



Wilford Franklin Rochester

July 19, 1927 - July 14, 2018

Wilford Franklin Rochester began life's journey on July 19, 1927, and departed this life at the age of 90, on July 14, 2018, at the Autumn Lake Nursing Home, Chestertown, Maryland. He was the son of the late Mifflin and Angeline Rochester and was one of 14 children.

Wilford, also affectionately known as "Money", was united in marriage to Doris Mae Brown on December 2, 1950. Three children, Rodney, Regina and Gregory, were born to this union.

His early education began at the Country School in Sharptown (Rock Hall), Maryland. He later attended and graduated from Henry Highland Garnet School in Chestertown, Maryland.

After graduation, he entered the military as a member of the U. S. Army, serving from October 3, 1945, to February 7, 1947. He carried out his duties during World War II and received an honorable discharge.

Upon returning from the military, Wilford began working in the seafood industry fulfilling different capacities in Rock Hall, Maryland. He later worked at Campbell Soup and drove for U-Star until his retirement.

Wilford joined Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church in Butlertown, Maryland, under the

leadership of Reverend Chambers. He was a member of Mt. Olive for 60 years. Wilford was given the gift of music, which he used to serve as the pianist and organist for the church, as well as several choirs and groups in the community. He always made his way to Mt. Olive, even when his health was failing.

Wilford was preceded in death by his parents, Mifflin and Angeline Rochester; his son, Rodney Rochester; granddaughter, Dentia Rochester; sisters, Hamiltine Garrett, Rachel James, Floretta Williamson and Baby Girl Rochester; brothers, Russell, Milburn, Wardell, Rudolph, and Sylvester Rochester.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Doris; two devoted children, Regina Rochester (Earl) and Gregory Rochester, Sr. (Amalia); grandchildren, Dwayne Hicks, Rhonda Pinkett, Nakima Rochester, Gregory Rochester, Jr. and Alexander Rochester; nine great-grandchildren, Eric, Samiya, Nakaya, Deonni, Ayanah, Jalen, Jeremiah, Jadye and Jadia; sisters, Jean Sisco, Arrie Lee Carter, Phyllis Sisco, and Annette Glover; nephew, Cornel Rochester who was raised with the family; sisters-in-law, Brenda Rochester, Ernestine Dixon, Dorothy Brown, Erlena Linthicum and Eleanor Brown; brothers-in-law, Earl Carter and Fred Linthicum, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from the Mt. Olive Church Family and beyond.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Wilford Franklin Rochester, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Rest in heaven cousin you will be missed...Cousin Tommy Rochester and family from Pennsylvania.

Thomas and Midge Rochester - July 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Mr. Hicks & Family:

Please know that you and your family are in the thoughts and prayers of your Centreville Middle School family.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Dunn

Lawrence J Dunn, Jr - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God.

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but that you read and accept what God's Word, the Bible says. We encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Family :
PSALM 23-The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want!
In every desert of despair God has an oasis of comfort. We can find Help, and Hope in God's Love. Being with God in Heaven will bring pleasures forever. Our greatest comfort in sorrow is knowing that God is with us. A sunset in one land is a sunrise in another. Always cherish the fond memories of your loved one. God Bless each of you!

Ruth King and Family - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *To The Family:*

We will always remember the Gift of Music from God that was given to "Money" as he played the piano at various churches and other places. He really enjoyed his "Ministry In Music! " At Death, God's people don't say "Goodbye, " but "We'll see you later."

In this world Christ bids us come; in the next He'll bid us Welcome.

(John Donne)

(1 Thessalonians 4 : 17)

We Will Be With The Lord Forever.

Your Memories Will give you Comfort and Peace. Keep Praying and Trusting In Jesus.

Lorraine Jenkins and Family - July 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Dear Family,*

Grief can be so hard, may your family find strength in God's promise at (Isaiah 25: 8) that soon "he will swallow up death forever". You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of Wilford Franklin Rochester.

JoyceA - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*

Jesus Loves Me

I Am Special To God

Thomas Widgeon - July 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM