



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Brian David Wilson, Jr.**  
*"Giant"*

*Sunrise: November 12, 1990 - Sunset: February 14, 2017*

*"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." Amen!*

Service

*Friday, February 24, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**MT. NEBOH BAPTIST CHURCH**

1883 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd., • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Johnnie M. Green, Officiating*

*Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist*

# Obituary

**Brian David Wilson, Jr.** was born on November 12, 1990 at 12:43am at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City to Sharona A. Gails and Brian D. Wilson, Sr. Brian was born on the same day as his mother, Sharona Gails, November 12, 1972. Brian became the eldest son of four siblings and a role model.

His love for basketball started at the young age of two years old. His grandmother, Mildred bought him his first basketball hoop for his third birthday. We would take the hoop outside in front of the building and he would practice his shot and dunk on it. He possessed great talent as he grew older and taller, so much so that when he participated in his first Kenny Hutch Basketball Tournament, he dunked at ten years old. The crowd erupted and other players began to question his age, earning himself the nickname "Giant". Brian would play in the Kenny Hutch Annual Basketball Tournament for the next 15 years, never missing a year. Brian even sabotaged an AAU game at the Crack is Wack Park that was on the same day of the Kenny Hutch tournament so he can get ejected and go play in that tournament!

Brian first began traveling at the age of twelve with his first AAU Team with Bill Coachman. Brian played throughout the New York City area and traveled to various States participating in National AAU tournaments, IS8, Rucker, Dyckman and Tri-State winning various Championships for most if not all the tournaments he and his teams participated in, always bringing home a Championship trophy and/or MVP. His mom would run out of space in their Wagner apartment.

Brian played high school basketball and graduated from Satellite Academy in 2009. Brian's basketball talent earned him several college scholarship offers. Brian received a full athletic scholarship to attend Indian Hills Community College, a Division 1 JUCO for two years. Brian then transferred to Wabash Valley College on another full athletic scholarship.

In addition to his love for basketball, his love for community was well known. Brian would later come to be employed at the Scan El Faro Beacon Center as a youth counselor, the very place where he spent his childhood attending the after school program. He loved the children, and the children loved him. His leadership skills, presence in the community and his love for basketball was inspirational. So inspirational that Brian along with his brothers created their own basketball tournament in 2014, the GWOP Life Classic Tournament. It gave the youth of the Wagner Community another opportunity to do more than hang out in the streets and be productive. His nickname Giant was about more than his size as he stood at 6'8" tall. Once you got to know Brian, you'd quickly learn that his heart matched his stature.

Brian received his OSHA 30-Hour Certificate in March 2016 and worked construction. In December of 2016, Brian decided to obtain his 8 and 16 hour security certificate and became employed by Allied Barton. They took a liking to Brian's size and his well-mannered demeanor and had work lined up for him, trusting him to work a 12 hour shift on his first day on the job.

Brian was also known for how he loved, nurtured and protected his family. "Family First" was his motto and he lived that. Brian was a devoted son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend that we all will surely miss. Brian took his final walk on December 27, 2016 and was brought home to rest on February 14, 2017.

Brian David Wilson, Jr. is survived: by his mother, Sharona Gails; father, Brian Wilson, Sr.; three brothers, William Wilson, Justin Wilson and Camby Wilson; one sister, Brianna Mobley; grandmothers, Mildred Myles and Marjorie Wilson; grandfather, Floyd McDonald; aunts, Sharon Gails and Laverne Wilson; uncles, Ronald Gails, Jonathan Wilson and Robert Wilson; cousins, Christopher Aaron Holmes, Larry Young, Jr., Elijah Gails, Marjorie Mays, LaShante Ince and Taquanna Wilson; godmothers, Keisha Orr-Hudson and Monica Sims; god sisters, Destiny Orr, Amani Orr, Nyla-Starr Hudson and Imani Copeland; god brothers, Marcus Silvers, Tynell Fortune, Tyrone Turner (Doogie) and Nathaniel Malik Smith (Smitty); his girlfriend, Diamond Knight; and a host of aunts, cousins, friends as well as coaches that were father figures to him such as George Ball aka Ice, Bill Coachman, Heath Miller aka Millzz, Mr. Jones, Pop, Coach Sean Adams, Oz, Munch, Bingo and Coach Simon.

We loved Brian but God loved him best.

We are grateful for the time God loaned him to us to be the difference for us all and leave his footprint.

Submitted in love by the family

# Order of Service

## Processional

Opening Selection - *by Mount Neboh Baptist Church*

Scripture Readings - *by Carol Franklin*

*Old Testament: Genesis 28:15*

*New Testament: John 16:22*

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection - *by Anisha Humphrey*

Acknowledgements - *read by Tanya Smith-White*

## Remarks

Obituary - *read by Destiny Orr*

Selection - *by James Bryant*

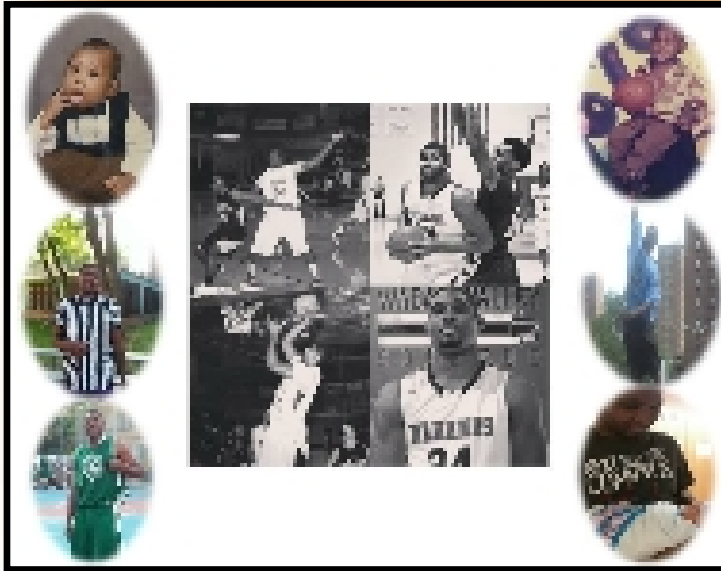
Eulogy - *by Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green*

## Committal

## Recessional

## Final Disposition

*Rosehill Crematory • Linden, New Jersey*



**Repast:**  
**Scan El Faro Beacon (Gymnasium)**  
**2351 1st Avenue, New York, NY**



Don't remember me with sadness,  
 Don't remember me with tears,  
 Remember all the laughter,  
 We've shared throughout the years.  
 Now I am contented  
 That my life it was worthwhile,  
 Knowing that I passed along the way  
 I made somebody smile.  
 When you are walking down the street  
 And you've got me on your mind,  
 I'm walking in your footsteps  
 Only half a step behind.  
 So please don't be unhappy  
 Just because I'm out of sight,  
 Remember that I'm with you  
 Each morning, noon and night.



### Honorary Pallbearers

William Wilson	Justin Wilson
Camby Wilson	Tynell Fortune
Tyrone Turner	Nathaniel Malik Smith
Aaron Holmes	Isaac Rivera
Trevon Jennings	

### Acknowledgement

The family of Brian Davis Wilson, Jr. wishes to express our deepest appreciation to our family and friends and especially to our Wagner Community.

We are grateful for all the outpouring love and support, prayers, the sharing, thoughtfulness, memories shared, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits.

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