

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Deacon Alonzo Wilcher, Sr.*

*Sunrise*

*December 12, 1933*

*Sunset*

*May 10, 2015*

Service

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Matthew Baptist Church

159 East 9th Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

*Rev. David Ford, Sr., Pastor*

*Robert Arrington, Organist*

# *Obituary*

**Alonzo Leroy Wilcher, Sr.**, second son of the late Winfred Fontaine and Willimae Wilcher was born in Chester, PA on December 12, 1933. He departed this life on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at JFK Hospital, Edison, NJ.

He received his early education in the Jersey City school system, graduating from Dickinson High School. Confessing Christ at an early age, he was baptized at Ocean Avenue Baptist Church by Rev. Ferman Means.

In September, 1956, he was united in marriage to Phyllis Austin. Of this union, three children were born, Phyllis Michele, Alonzo Leroy, Jr. and Bruce Edward.

He worked at Lightolier in Jersey City, GAF in Linden and after more than twenty-five years of service, in 2000, he retired from Schering Plough in Union, NJ.

Upon moving from Jersey City, he joined Second Baptist Church, Rahway, NJ, where he served on the Deacon Board and the Men's Fellowship and was voted "Father of the Year".

After relocating to Roselle, NJ and visiting several churches, he was led to join St. Matthew Baptist Church in Roselle. He served as a Deacon, was an active member of the Male Chorus and Sunday School. He was sincere in his role as Deacon and took his responsibilities seriously, frequently visiting the sick and shut in.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William Wilcher.

He leaves blessed memories with his three children, Michele Howell (Rev. Jeffrey), Alonzo, Jr. and Bruce (Kimberly); and an ex-wife, Phyllis Wilcher; six grandchildren, Shaun Young, Derek Young, Jessica Roberson, Brianna Wilcher, Erika Wilcher and Davion Wilcher; one great-granddaughter, Anjalina Young; and one sister-in-law, Lorraine Pitts. He also leaves to mourn his passing a host of nieces and nephews, who lovingly called him 'Uncle Lee'; the St. Matthew Baptist Church family and many, many more.

Sorrowfully submitted,  
The Family

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Mr. Robert L. Arrington, Jr.

Presiding.....Rev. David Ford

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens

Scriptures

Old Testament.....Psalms 90:1-12

New Testament.....John 14:1-6

Selection.....Combined Choir

Acknowledgements of Cards,

Telegrams and Condolences.....Deaconess Wilson

Remarks.....Alonzo Wilcher, Jr.

Rev. Jeffrey Howell

Reading of Obituary.....Sis. Lorraine Pitts

Selection.....Combined Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. David Ford

Recessional

Organ Postlude

## **Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, NJ

## **Pallbearers:**

Rev. Jeffrey Howell      Mr. Bruce Wilcher

Mr. James Wells      Mr. Derek Young

Mr. Alonzo Wilcher, Jr.

## **Repast**

Family and friends are welcome to return to the church for  
fellowship after the interment.

## *God looked around His Garden*

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty place.  
Then He looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He placed His arms around you  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb,  
so He closed your eyes and whispered  
"Peace be Thine."*

*It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you did not go alone,  
a part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.  
If love would have saved you,  
you never would have died.*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Deacon Alonzo Wilcher, Sr.** would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown during our time of sorrow. May God bless and keep each and every one of you in His tender loving care.

The Family

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