

A Celebration of Life
For

Deacon Ernest Allen Wilson

Sunrise:
March 6, 1932

Sunset:
October 21, 2015



Service

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 ~ 11:00 am

St. Matthew Baptist Church
159 East Ninth Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. David Ford, Sr., Senior Pastor



Life Reflections

Deacon Ernest Allen Wilson was born March 6, 1932, the third child of the late George "Luke" and Queen Esther Harmon Wilson of Snakebite Township in Windsor, North Carolina. He departed this life early Wednesday morning on October 21, 2015. He accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age was baptized and joined the Saint Matthew Baptist Church in Windsor, North Carolina where he was a faithful member. He was educated in the Bertie County School System and after attending three years of high school was drafted into the United States Army. Having served two years, which included eighteen months in Germany, "Brone" (as he was known affectionately to his family), returned home and completed his education from W. S. Etheridge High School in 1955. Soon after, he completed an Associate's Degree in Radio and Television Repair at North Carolina A & T University. There he met his college sweetheart, Lillie Evaretta Boyd, and were married after her graduation in 1960 and made their home in Newark, New Jersey.

Ernest was employed by the Hertz Corporation, retiring after forty-two years of dedicated service. During his years at Hertz, "Ernie" as he was called, nurtured numerous relationships among his co-workers, was a caring and capable friend, counselor, advisor, sometimes a father figure, and was an effective negotiator in union contracts, securing benefits for his co-workers.

Ernest joined the Second Baptist Church in Roselle under the pastorate of the late Rev. Robert S. Kelsey. He was one of the founding members of the Saint Matthew Baptist Church, and was ordained to the office of deacon. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Men's Fellowship, Inspirational Choir, R. S. Kelsey Male Chorus singing his stirring renditions of "*Precious Lord*" and "*The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow*." He was also a trustee and served as Chairman of the Trustee Board for app. twenty-seven years, stepping down in the year 2000. Ernest demonstrated his love and devotion to God and his church by always being available as a servant, often seen making repairs, maintaining the building and grounds (roof, grass, fixing pews, painting, whatever needed to be done). He was also known to his church family as the man who "*has the patience of Job*;" he would sit in his car listened to a game on the radio while he waited for his wife after a church program every Sunday.

Being the practical one in the family thanks to his mother, he was often called upon for advice, guidance, and encouragement. Ernest, a jack of all trades finding a way to master all, enjoyed reading the Bible, watched sports events and western movies, family gatherings and cruising with his wife to various parts of the world and **JAZZ** topped it off! He was unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His favorite passage was, Hebrews 11:6, "*But without faith it is impossible to please him. For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*"

Ernest was predeceased by his brother, George, and sisters; Nellie, Esther, Cleo and Elizabeth. Ernest leaves to cherish special memories, his loving and devoted wife of fifty-five years, Lillie; daughter, Stephanie; son, Steven, Sr. (Dana); grandchildren: Steven, Jr. and Noelle; brother, Oliver (Helen) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; sisters: Loretta Newell and Ruth Brown, both of Newark, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Humbly submitted,
The Family**

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Brother Tony Harris

Processional

Hymn..... #27.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scriptures

Old Testament:

New Testament:

Prayer of Comfort.....Evangelist Pattie Roscoe

Solo.....Sister Dana Davis

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgments and Condolences and ResolutionsDelois George

Obituary.....Beverly Alston

SoloSister Joann Drake

Remarks

SoloElder Lauren Melton

EulogyReverend Steven A. Wilson, Sr.

Hymn.....#429..... “When To All Get To Heaven”

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

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Ennis Newell

Troy Wilson


Nathaniel Perry

Gregory L. Taylor, Jr.


Tony Cranford

Jesse Faulkner

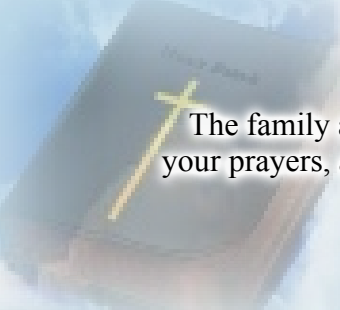
Miss Me but Let Me Go



When I've come to the end of the road,
and the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
and not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared
miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take
and each must go alone,
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds
miss me, but let me go.
God saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
He gently closed my eyes
and whispered, "Peace be Thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
the sleepless nights are passed.
The ever patient worn out frame
has found sweet rest at last.
Miss me, but let me go.



Acknowledgement



The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers, and acts of kindness extended to us at this our time of bereavement.