



A Celebration of Life for

William A. Wilkerson

Sunrise
October 5, 1940

Sunset
August 2, 2017

Service

Friday, August 11, 2017-11:00 a.m.

James E. Churchman Jr. Funeral Home

345 13th Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108

Obituary

William (Big Jim) Wilkerson, son of the late Gertie and Thomas Wilkerson was born in Reidsville, NC. He departed this life at his home on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

William was educated in the Reidsville school system. William later moved to Newark, NJ.

William (Big Jim) was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. There was never a dull moment when in the presence of Big Jim, he was the life of the party. He was a gentle giant that was loved by everyone he came in contact with. He loved nothing more than spending time with family and friends and having a good time.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife Tracey Wilkerson; 5 sons, Douglas Ware of NC, Derek Wilkerson of Elizabeth, NJ, Corey (Niki), Gregory (Cindy) and Dwayne Gainer of Newark, NJ; 4 daughters; Sheryl & Jackie Gainer of Newark, NJ, Kathy Grayson of Newark, NJ and Reno Olverson of North Carolina. 23 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceding him in death are: his parents Gertie and Thomas Wilkerson; his wife Mary Wilkerson; brother Buck Wilkerson; sister Mary Anderson; son Kenneth Gainer and grandson Wyan Thomas.



Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Obituary and Acknowledgments

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



Finally reunited after one too many years

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **William A. Wilkerson** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.*

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