



Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.

July 7, 1954 - July 15, 2021

On Thursday, July 15, 2021 our all-wise and sovereign God, called home our loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.

Anthony, is affectionately known as “Bird”, “Antnee-Bird” and “Deacon Wilkins” to friends and loved ones. He was born on July 7, 1954 to the late Mary E. Brite Wilkins and the late John W. Wilkins, Sr. in Portsmouth, Virginia. He attended school in the Portsmouth Public School system and graduated from I. C. Norcom High School, class of 1973. He continued his education at Norfolk State University as a Fine Arts major.

Anthony was a man who truly believed in taking care of his family. In his earlier years, he was employed by the Navy Exchange and Howard Security Company. After 29 years of faithful and dedicated service, he retired from the Norfolk Naval Base as a Police Officer. He was also an entrepreneur. In 1989, he began working Primerica Financial Services with his wife, Dolores and continued up until his passing. No grass grew under his feet. He was always searching and looking for new recruits. His motto was, “Don’t let anyone steal your dream!” And he didn’t.

Although Anthony was a busy man, he found time to watch his favorite NFL Football Team, the Dallas Cowboys. You couldn’t wipe the smile off his face

when his son, Reggie surprised him with a trip to his first professional game to see his team! He also loved watching gymnastics.

On September 12, 1982, Anthony married his soul mate, Dolores Wilkins and to their union was added three children. He was definitely a family man. He loved and cherished his family. He would often tell his wife, "she should have been a general, because she could certainly give orders." Anthony truly loved and cared for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Retha M. Jordan as if she had birthed him in the world. He was her everything! His children and grandchildren could make his heart skip a beat. There was nothing he wouldn't do for them. He brought them up to love the Lord and to always strive to be righteous in His sight! He was the priest of his home and a true man of God.

He accepted the Lord in his life as a young man and had no problems sharing God's goodness with all who came across his path. Anthony was a member of First Baptist Church Taylorsville where he served on the usher board. Years later, he became a member of St. Mark Deliverance Center under the leadership of the beloved Chief Apostle Marion M. Jones, serving on the Deacon and Usher Board. He remained faithful to St. Mark as well as the current pastor, Overseer Martha Provo by continuing to do whatever he could when needed.

He was predeceased by his two brothers, Leary Wilkins, John Wilkins, Jr. and brother-in-law, Reginald Jordan.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 39 years, Dolores Wilkins; three children, Anthony G. Wilkins Jr. (Tiffany), Reginald J. Wilkins, and Crystal S. Wilkins; one brother, Carl D. Wilkins, Sr. (Brenda); two sisters, Janice Wilkins-DeBerry and Fadakah R. Muhammad (Warner); two grandchildren, Arianna Wilkins and Anthony G. Wilkins III; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Retha M. Jordan; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Church Service

JUL 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Deliverance Center
3801 Turnpike Road
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

DB

“ *To the Wilkins Family
I am so sorry for your loss. Anthony was a dear childhood friend of mine. So many wonderful memories growing up together on Killian Ave. Anthony had a huge childhood crush on me. Such a wonderful person. Sending my sincere condolences to the family. Rest in peace Anthony. God Bless*

Dorothy White Bowser

Dorothy White Bowser - July 23, 2021 at 09:29 AM

AM

“ *Angie McCarter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr..*



Angie McCarter - July 22, 2021 at 11:11 PM

SL

“ My condolences and prayers are truly with the Wilkins family along with prayers from my girls. Deacon Wilkins will truly be miss so much when I return back to usher on the door at St Mark Deliverance Center! Deacon always had a story to tell to make me laugh as I stood waiting to usher in everyone also he could talk!!!lo!!!However, I really ENJOYED his sense of human that he had! Him and his wife Mrs. Wilkins has always made me feel so welcome whenever I was in their presence ,along with trying to get me on board with their company! Deacon had such a loveable family that I truly Thank God for allowing me to have such a Great Relationship with! Mrs Wilkins, Crystal, Anthony and Reggie I want you all to know my deepest heart of condolences goes out to you ALL!! DEACON WILKINS you will be Miss but NOT FORGOTTEN!! Sister WillieMaeLee

