



Wayne Melvin Tilghman

May 2, 1958 - March 28, 2025

WAYNE'S JOURNEY

Wayne Melvin Tilghman was born in Princess Anne, Maryland, on May 2, 1958, to his late parents, Sarah E. Tilghman and Elwood Johnson. After a valiant battle with colon cancer, Wayne transitioned peacefully on Friday, March 28, 2025.

Wayne was raised in Annapolis, Maryland, by his Uncle Melvin "Pop" and Viola Tilghman. He attended the Anne Arundel Public School system, and upon graduation, he enlisted in the Army National Guard Reserves. Once he completed his venture, he began working in the food industry and retired in 2021.

Throughout his life, Wayne always came home to visit family and friends for birthdays, holidays, or just because. He enjoyed attending family trips and reunions where he would spend time catching up, dancing, and laughing. Wayne loved all sports, but he was a Baltimore Ravens and Orioles fan. You would find Wayne quietly eating his favorite snacks while watching his games. He found great pleasure and joy when listening to gospel music. He had a few favorite greetings that we all loved to hear such as, "Hey chief" and "Main man." He would also say, "What you say there, chief," and "Somebody is going to tell me something." Wayne loved and touched everyone he

encountered, especially the children. Before Wayne would return home to Annapolis, he made sure to make his rounds around town to catch whomever he could, especially visiting Squeaky's and Aunt Shirley Tilghman, whom he loved dearly.

During his illness, he returned to his birthplace, Princess Anne, and was cared for by his sisters, Brenda and Denise, brother Kevin, nieces, Kiara, Ashyra, Shonda, and Shanica and nephew Harry "Spike." During that time, his Annapolis family would visit and call as much as possible. He loved these moments he spent with Pastor Reggie, Rufus, Carolyn, Cathy, Alvin, and Mitchell.

Wayne leaves to cherish his memories: devoted siblings, George (Ernestine) Tilghman, Geneva "Brenda" Tilghman, Kevin (Victoria) Handy and Denise Tilghman as well as a host of warmhearted nieces, caring nephews, many cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Veronica Tilghman, uncle, Melvin "Pop" Tilghman, aunt, Viola Tilghman and nephew, Dennell Tilghman.

Submitted With Love ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Metropolitan UMC (Princess Anne)
30522 Dr. WM Hytche Blvd
Princess Anne, MD 21853

Funeral Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember visiting Wayne in his apartment in Annapolis and he was a gracious host. As a brother-in-law he was kind and considerate and you could always tell he enjoyed being with his family. There is no greater gift than having a loving and attentive family. Rest in peace, Wayne.

Ernestine Upshur Tilghman - April 12, 2025 at 11:25 AM

FF

“ Frances Fitchett lit a candle in memory of Wayne Melvin Tilghman



Frances Fitchett - April 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - April 03, 2025 at 06:06 AM

PS

“ Patricia Smith-Maddox lit a candle in memory of Wayne Melvin Tilghman



Patricia Smith-Maddox - April 02, 2025 at 05:04 PM

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“ To the family of Wayne may you rest in 🕊️ cousin no more pain weeping may endureth for the night but Joy cometh in the morning and may God be with you all and continue to give God the glory and praise even in death love much I am here if you need anything

milton maddox - April 02, 2025 at 07:56 AM