

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Terence "Ray" Wilkes offer sincere thanks to family, friends, co-workers, all for the act of kindness during this time of bereavement.

May God Continue to Bless You All!

The Wilkes Family

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandsons & Nephews

Active Pallbearers

Micah Gaines

Leroy Perry

Johnathan Perry

Brian Long

Michael Jackson

Johnny Garner

Interment

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Saulsbury, TN

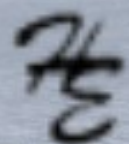
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Celebrating the Life of



Mr. Terence "Ray" Wilkes

January 31, 1958 ~ June 3, 2021

PRIVATE SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

Greater Springfield Baptist Church

Bolivar, TN 38008

Robert Parham ~ Pastor

~EULOGIST~

Dr. Melvin Bufford

Mount Salem M.B. Church

Don't Cry For Me!

*Don't cry for me.
I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now,
and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me.
I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong.*

*Don't cry for me.
It was just my time,
but I will see you someday
on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me.
I am not alone.
The angels are with me
to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me,
for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone,
and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me.
This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
when we meet again.*





To my darling and loving husband, I loved you so much, but I know God loves you best. I will miss those nights when we talked, laughed, and joked about our day. My heart is so sad but not broken because I know we'll meet again.

You were a God sent man, a loving father, caring, and devoted husband. You always took real good care of me and constantly saying to me, "Mrs. Chris, you give, and you give. Start taking care of you and to not let people take advantage". Now I know what you were telling me, that your time wasn't very long, and you wanted me to be comfortable when you were gone.

Thank you, my love, for caring for me when I didn't think about tomorrow. I will always love you.

Rest in peace, my love, rest in arms of Jesus!

*Love Your Wife,
Christine*



Obituary

A Time for Everything

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

“Ray”, as he was affectionately called by most who knew him, was born on January 31, 1958 to the late Mr. Nora Lee Wilkes and Mrs. Bettie Bell Herron in Whiteville, TN

He attended Allen White Elementary School in Whiteville and graduated from Bolivar Central High School in 1977. After high school, Ray immediately found employment with few businesses in the county, finally securing his career with Western Mental Health Institute in Bolivar. Because of his love for cooking and his superb work ethic, Ray quickly advanced to become the first African American Food Service Manager in the history of WMHI.

Ray accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior as pre-teen and joined Simon Chapel Baptist Church in Whiteville where he was spiritually nourished and became a dutiful deacon. He later joined Mt. Salem Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Bufford, where he transferred his deacon duties and also served as Sunday School superintendent and kitchen supervisor. When he petitioned the throne of God during corporate worship, the church would “burn”!

Bro. Ray was preceded in death by his father; Nora Lee Wilkes: sister; Annette Wilkes: brother; Lee Nora Wilkes: mother in law; Opaline McBride and father in law; Robert McBride

On March 31, 1984, Ray united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, his heartthrob; Ms. Christine Perry. Their union brought together four children: Vonda (Johnny) Garner, Mario (Neckie) Scott, Demetrick (Shay) Wellington, and Tammy (Michael) Jackson. A special daughter Pamela (Darius) Armour, 14 grandchildren Whitney (Brian) Long, Anthony, Amber, Marquiza, Christopher, Micah, Kedan, Addison, Shadericka, Demetrick II, Demetri, Landan, Kyree, and Bailey: 5 great-grandchildren.

He leaves and cherishes fond memories to his loving wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren: mother; Bettie Bell Herron: four sisters; Linda Gibbs, Sandra Jean Robinson, Faye (James) Selmer, Michelle (Wayne) Jackson: four brothers; Nolan (Serita) Wilkes, Burnette Wilkes, James Thomas Gibbs, and Darren (Delene) Price. A special aunt and uncle Leroy (Gladia) Perry, and host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and coworkers.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Musical Prelude
Old & New Testament.....	Pastor David L. Perry
Prayer.....	Pastor Jerry Crisp
	Union Hill MB Church ~ Whiteville, TN
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Robert Parham
Selection.....	Rogina Parham
Remarks.....	Deacon Bill Perry
	Olean Beard
Selection.....	David Perry, Jr.
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....	Karen Hunter
Selection.....	Rod Perry
Eulogy.....	Dr. Melvin Bufford
Recessional.....	

¹¹ Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

2nd Chronicles 7:11 kjv