilbert Beverly, Brittany Beverly, Dawud Muhammad, Willie Carpenter and Viola Williams, his grandchildren: Adele K. Beverly, Alaya J. Beverly, Jabari S. Beverly, Wali Mitchell, Kadijah Muhammad, Keyshawn Williams, Al Rashid Coleman, and Jade R. Carpenter, his great granddaughter Tayia Mitchell, his siblings: Ruby Crooks, Patricia Stuckey, Jeffrey Hollis, his brother-in-law: Bobby Carpenter, his sisters-in-law: Lorraine Carpenter, and Diana Carpenter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Wilbert graduated in 1960 from Malcolm X Shabazz (South Side) High School in Newark, New Jersey where he was a great football and basketball athlete. After graduation he served in the United States Marines as a Military Police Officer and became a Vietnam Veteran.

Wilbert loved the Knicks and Giants and often attended the Super Bowl game. He also enjoyed playing cards and traveling with his family.

Wilbert retired from the United States Post Office as a Mail Handler. Wilbert and Magalene moved to Durham, North Carolina to enjoy their retirement in 2008.

Now he is resting with his beloved wife Magalene, their love story continues!

# **Order of Service**

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Hollywood Cemetery  
Union, New Jersey

# 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 of **Wilbert Penn** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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