

A TRIBUTE TO MY COUSIN

A TALL STATUE OF A MAN WAS HE,
EVEN AS A BOY, HE GREW LIKE A TREE.
ALWAYS FULL OF LAUGHTER, AND AS CHEERFUL AS COULD BE,
RARELY A FROWN ON HIS FACE DID YOU EVER SEE.

FOR HE WAS A FREE SPIRIT, AS FREE AS THE WIND,
AND TO MANY WHO KNEW HIM, HE WAS TRULY A GREAT FRIEND.
ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND,
TO RUN TO YOUR RESCUE AND OBEY YOUR COMMAND.

AND MANY WOULD CALL HIM FOR ANY AND EVERYTHING.
FROM FIXING A BIKE, TO STARTING A WASHING MACHINE.
AND HE COULD DO IT ALL OR TRY WITH ALL HIS MIGHT,
EVEN IF IT TOOK HIM ALL DAY, AND HALF OF THE NIGHT.

FOR HE ALWAYS HAD THE WILL, AND GOD ALWAYS MADE THE WAY.
FOR A TALENTED GUY LIKE "WAN" TO BE BORN, AND FOR A WHILE WITH US STAY
AND STAY WITH US ALL HE DID, FOR NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS.
NOW WE ARE ALL HERE REFLECTING ON HIS LIFE, WITH JOY, SORROW AND TEARS.

BUT "WAN" WOULDN'T WANT US TO CRY, RATHER, HE'D WANT US TO REJOICE.
FOR THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WOULD DO, IF ONLY WE COULD HEAR HIS VOICE.
AND WHAT A VOICE HE HAD, ESPECIALLY THAT CONTAGIOUS LAUGHTER,
THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER, WHO COULD TAKE THE PLACE OF WANCHESTER.

"WAN" WILL SURELY BE MISSED BY US ALL, NO ONE COULD FILL HIS SHOES,
AND HE COULD REALLY DANCE IN THOSE SHOES TO MUSIC HE LOVED, FROM OLD
SCHOOL, JAZZ, TO RHYTHM & BLUES.

YES, HE LOVED HAVING A GOOD TIME, PARTYING, AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN,
BUT HE WASN'T "JUST" ABOUT PARTYING, NO, CUZ COULD ALSO HANDLE A GUN.

FOR IN THE U.S. ARMY, "WAN" WAS A SHARPSHOOTER, AND A PRO AT WEAPONRY,
AND HE WAS AWARDED MANY MEDALS AND BADGES, FOR HIS EXCELLENT
SKILLS IN ARTILLERY.

MANY LOOK AT OTHERS NEGATIVELY, THOUGH MANY SKILLS THEY MAY POSSESS,
YET THEY RARELY FOCUS ON THEIR POSITIVES, AND THUS
OVERLOOK THEIR SUCCESS.

WE'RE ALL GUILTY OF THAT AT TIMES, FOR WE'RE ONLY HUMAN AND IMPERFECT.
YET NOW IS THE TIME TO WIDEN OUR FOCUS, AND ENGAGE IN SELF RETROSPECT.
AND AS WE EACH LOOK INTO THE MIRROR, OF GOD'S WORD OF LIFE,
MAY WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT "WAN" DID, THAT LIFE IS FILLED
WITH GOOD THINGS AND STRIFE.

SO YES, LET'S REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES AND MEMORIES WE HAVE OF "WAN."
AS WE REFLECT ON THE RESURRECTION HOPE PROMISED BY JESUS, GOD'S SON.
AND LIKE "WAN," LET'S LIVE AND BUILD OUR LEGACY, EACH AND EVERY DAY.
FOR HE WANTED EVERYONE TO LOVE EACH OTHER, AND NEVER FORGET TO PRAY.

by Jill Price Manning
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



SUNRISE:
MAY 10, 1951

SUNSET:
APRIL 12, 2021

WANCHESTER SPELLMAN

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021
11:30 AM
MITCHELL FUNERAL CARE AND CREMATIONS
609 HULL DRIVE
ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27909

OBITUARY

Wanchester Spellman

Wanchester Spellman was born on May 10, 1951 in Elizabeth City, NC. He died on April 12, 2021 of natural causes at his residence. He was the son of Charlie Spellman and Susie Poole Spellman Johnson, both of whom are deceased. Wanchester is survived by one brother, Karlee Spellman (Margaret), of Brooklyn, NY, and one sister, Winnie Spellman Frink, also of Brooklyn NY. He is also survived by two nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Wanchester was educated in the Elizabeth City Public School System. He also attended college for 2 years. In addition, Wanchester served in the U.S. Army for 3+ years and received numerous medals and badges. He retired receiving an honorable discharge.

Wanchester was a very gifted and talented man. He could build or repair anything he put his mind to. He was well known as a "Jack of All Trades." In addition to working for himself in the building and repair field, Wanchester was also a great dancer. He loved all genres of music, especially R&B. Wanchester could also play the piano by ear. He was a lot of fun to be around and could make anyone laugh.

Further, Wanchester loved people in general, and would help anyone who needed his help. Though he didn't profess to be a very religious man, he possessed many Godly qualities. He will definitely be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him

SPECIAL MEMORIAL PROGRAM *With Military rites* FOR WANCHESTER SPELLMAN

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PRAYER

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SPECIAL THANKS!

The family of Wanchester Spellman would like to express special thanks to our service provider, Mr. Aubrey Mitchell and his staff at Mitchell Funeral Care and Cremations, for all of the love, support, and professional services they have provided to our family during our loss. We also want to express our love and gratitude to everyone who called, offered their condolences, contributed donations, and who offered up prayers on our behalf. We are eternally grateful to you and appreciate every kindness you extended us during our time of bereavement. Your love and support will never be obliterated. May God bless and keep you all now and forever more.

The Spellman Family