

Roland Rayfield Wilson

February 16, 1945 - August 8, 2024

Obituary

On August 8, 2024, an Angel came and took from our midst, at the age of seventy-nine (79), our beloved Roland Rayfield Wilson, affectionately known as “Rollie or Shaky.” Roland was born on February 16, 1945 at Kent and Queen Anne’s County Hospital in Chestertown, Maryland.

Roland was educated in the Queen Anne’s County Public School system. He held several jobs before retiring from Local 199 Union out of Wilmington, Delaware.

Throughout his life, Roland attended and enjoyed going to church in Pondtown. However, it was through the guidance of Pastor Cliff Coward, that Roland rededicated his life back to Christ in December 2019 which made his transition “A Celebration of His Life.”

Before becoming ill, Roland had several interests. He was a skilled pinochle player, he enjoyed painting houses, reading, and gardening and he loved singing and dancing. You would often find him in his home listening to music because he loved music.

Spending time with family and friends was something he took to heart, and he

especially loved being around his children and grandchild. However, his favorite interest was “ATTENTION.” Roland loved being the center of attention and always wanted to have “the floor” where he had the opportunity to captivate everyone. Roland would say “I have the floor, let me talk.” He was very animated when telling one of his many stories about growing up and his life experiences. Whenever “Rollie’s” name was mentioned, chances were there was a funny story to go with the name. When anyone asked Roland how he was feeling, his reply was always the same, “I’m getting away with it.”

When Roland became sick and could no longer care for himself, he moved to Virginia to be with his oldest daughter and son-in-law. While living in Virginia, there he also captured the hearts of everyone who knew him, including Wanda Broaddus and Deloris Brooken-Gary, who were his personal aids.

Roland was preceded in death by both of his parents, Allen, Sr. and Mildred Wilson, his three brothers, Allen, Jr., Leonard and Tinley Wilson, two sisters, Helen and Bessie Mae Wilson and a nephew, James Wilson.

Roland leaves to cherish his memories: one son, William Daniels; two daughters, Carla (Carlton) Clarke and Lisa (Sam) Hicks, as well as two “bonus daughters,” Darlene and Angel; two sisters, Elouise Deaton and Valerie (Gregory) Campell; two brothers, Larry (Gwen) Wilson and Winfield (Mamie) Elliott; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family friends. Roland was a loving Father, Grandfather, Brother, Cousin, Uncle and Friend to all.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown
855 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-2161
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

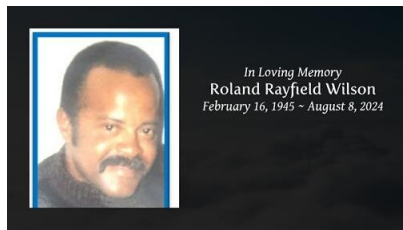


“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 29, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 30, 2024 at 08:26 AM

DW

“ *Darry Warner lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Darry Warner - August 26, 2024 at 02:03 PM

DT

“ *Daphine Thomas lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Daphine Thomas - August 26, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland Rayfield Wilson.*



August 25, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *Angela S Wilson lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Angela S Wilson - August 24, 2024 at 02:55 AM



“ *Tasha Warner lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Tasha Warner - August 23, 2024 at 09:00 AM



“ *Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Jackie Brown - August 21, 2024 at 10:01 AM

AD

“ *Alfreda Evangeline DennisBowyer lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Alfreda Evangeline DennisBowyer - August 18, 2024 at 06:49 AM

AD

My condolences 🙏 and prayers for healing, peace and grace during this time.

Alfreda Evangeline DennisBowyer - August 18, 2024 at 06:51 AM

RW

“ *Reginald Wilson lit a candle in memory of Roland Rayfield Wilson*



Reginald Wilson - August 17, 2024 at 10:11 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - August 16, 2024 at 06:27 AM