

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
August 7, 1956

Sunset
April 12, 2021



Wilbert J. Best

Service
Saturday, April 24, 2021 • 9:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Joshua Nelson, Organist

Obituary

Wilbert James Best Sr. was born to the late Nub Best and late Mary Crandell Best. He was born on August 7th 1956.

Wilbert attended school in Martin County. He was raised in Robersonville N.C. He was known as one of the "Best Boys." He loved singing, entertaining people, cooking out and hanging with the guys watching sports. Wilbert was known by many for the rat tail haircut. His favorite songs were "Born by the River" and "Hem of his Garment". He loved Laker's (basketball team), Giants (football team), Yankees (baseball team). Wilbert was known to many as a jack of all trades. He was not only a father to his 10 children but Wilbert was a father to the neighborhood kids as well. He taught children how to change tires on their bicycles, encouraged them to go back to school, get jobs, and etc.

Wilbert fed many who had no food, gave allowances to children who never had one before. He was determined; strong willed, grateful, humble, focused, ambitious, and appreciative-in which all of his kids have some of these traits in them. Wilbert worked at West Point Industries for 20 years in Hamilton N.C. until he relocated to Newark N.J. in 1986. Once in Newark he became employed at Casu Mia for 28 years until his health began to fail.

He leave to cherish his wife of home Odessa Best of 28 years. 10 children Yolander Best, Camille Best, Deshanda Best all of N.C. Wilbert Best Jr., Demetrius Best, Ti'lon Best, Aston Best all of the home, Tara Wallace Summerset N.J., Tameka Wallace, Burlington N.C., Jaquan Payne of Oklahoma Nebraska. He has 22 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, his brother James Best, 2 sisters Gloristeen Howell, Niotha Spruill all of N.C. Gene Crandell all of Newark N.J.

He proceeded in death with his Mom, Dad, 2 Sisters and 2 Brothers, Wilbert has 5 God children- Ashley, Larry, Shakem, Reggie Larry, and "Da Da". He has several best friends from childhood Shelton Bell of California, Charles Thompson of N.C., Randolph Whitfield, John Larry, Kason, Precious, Lando, Hasan, and Pop. He has 3 brother in laws and 2 sister in laws. Wilbert has a host of many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

"Hem of His Garment"

Scripture Readings:
Minister Singrid Sanders
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Pastor Yolander Best

Selection

Nate Whitfield
"Born By The River"

Obituary & Cards

Ashley Larry

Remarks

Shelton Bell & Randolph Whitfield (2 mins)

Selection

Nate Whitfield

Eulogy

Pastor Yolander Best

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

23rd Psalm

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.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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