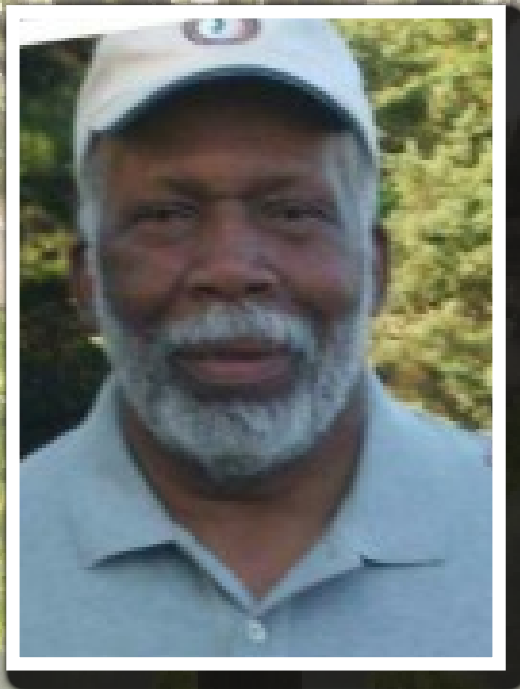


HOMEGOING SERVICE
FOR
Duane E. Wilson

Sunrise
April 19, 1941

Sunset
December 16, 2015



Wednesday, December 23, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Imani Baptist Church

113 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey
Rev. William D. Lee, Pastor

Obituary

Duane E. Wilson, the younger of two sons born to Callie Street and Willie Wilson, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. He was born in the City of Newark, New Jersey, on April 19, 1941.

He graduated from West Side High School in 1959 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Rutgers University in 1977. Duane was a successful local entrepreneur and community activist. Duane's early work experience was as an accountant for the City of Newark, and Chief Accountant for Jersey Central Power and Light. He served the City of East Orange as City Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer, 1988-1993 and then served as Chief Financial Officer for the East Orange Municipal Court, 1993 until retirement.

He was a faithful member of Imani Baptist Church of Christ, serving as head of the finance committee, an usher, former member of the trustee ministry and president of the men's ministry, as well as his involvement in Sunday School. Duane loved the Lord and gloried in his service. Duane's civic activities included service on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Essex County, the Board of Directors of the East Orange Police Athletic League, Past Worshipful Master of King David Masonic Lodge #80, Golf Course Rater for the New Jersey Golf Association, and a member of the Nostalgic Automobile Society of Montclair.

Duane will be united in heaven with his mother, father, brother Bernard Wilson, and son-in law Myron Riddick. Duane is survived by his wife Valencia Matlock; his ex-wife Alice Wilson; his children April Wilson, Keisha Riddick, Jada Wilson, and Shawn Matlock; his daughter-

Order of Service

InvocationRev. William D. Lee, Pastor

Hymn of Comfort.....Imani Baptist Church Choir

Ministry of the Word

Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 23Mrs. Antoinette Hill-
Wright

New Testament: 1 Cor. 15: 51-58 Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins

Expressions of Comfort

Solo.....“Amazing Grace”
(Martha Rooks)

Reflections.....Marques Wilson/Jessica Chandler
Robert Davidson
King David Masonic Lodge #80
Stephen Kaifa

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Ursula Cargill

Resolutions.....Deacon Lurena Smith

Obituary.....Sister Shirley Bryant

Ministry of Music.....“I Won’t Complain”
(Minister Aquon Morrisson)

Eulogy.....Rev. William D. Lee, Pastor

Recessional

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."
-Author unknown*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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