

Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life Of

A portrait of Willie Wiggins, a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, smiling. He is wearing a dark tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a dark bow tie. The background is a soft, cloudy sky with a light gradient from blue to yellow.

**WILLIE WIGGINS**

**Sunrise**  
May 6, 1921

**Sunset**  
January 14, 2013

**New Jersey Services**

Saturday, January 19, 2013 - 7:00 pm

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

**North Carolina Services**

Monday, January 21, 2013 - 11:00a.m.

**Hunter Odom Funeral Services**

240 Atlantic Avenue

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

## *Life Reflections*

**Willie Wiggins** was born on May 6, 1921 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, son of Annie Bell Lucas Wiggins and David Wiggins. Educated in the Rocky Mount Public School System, he studied masonry at Booker T. Washington High School. He completed his apprenticeship in North Carolina.

Mr. Wiggins was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, the World War II Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal before his honorable discharge in 1946.

Willie met Ida Ruth Batts and they were joined in holy matrimony.

He began his career as a Brick Mason in Albany, New York. When he moved to New Jersey, he began working through B.A.C. Local 18 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, (now known as Local 4 in Fairfield, NJ) and continued there until he retired at the age of 62.

Willie had served as Past Master of Lincoln Lodge # 62 – F & AM – PHA in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was also a member of Golconda Temple #24 in Newark, New Jersey and the Phylaxis Society.

He joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey under the pastorate of Rev. Milton A. Byrd.

Willie Wiggins departed this life on Monday, January 14, 2013 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway in Rahway, New Jersey at the age of 91. He was predeceased by his parents, Annie Bell and David Wiggins and 2 brothers, David Wiggins, Jr. and Joe Richard Wiggins.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his beloved wife, Ida Batts Wiggins; a son, Henry Lawrence Young (Michelle) of Nashville, TN; a sister, Marion Rivers and brother, Alvin Wiggins both of the Bronx, New York; a devoted nephew, Camelious Batts of Roselle, NJ; 2 brothers-in-law, Paul Batts (Beulah) and James Lancaster both of Battle Boro, NC; a sister-in-law, Wilhemenia Batts Keeler; Past Grand Worthy Matron Rev. Dr. Carol Simmons who he loved as a daughter and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Processional

Organ Prelude

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Hymn

Eulogy

Recessional



## **Interment**

Garden of Gethsemane  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

**Pall Bearers**

Family and Friends of **Willie Wiggins**

**TO THOSE I LOVE**

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow  
But remember me in every tomorrow.  
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles,  
I've only gone to rest a little while.  
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,  
My going has eased my hurt and given me relief.  
So dry your eyes and remember me,  
Not as I am now, but as I used to be.  
Because I will remember you all  
And look on with a smile,  
Understand, in your hearts,  
I've only gone to rest a little while  
As long as I have the love of each of you  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

***Acknowledgement***

The family of **Willie Wiggins** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

New Jersey Services Entrusted To:

**G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

206 East Eighth Avenue - Roselle, New Jersey 07203

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