



Wendell Lee Miles

September 6, 1953 - March 25, 2024

Wendell's Journey

Wendell Lee Miles was born on September 6, 1953 to the late Ogie F. Miles and Vida Lee Cottman Miles Jackson. He transitioned from this earthly life on Monday, March 25, 2024 at the age of seventy (70).

He was affectionately known as "Rich", "Richy Rich", "Dad", "Daddy", "Pop-Pop", "Big Bro", "Brother", and "Honey."

Wendell was educated in the Wicomico County Public Schools where he participated on the wrestling team. He also took Karate Lessons and earned a red, brown, and black belt. He loved music, gardening, fishing, crabbing, cooking, video recording, riding motorcycles, and was a classic car enthusiast.

He held several jobs throughout his lifetime. Wendell worked for the Wicomico County Board of Education, Feldman Brothers, DHL, NAPA, Rice's/APM Pest Control, K & L Microwave, Airborne Express and Mail Movers. He also served his country in the United States Navy.

Wendell was raised in a Christian home and received Christian training early in his life. He was a member and baptized at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church in Princess Anne Maryland under the leadership of the late Reverend

Earvine Hargis.

His memories will be cherished by: his loving and devoted wife, Lana; six children, Dana Miles Harrison (Hugo), Dawn Miles, Hermione Strand, Aaron Greene, Lonnie Polk and Timothy Miles; a stepdaughter, Lauren Roberts; twenty-one (21) grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a stepfather, Richard Jackson; five siblings, Ogie Miles (Priscilla), Eugene Miles (Sue), Herbert Miles, Sr. (Joy), Willis Cottman (Lena) and Vera L. Miles (aka Vicky); a godsister, Amanda Elsey White; a brother-in-law, Patrick Pinkett, Sr.; a sister-in-law, Mona Warren (Robert) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, co-workers and friends.

In addition to his parents, Wendell was preceded in death by: his maternal grandparents, Willis and Annie Cottman; paternal grandparents, Otho, Sr. and Nettie Miles; parent-in-laws, Earl and Jean Birkhead; aunts, Ethel Hayward, Janice Miles, Lennie Cottman and Elsie Collins; uncles, Robert Lee Cottman, Willis Cottman, Jr., Preston Cottman, Alexander Cottman, Randolph Cottman, Sr., Samuel Cottman, Sr., Otho Miles, Jr., Carl Miles, Sr. and Calvin Miles.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED – THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - April 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM

BC

“ *I pray to God for your strength family.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. God Be with you and
leaving you my deepest sympathy and prayers for you through your
journey.
There in spirit.
With love
Brenda J. Cottman &Family*

Brenda J Cottman - April 11, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult
time. Rich will always be loved and never forgotten. Sincerely,
Barbara, Nichelle and Daylena Waters (Family of Joe N. Waters)*



Daylena Waters - April 11, 2024 at 05:09 PM

KL

“ *My HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO LANA and the MILE'S
FAMILY. KEITH AND LORRAINE LIGHTFOOT*

Keith Shawn Lightfoot - April 11, 2024 at 09:08 AM

SR

My deepest sympathy to Lana, my Miles family cousins, and the Cottman family. I will always remember Rich's smile.

Starmaine Reagen - April 11, 2024 at 04:03 PM

SJ

Condolences to the family, God will not leave you Comfortless. Peace and Love.

Shireatha Johnson - April 13, 2024 at 11:32 AM