



James A. Wilkes

October 2, 1947 - December 5, 2017

JAMES ARTHUR WILKES, son of the late Milford David and Ida Wilkes, transitioned on Wednesday, December 5, 2017 at the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perry Point, Maryland. A native of Greenville, North Carolina James married Linda L. Stancil of Baltimore, Maryland in July 1986.

After graduating C.M. Epps High School in Greenville, James entered the United States Army. He served in Vietnam and received several medals of honor for acts of heroism and meritorious service including two (2) Army Commendation Medals and the Bronze Star Medal. James left Vietnam to find his family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland where he was destined to follow. James attended Morgan State University and later launched another meritorious career with the Maryland Dept. of Transportation, Mass Transit Administration (MDOT-MTA). Before retiring from the Mass Transit Administration, as a light-rail engineer in 2003, James again demonstrated his commitment to serving. He earned awards for meritorious performance including the Citizen Citation, City of Baltimore; the Maryland Governor's Citation; the Mass Transit Administration Services Award, and a "four-time" recipient of the Mass Transit Administration Safe Driving Award.

Steeped in a firm religious philosophy James experienced several denominations. He found joy and fulfillment in spending time in fellowship at the Mt. Pleasant Church & Ministries. Health challenges began to prohibit

James from traveling the distance to Mt. Pleasant. His Love for the Lord led James to seek a church closer to his home. He found a warm and welcoming spirit at the Church at Riverside in Belcamp, Maryland where he became a member.

Witty and honest best describe James Arthur Wilkes. One never gets bored because he somehow manages to find humor in most anything. To know him is to know a person who is clear about his intentions and expectations. No doubt a few of these attributes are grounded in his military training and long career as a MTA bus driver/light rail engineer.

James leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Linda L. Stancil-Wilkes; one sister, Willie Mae Matthews; one daughter, Candice D. Wilkes; one granddaughter, Dacia Harris; one brother-in-law, Ronald L. Stancil, all of Baltimore, Maryland, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

DEC 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James A. Wilkes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Linda, thinking of you in your time of sorrow. Hold on to your faith, God is ever present. Love, Mary Anne Jordan Asher and James Jordan*

Mary Anne Jordan Asher - December 12, 2017 at 08:35 PM



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Linda - December 12, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Friends*



Leslie Tobias - December 11, 2017 at 01:54 PM

DP

“ *The Price family sends there condolences. We are praying for Linda.* ”



Derrick Price - December 10, 2017 at 06:26 PM

LP

“ *To Linda, Calvin and I give you our deepest condolences. James and I were good friends. James and I would go for car rides, taste different cuisine, play cards, checkers. We had a good old time. I will miss his smile and laughter. He always gave me the best advice about my son. I will always treasure the times we spent together. Linda I'm honored and truly blessed for knowing James, I thank you for trusting me with him. It gave me time to get know a wonderful man. He loved you with all his heart. I know because he told me so. Calvin told me to tell you he's sorry that you lost your husband. I echo those words, I also know you lost your friend that can never be replaced. Linda, I will always have shoulder for you. I will keep James in my heart always.* ”



Loreen and Calvin

Loreen Peterson - December 09, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Wilkes.* ”



December 09, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MB

“ Linda, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We often cannot find the words to say in times like these, but our hearts are filled with compassion because we know how much you loved and will miss cousin James. God will comfort you in the days ahead in ways that you can't even imagine right now. Love you...

Melvia and Milton Batts - December 09, 2017 at 03:04 PM

RI

I send my heartfelt sympathy to the family of James as you mourn his loss. Remember that our loving Father above knows your sorrows. Rev 21:4 gives us this assurance of his deep love for us, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Yes, your loved one will live again, and you will never ever have to say goodbye.

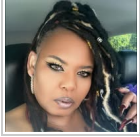
Rita - December 11, 2017 at 12:14 AM

AP

“ Deepest condolences to uncle James immediate family. Although he has passed the best of him and his life lives in your memories and times spent with him. May you have each other and comfort at this time knowing he is resting peacefully. With Love,
April WILKES Papay your cousin



April Papay - December 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ I will miss my Uncle James! I have sweet and fond memories of him! He is now gone, but, he will never be forgotten! Please keep his wife, Linda, daughter, Candice and granddaughter, Dacia in prayer during this most difficult time! My brother, Randy was very close to him also, please keep Randy and the entire Wilkes Family lifted up in prayer!

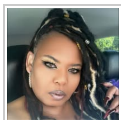


Wanda MzLovelydove Bentley - December 07, 2017 at 09:03 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 07, 2017 at 11:19 AM



Thank you!

Wanda MzLovelydove Bentley - December 07, 2017 at 09:06 PM

PM

We shall miss James; his warm smile, his easy laugh, the light in his eyes, the firm handshake - I looked forward to seeing him on Sundays at church. He was kind and gracious to all who knew him. I asked him once if he was a Ravens fan and he said 'no'. He was a Baltimore Colts fan! Immediately we connected, because I'm an old Colts fan too - Johnny Unitas and Raymond Berry and Lenny Moore - those were some good football players!

Our church loved Mr. Wilkes. He will be sorely missed. I shall not soon forget the last time he was at church singing the hymn 'I Surrender All' and hearing him sing with all his heart the chorus to that song '... all to Him my blessed Savior, I surrender all...' I am honored to have been his pastor in this season of his life. Our prayers are with Linda, his wife and the rest of his family.

Pastor Arie Mangrum

Pastor Arie Mangrum - December 09, 2017 at 02:13 PM

PT

The husband of my best friend, I love you and will miss my friend James. His memory will forever live in my heart.

Patricia Taylor - December 09, 2017 at 03:53 PM

NP

Linda, When I first met James his personality was so warm, funny and welcoming. I know how difficult this must be for you knowing that James was and will always be the love of your life. I'm asking God to give you strength, comfort and keep you in his loving arms.

Novelair Peele - December 09, 2017 at 05:06 PM

VB

So sorry for your loss Linda; I know GOD will give you the strength, comfort and love to carry on.

Vera

Vera Bailey - December 12, 2017 at 04:03 PM