

Today we gather together in love and  
remembrance of



*Samuel R. Wilkerson Jr*

June 23 1952 - May 18 2026

"Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,  
and you are loved beyond words and missed  
beyond measure."

# Obituary

SAMUEL RAYMOND WILKERSON JR. was born on June 23, 1952 in Williamson, WV. He was called to his heavenly home on May 18, 2026 in Bentonia, Ms. Sam accepted Christ at an early age and joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Huntington, WV. He was 73 years old.

Samuel is survived by his wife, Annette Simmons-Wilkerson, and his children: Samuel, Terrica and Cedric.

Samuel was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Raymond Wilkerson Sr. and mother, Louise Elizabeth (Matthews), his sisters Elizabeth Louise Gates and Vera Wilkerson-Nelson.

Sam proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from July 1971 to June 1974 with honor and dedication and received the National Defense Service Medal. His service and sacrifice will always be remembered with gratitude and respect. *"We thank him for his service."*

Sam retired from Dallas Area Rapid Transit as a Public Transit Operator after serving over 20 years. After he and his wife both retired they relocated to Bentonia, MS.

Sam was a fun-loving man with a big heart who never met a stranger and he never missed a chance to make people laugh. His happiest moments were spending time with his granddaughter- Karleigh and his 3 loyal dogs- Zeus, Angel and Cookie. He also loved music, going to concerts with his wife and satisfying his sweet tooth. (Karleigh can testify his most favorite sweet was M&Ms)

Sam leaves to cherish his loving memories: sons - Samuel Wilkerson III (Brandie) of Forney, TX, Cedric Wilkerson of Grand Prairie, TX and daughter - Terrica (Alvin) Hill-Stribling; a sister Kathy Wilkerson of Huntington, WV; two brothers - Sherman (Desirea) Wilkerson of Huntington, WV and Freddie (Kay) Wilkerson of Huntington, WV; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Opening Prayer  
Family Reflection  
Quiet Viewing  
Closing Prayer

## *Closing Scripture*

"The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." -Psalm 34:18

## *Final Farewell*

"Rest peacefully, Marine.  
Your duty is complete,  
your watch has ended,  
and your memory will live on forever."

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Samuel Raymond Wilkerson Jr. wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, support, phone calls, visits, and acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your love and compassion have brought comfort beyond words.

With Heartfelt Thanks,  
The Family