

Expressions

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the loving thoughts, kind words of comfort, calls, lovely prayers and all contributions given to us during this time of our lives.

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Memories Build a Special Bridge

*Our memories build a special bridge
when loved ones have to part
To help us feel we're with them still
and soothe the grieving heart*

*Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind
They build a special bridge of love
and bring us peace of mind.*



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Sunrise
12/15/1937



Sunset
02/27/2021

Home Going Celebration
James E. Wilkes

Graveside Service
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 ~ 2:00PM
Crestlawn Memorial Gardens
4965 US-258
Farmville, NC 27828

Pastor Albert Baker, Eulogist
Mt. Gideon Baptist Church, Elm City, NC

Life Reflections

“God looked and saw the road was long, the hills were hard to climb. He gently closed his weary eyes and whispered Peace be Thine”

James Earl Wilkes, also known as “Skint”, was born on December 15, 1937 in Wilson County, NC to the late Junest and Allena Wooten Wilkes. He graduated from G.W. Carver High School in Pinetops, NC. Immediately after graduating, he joined the U.S. Air Force in May 1955 and was honorably discharged becoming a civilian in 1959.

Skint, later moved to Brooklyn, NY where he worked various jobs such as making cabinets, working at pharmaceutical companies, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson. He finally retired after working many years in the meat packaging business for Aaron Dubin in Brooklyn, NY.

James was a people's person, he loved family, friends and anyone else who would stop and listen to his jokes. His hobbies included fishing, baseball, listening to good ol' soul/blues music and watching westerns, which he called "Shoot Em Ups."

He departed from this earthly life on February 27, 2021 at Sentara Beach Hospital in Virginia Beach, after a month-long illness. He truly will be missed by many people young or old, and of all nationalities. Rarely did you see him without a smile on his face.

In his passing, he leaves to mourn his devoted wife of 58 years, Ruth Bullock Wilkes; two daughters, Brenda Barnes of Pinetops, NC and Michele Crawley of Virginia Beach, VA; son, Jeffrey Wilkes of Virginia Beach, VA; five grandchildren, Ronje Barnes (Nekita) of Rocky Mount, NC, Davon Crawley of Centreville, VA, Jequel Wilkes of Arlington, VA, Micaiah Wilkes of McDonough, GA and Daniel Crawley (Samantha) of Hawaii; remaining siblings, Stella Suggs and Pearl Wilkes both of Rocky Mount, NC, and Joseph Wilkes (Ethel) of Fountain, NC; two God daughters, April Middleton of Linden, NJ and Sarita Whitehead of Queens, NY; in-laws, Mark Bullock (Lenora) of NJ, Lucy Brown of Woodbridge, VA and Margaret Revels of Dover, Delaware, Minnie Bullock and Mattie Bullock of Rocky Mount and Babylon, NY; respectively, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friends.

Order of Celebration

<i>Opening Prayer</i>	<i>Minister Bessie Banks, Spirit & Truth Worship Center, Greenville, NC</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Leon Waller, Friend</i>
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Rodney Williams, Nephew</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Elder Harvey Lee Wooten, Cousin</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Charles Staton, Friend</i>
<i>Silent Reading of the Obituary (Soft Music)</i>	
<i>Reflections (limit 2 minutes).....</i>	<i>Krystal Rountree, Great Niece</i>
<i>Branch from the Family Tree</i>	<i>Jean Dale Wooten, Cousin</i>
<i>Eulogy.....</i>	<i>Pastor Albert Baker Mt. Gideon Baptist Church, Elm City, NC</i>
<i>Committal / Benediction</i>	