Sister WillieMae Lee - July 22, 2021 at 08:23 PM

DK

“ My condolences and prayers are extended to the Sir Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr., family. In Mendelsohn's great oratorio "Elijah" a beautiful chorus renders such comforting words - Should thou, walking in grief languish, He will quicken thee". God secures all of you in His arms for when death vacates our love ones the Lord hastens to comfort us. The great composer Mahler acknowledges that " To die is to Live". James Cleveland rendered "God Is My Protection, My All in All"! So family stay strong in the Lord knowing that this is not the end but a new beginning that "We shall understand it better by and by"! May the peace that passes all understanding be with you!



Dr. J. Leon Knight

Dr. Joseph L. Knight - July 22, 2021 at 05:47 PM

ES

*Sincere condolences to my ICN '73 classmate, brother from another mother, marching band trumpet sections & friend to the end . Spent numerous years in my youth at the Wilkens home @ 3312 Killian Ave. as his parents, brothers & sisters excepted me as a 5th brother in their home GOD gave him triplets in his life "Goodness-Grace & Mercy" has followed him ALL the days of his life so he will dwell in the house of the LORD forever * "ISN'T THAT GOOD NEWS" ??????*

Elmo Sampson,Jr. - July 23, 2021 at 09:29 AM

DM

“ My sincere condolences to family, friends and brothers/sisters in blue. I am blessed to have known and worked with Mr. Wilkins. He always had a million dollar smile and showed much respect for everyone around him. My prayers are with you. Your work on earth is done, rest in heaven brother in blue. ❤️🇺🇸❤️

Dee Michaelangelo - July 22, 2021 at 12:42 PM

JTF

“ 31 files added to the album LifeTributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 22, 2021 at 11:24 AM

CF

“ Claude E. Gibbs Jr. and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr..



Claude E. Gibbs Jr. and Family - July 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

PR

“ Patricia Rountree lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.



Patricia Rountree - July 20, 2021 at 08:07 PM

YD

Truly a beautiful soul. I enjoyed sharing my Law enforcement days with him. S.I.P Officer Wilkins. Condolences to the family. Officer Scroggins

Yolanda Dawkins - August 07, 2021 at 10:01 AM

FR

“ From Paul & Regina Ratcliff purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr..



From Paul & Regina Ratcliff - July 20, 2021 at 05:34 PM

AF

“ *Agatha and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr..*



Agatha and Family - July 20, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *DeniseDarcel Halison lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.*



DeniseDarcel Halison - July 19, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ *Prayers to the Wilkins Family!! Childhood friend. We use to call him “Bird”!! Antny Bird!! Was always positive!! R.I.H. Anthony!! ❤️🙏💙 May God give y'all strength!!!*

DeniseDarcel Halison - July 19, 2021 at 04:23 PM

RB

“ *Rev. Harold & Betty Barnes lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.*



Rev. Harold & Betty Barnes - July 19, 2021 at 02:09 PM

SW

“ *My childhood friend and coworker as a guard on the shipyard gates. He stood up with me at my wedding, how do I say goodbye to a wonderful person, until we meet again in heaven. Prayers of comfort to his family.*

Sandra M. White - July 18, 2021 at 09:10 PM

JC

“ *Jackie Coston lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.*



Jackie Coston - July 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Kyle Parker White lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.*



Kyle Parker White - July 16, 2021 at 06:09 PM

LT

“ *Leah Thomas lit a candle in memory of Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr.*



Leah Thomas - July 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM

PR

To the family of my dear cousin Anthony Gerald Wilkins, Sr. I give our sincere condolences. The Ware, Rountree, Sorrell Families

Patricia Rountree - July 20, 2021 at 08:05 PM

DB

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Dorothy White Bowser

Dorothy White Bowser - July 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM