



James Monroe Wilson

January 18, 1930 - April 24, 2017

James Wilson was born in 1930 to the late Martha & Clifton Wilson. To that union were born two sons, and three daughters in St. Mary Colony (Bastrop County). He attended the St. Mary's Colony Jr. High School. During those years, education was very scarce for African Americans. Brother Wilson would always claim, "I only had a third grade education." He was around 15 or 16 years of age when he had to stop school to begin working the farm with his father. At age 18, Brother Wilson married Shirley Flay Walker of St. John Colony and they had two boys. In order to provide for his family, at 23 Brother Wilson left his family at home to pursue work for the city of Houston in the 1950's. During that time it was not uncommon for the men to have to go off to work to support their families. His wife and children remained at home with family.

Brother Wilson, as a young man, was very athletic and a very strong left handed Baseball player. During his time in Houston he was given the opportunity to pitch for The Houston Buffaloes or "Buffs" which was an American minor league...They are now known as the Houston Astros. In 1952 & 1953 James held the position of pitcher. Though the Buffs were players, Blacks were not allowed in the locker room with Whites.

In 1954 Brother Wilson had to suddenly return to St. Mary Colony due to a horrible act of violence against his family which claimed the life of his Father, Mother, Youngest Brother, Wife and two children all of which died in a fire. Brother Wilson had no alternative other than to move to Austin to earn enough

money to help pay for burial expenses and to keep ownership of the homestead. He was determined not to allow the act of violence which took the life of his loved ones to force him to lose his land. He began to work at Hills Café as a cook and then on Jan. 5, 1955 he began working at Central Freight Lines being one of the first two African American Employees as Night watchman, Mechanic, and Driver state-wide. Brother Wilson retired from Central in 1990 as a Dock Foreman. He started attending Mt. Sinai BC on May 21, 1954. Under the leadership of Pastor L. V. Ates, he was ordained as a Deacon. On Sept 8, 1956, he married Faye Pearl Thomas. By this union, he was blessed with seven children to raise as well as being able to build relationships with two children from his past. To all his children he continuously displayed amazing love equally. Because he had such a strong belief about being a provider for his family, he also worked nightly at Garages such as Shaw's & Brown's. Deacon Wilson was known around Austin as the "Baddest Mechanic on the Eastside". When Deacon Wilson retired from Central, he opened his very own "Wilson's Garage." Where he worked until he was bothered with health issues. Even in his mid-80's one would still find him making sure he helped anyone that asked for assistance with their vehicles. He became the Chairman of the Mt. Sinai BC Deacon's Ministry in 1957 and faithfully served as a Devoted Committed & Faithful Servant until the Lords called his home on April 24th @ 2:14pm

Previous Events

Public Visitation

APR **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Sinai Baptist Church
8500 Cameron Road
Austin, TX 78754

Tribute Wall



“ *James Monroe Wilson*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *He would always play dominoes and talk crap to my dad Ken, and call him a cheater. He and my uncle Luck Prosser would have me laughing at their funny jokes and their craziness. He'll truly be missed. Love you Nunk!*

Dometra batts - April 28, 2017 at 02:54 AM



“ *Duke Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Monroe Wilson.*



Duke Smith - April 27, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ Dear Kedrin & the entire family members you all have my family deepest sympathy on the home going of Deacon Wilson. He meant a lot to us , so many other people and the Mt. Sinai Church family members have all suffered a great lost. Deacon Wilson touched the life of everyone he came in contact with a laugh, stories or a song you could rest assure you would go away feeling blessed. It is our prayer that Gods Grace & Mercy will continue to shower his blessings upon you and give you strength, healing & comfort during this time and in the days a head.



We Loved & Cared about Deacon Wilson and just knowing he is resting in the arms of our Lord from all his labors and now has his just reward of all.

" WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT WELL DONE "

Frank, Juliet Washington Family

Juliet Washington - April 27, 2017 at 06:06 PM

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Kedrin & the entire family. You have my deepest condolences and prayers. Deacon Wilson was one of a kind. He was a stranger to no one. He always had a kind words of encouragement, a joke and such a big heart! He will truly be missed.

MAY GOD grant you and the family comfort and peace!

Truly...WELL DONE THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!!! RIH

DEACON JAMES WILSON

Shirley Ross and family

Shirley Ross - April 28, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ *My sincere condolences go to the family. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Know Mr. Wilson the way I remember him, he is probably already already singing with our great Lord and Saviour. I was blessed to have been introduced to Mr. Wilson through Gene Shaw many years ago back when T.D. Bell and the Gray Ghost were still with us. Mr. Wilson always had a kind way about him and a positive attitude no matter the circumstance. He will always be in my heart and memories. Although I did not get to see him as of late, I will miss him just the same.*

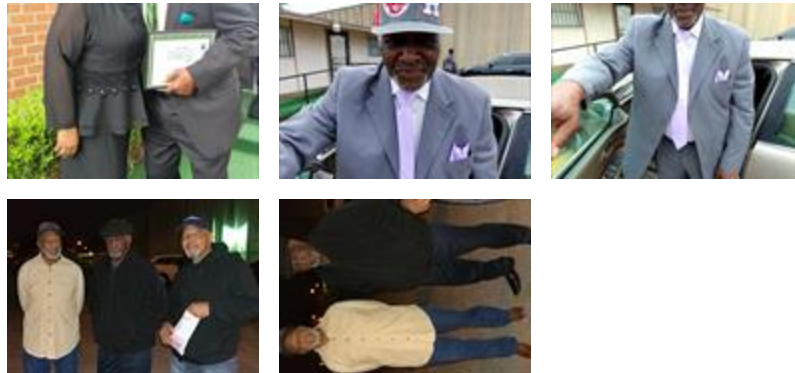
May God Bless the Family of Mr. Wilson and give them strength, comfort and peace during this time.

Duke Smith

Duke Smith - April 27, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *20 files added to the album In Loving & Precious Memories of Deacon James Wilson*



Juliet Washington - April 27, 2017 at 05:03 PM

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Comfort and love to your family. Although we did not know you personally, Mr. Wilson, we do know and love your son dearly. Being a chip off the block he is a masterful man, a dear friend and we have even adopted him in our family. Mr. Ealy's charm and charisma compels all of us to want to do better and do more. These characteristic passed from you have made him a powerful influence on others. My family and I are praying for comfort for your family and satisfaction in knowing you are where we are striving to get to. God Bless

The Brandon Family

(Lenon, Gail, Tori, Tiona, T'Lexus, Kenya, Romello Keyonna, Ahmad, Kyndall and Zaiden)

The Brandon Family - April 27, 2017 at 05:53 PM

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To the family he will be truly missed. This was the best mechanic in Austin, TX back in the day. God bless and keep you is my prayer.

Wanda Jackson Crawford - April 28, 2017 at 10:15 AM