



Samuel Wylie

August 20, 1941 - October 8, 2016

Samuel “Plukie” Wylie was born in Beckley, West Virginia to Samuel and Beulah Dailey Wylie, August 20, 1941. On Saturday, October 8, 2016, Sam transcended from his earthly home to his heavenly home surrounded by his wife and family. Plukie had three brothers, John (Ed) Barksdale, D’Austin Wylie and William (Billy Ray) Wylie who are deceased. He attended elementary school in Beckley, West Virginia before moving to Milford, Delaware after his father was killed in the coal mines. Then he attended Benjamin Banneker Elementary School in Milford and William Henry High School, Dover, Delaware. Plukie started attending Mt. Enon Baptist Church September, 1955. He and Rev. Jean were also married at Mt. Enon Baptist Church in 1970. He enjoyed attending Sunday School.

Upon graduation from high school he attended Delaware State College which is now Delaware State University and majored in Elementary Education. His first teaching job was in Millsboro, Delaware. After teaching one year in Millsboro, he went to the Woodbridge School District and became the First Black Teacher in the Greenwood School. During his forty-four years in this district, he was a social studies teacher, a math teacher, reading teacher a counselor, acting assistant principal, disciplinarian, basketball coach and visiting teacher. He impacted many lives during his years of service.

Sam “Plukie” was the first black umpire in the Lower Delaware Baseball-Softball Association, the first black coach in the old Henlopen Conference, the first black president of the Lower Delaware Baseball-Softball Association, the

first black member of Board 129 International Association of Approved Basketball Officials for Kent and Sussex County, and the first black president of I.A.A.B.O Board 129.

His activities continued thirty years as State Coordinator and chaperone of Hershey Track and Field, a member of the Delaware State High School Track and Field Committee, and a member of the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee. In 2008, Sam (Plukie) received the Gary McQuaid Award which is the highest honor given by Hershey Track and Field Youth Program. In 2012, he was elected into the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame. He was very proud of all his accomplishments during his lifetime.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 46 years, Rev. Jean Ann Wylie and their nephew William whom they raised, sister-in-law Darlene Wylie, Los Angeles, California, sister-in law, Diane Little, Dover, DE, sister -in-law and husband, Phyllis and Bruce Hayes of Dover, DE, sister-in-law and brother- in- law, Linda and Gregory Showell, Milford, DE, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Olden and Dorothy Waples, Felton, DE, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Vernetta Waples, Seaford, DE, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David and Annie Melvin, Felton, DE, and brother-in-law John Waples, Ellendale, DE. He also leaves to mourn Mrs. Hazel Dooms of Beckley, West, Virginia, who was a second mother to him, close friends Josephus Clark and Joyce Clark, New Castle, DE, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, family, friends, the Penn Relay gang, the Track and Field group, and the Delaware State, Wesley football group. His favorite Scripture is Psalm 37:" Fret not thyself because of evil doers; neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity."

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Tribute Wall

WS

“ Jean,
We were sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a special man to many people especially the students at Woodbridge. Through God we know you and your family will find peace.

Wayne and Sharron Simmons - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ In my education
You surpassed in playing your part
You opened my mind
And touched my heart.
With a special gift for learning
And with a heart that deeply cared
You added a lot of love
To everything you shared
And even though you teased a LOT
You'd never admit to such
For you helped to change the world
Through every life you touched
You sparked creativity in the students whom you taught
And helped them strive for goals that could not be bought
You were a special teacher that no words can truly tell
However much, you are valued for the work you did so well
So nice, so kind, so good
Oh how I wish you could stay, if you could
Always liked your class,
Your teaching helped me see
That to have a full and happy life
Learning is the key

Mr. Wylie will forever be a part of my memories and my heart

Dee Gee - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I had Mr Wylie as a teacher in the 6th grade at Woodbridge Jr. High School. I am a 1976 graduate of Woodbridge High School. He always had a smile on his face. I have seen him several times through the years and he has always remembered me. He will be remembered and missed by all who had the pleasure of being his students. Rev Jean you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Crystal (Ross) Messick - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I am was so sadden to hear about the loss of Mr. Wylie, he was a great man and an inspiration to all he will truly be missed

debbie - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My family & I would like to express our sincere condolences to the Wylie family. We are extremely sorry about your loss, and is so heart-felt because everyone Mr. Wylie came in contact with, he left such a positive impression. He was just such a caring, intelligent & very funny person we all looked up to & we knew we could count on him to help guide us in the right direction. You will be missed & we are saddened but GOD makes no mistakes. REST IN PEACE....

Sharon Brummell (Felton) - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YE

“ Mr. Wylie was a great man and a great teacher. If only we could have more men and teachers as great as he was. He will be missed.

Yolanda Edwards

Yolanda Edwards - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Jean,
I am sorry to hear of Sam's passing. He was a good man and a good friend. May God bless you and your family. We know that Sam is in the Lord's fold and will be in heaven eternally.
Best wishes,
Dutch

Dutch Durig - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am sadden by the loss of a great man that has touched the lives of so many people that he came in contact with. My thoughts and prayers go to the family and friends of Mr. Wylie. You will always be remembered and missed. God bless.

Luz Santos - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the Wylie family
Mr. Wiley was an inspiration in my high school life. He was funny,he was strict but most of all I knew he cared. To the family I am saddened but I know Heaven has gained another angel I love you and God bless

Deknetra. Perry - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ He was a awesome man. And a great educator. Beloved by many students. He always managed to make you laugh when you needed to smile. He will be sorely missed.
Felicity Kessler
Parkersburg WV
(Formally Bridgeville DE)

Felicity Kessler - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Sam, I want you and your loved ones to know what a great gentleman you have always been. It was a sincere privilege to work with you at Track & Field meets and on the State Committee. You were constantly working for the young men and women in our state to do their best and be true to their sport. May God bless you now and allow you to keep good watch over all of us who keep you in our memory. Rest in Peace!

Kevin Kelly - October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM