

Celebration of Life for

Mr. James Wilson

Alpha
May 2, 1948

Omega
May 18, 2026



Saturday, June 6, 2026
Twelve O'Clock Noon

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 S Salem Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150

Bishop Jeffery Johnson, Officiant

Remember Me

*Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter
We've shared throughout the years.*

*Now I am contented that my life it
Was worthwhile, knowing that I passed
along the way I made somebody smile.*

*When you are walking down the street
and you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.*

*So please don't be unhappy
just because I'm out of sight
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.*

In Appreciation

The family of the late James Wilson wishes to express our profound appreciation for every act of kindness that was expressed during our time of bereavement. We thank you for your love and support; all the calls, prayers, and cards brought healing to our aching hearts. A very special thanks to our South Carolina family for taking such good care of our dad in our absence, there are no words that can express our gratitude. Thanks to the medical staff at Sumter East Health and Rehabilitation Center for the care provided to our father.

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Ralph W. Canty Sr., Director

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Funeral Service



Life Reflections

James Wilson was born on May 2, 1948 in Mayesville, South Carolina to the late Harmon and Rachel Cato Wilson. He was the sixth of twelve children and proudly called himself the family's "favorite" son. On May 18, 2026, the Lord called him home and granted him eternal rest.

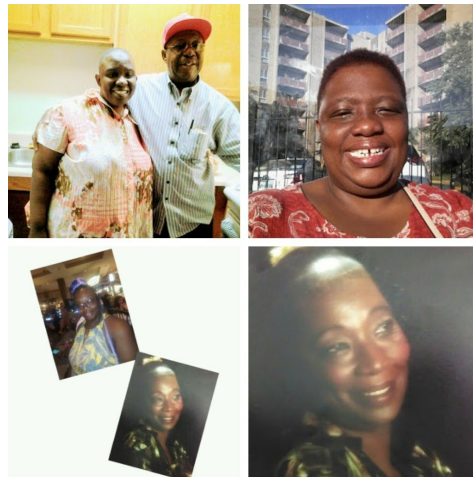
James was educated in the public schools of Lee County and Fort Pierce, Florida. At an early age, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and became a member of Ebenezer AME Church in Mayesville, SC. James later became a member of Springfield Baptist Church in Washington, DC where he was baptized in Jesus' name. After returning home in 2008, he reconnected with his Ebenezer AME Church family and worshiped there until his illness.

James fell in love with his high school sweetheart, the late Joan "Ann" McBride. The two married and later began their life together in Washington, DC, and were blessed with four daughters; the eldest, Patricia Ann, died as an infant. James worked for the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. as a Truck Driver and retired after over 35 years of service. He was an entrepreneur and owned a private limo service in the surrounding D.C. area. He would frequently drive home in his stretch limo styling as he loved to do. James held several other jobs throughout his lifetime to help support his family, including working at the White House.

James loved to dance, laugh and have a good time; and was the life of the party with his family and friends. He was a man of many words and was a true believer in the family rank and wasn't shy about letting it be known he was the oldest. He was a "protector" and was very proud of his family.

In addition to his parents, his loving wife and infant child, he was preceded in death by four brothers, McKinley, Harmon Jr., Jim, and Herbert Wilson; four sisters, Emma Wilson, Lucille W. Garcia, Luvina W. Shaw, and Mary Louise W. Lowery; one uncle, Ben Cato; three aunts, Annie C. Davis, Marie C. Benjamin, and Emma Cato.

James loved the Lord, even while lying on his bed of affliction, he would say, God has me here for a reason, he knows best. He leaves to cherish his memory, three lovely daughters; Michelle "Lisa" (Leroy) McFadden of District Heights, MD, Shameca Dion Wilson of Roanoke, VA, and Cheryl Wilson of Germantown, MD; three sisters Evelyn (Melvin) Plowden, Deborah (Robert) Wheeler both of Mayesville, SC and Janie Singleton of Sumter, SC; two brothers-in-law, Dr. Rev. Donnie (Yvette) McBride of Quinby, SC and Jonathan (Mary) McBride of Sumter, SC; one sister-in-law Betty "Mel" McBride, Mayesville, SC; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild; a host of nieces and nephews; a loving goddaughter Wanda (Gary) Commander, Sumter, SC, whom he loved with all his heart, and two special cousins Lucille C. Holloway of Bronx, NY and Mary C. Ricks of Mayesville, SC and bereaved family and friends.



Daddy

*A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps your memory every dear,
God took you home, it was His
will,
God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So, He put His arms around
you
And whispered, "Come to Me",
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands now rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
to us,
He only takes the best.*



Order of Service

Bishop Jeffery Johnson, Presiding

The IntroitA Medley of Music

Processional Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Rev. Donnie McBride

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament I Corinthians 15:51-58

Selection Leondre Williams, *grand nephew*

Reflections:

Family Pamela White, *niece*

Acknowledgements Shahonda Lowery, *grand niece*

Selection Marilyn Andrews, *cousin*

Words of Comfort Bishop Jeffery Johnson

Musical Tribute *Lord Deliver Me*
Song by LeAndria Johnson & Donald Lawrence

Recessional Medley of Songs

Committal, Benediction, Interment
Mayesville Community Cemetery

Pallbearers
Nephews

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Repast

The family invites everyone to join them for a repast immediately following the services at the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Learning Center & Art Gallery, Mayesville, SC.