



Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr.

October 19, 1970 - May 14, 2021

Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr., affectionately known as “Rhooks” to family, and “Bruce” to friends, was born in Orange, New Jersey on October 19, 1970, to Joseph Wilson and the late Lois Wilson. He fought a hard fight but lost his battle with COVID-19 and was called home on May 14, 2021, in Columbia, South Carolina.

His youthful years were spent in Orange New Jersey where he attended elementary, middle, and high school. He was an athlete who participated on the wrestling team during his high school years, also training in Karate where he held several championships. Wayne graduated from Orange High School in 1988 and went on to attend DeVry University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science in 1991.

During the years after graduation, and until 2005, Wayne worked at several fortune 500 companies including Dow Jones, Pfizer, and Merrill Lynch. Wayne followed his passion for physical fitness, obtaining his Personal Training certification from the National Academy of Sports Medicine in 2005. He trained clients of all levels, but his greatest reward came from the many children with disabilities that he was able to work with. His final career change would happen in 2013 after obtaining his Class A Commercial Driver’s License. He would go on to use that license driving trucks for companies such as Bartlett Milk, Iron Mountain, and Domino’s to name a few. In 2020 this career afforded Wayne the opportunity to move his family from Orange, New Jersey to the Columbia area of South Carolina where he continued to work as a truck driver and essential worker until his passing.

On February 14, 1998, in the presence of God, and witnessed by their family and friends at the Messiah Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey, Wayne married his true love Sharisse Wilson (AKA Mousiey) whom he had known since he was 12 years old. This union produced three loving children; Wayn-Tiq, Wayne Jr., and Rayne. Wayne was a warm-hearted gentle soul who enjoyed talking about his wife and children. He always had new goals in mind to accomplish, and every one of those goals had something to do with making his family’s life better. He was a very active husband and father, who along with

his wife, attended all his son's football games and daughter's cheerleading events. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and loved Dragon Ball Z. Wayne loved music and whenever he was around his siblings there was sure to be a dance challenge looming about. He loved dancing so much that even being hospitalized could not stop him from sharing a tender moment with his wife. On a recent visit he mustered up enough strength to sit on the edge of the bed and grab his wife's hand while the music played. Although unable to stand, they shared what would end up being their last dance together; a memory that will forever be cherished. Wayne was an admirable example of a true family man who's protective, loving, gentle, and generous ways touched everyone around him. Whether you knew him for years or it was your first time meeting him, he was always a pleasure to be around. He will be dearly missed by everyone that he touched. His work here is done for now, but his memory and legacy will carry on until we are reunited.

Left to cherish his memory is his father, Joseph Wilson; loving wife, Sharisse Wilson; 2 sons, Wayn-Tiq Wilson (20), Wayne Wilson, Jr. (15); 1 daughter, Rayne Wilson (13); 2 brothers, Kevin Ments, Curtis Chappel; 1 sister, Keisha Wilson; 5 nephews, Jamar Ments, Ja'von Ments, James Wilson, Jaquan Hargrove, Jaquill Scott; and 3 nieces, Tia McConnell, Chantelle Ments, Tatiyana Wilson. He is preceded in death by his mother, Lois Wilson; 1 sister, TyJuana Wilson; 2 nephews, Tito McConnell and Jamil Ments; and 1 niece, Keesha Wilson.

The family would like to express our immense gratitude for your love and support. Your sympathy during this difficult time, has been comforting. We sincerely appreciate every one of you, and will continue to draw on your strength during this time of bereavement.

The funeral service for Mr. Wilson will be held 5 o'clock, Monday, May 17th, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Rd. Ext., Columbia.

Events

MAY **Funeral Service** **05:00PM**

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Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel
7600 Trenholm Road Extension, Columbia, SC, US, 29223

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - May 16 at 09:36 PM



“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr.



Marie - May 21 at 09:08 AM



“ I've known you for 40 years bro. And I can honestly say you were one of the best people I've ever known or met in life. I'm still in disbelief. I can still hear you singing "Duke duke duke duka duke duke" From Cypress Hill Everytime you seen me walking past! Lol. Even when people started switching up you never ever! Once acted any different. We was friends and that's all that mattered wit you bro. Loved you like a brother my guy and wish I had kept more in contact with you but just like with Tyjuana I didn't think you was going anywhere and figured I had time still to catch up. I know you're were you're supposed to be though my guy and you're ok. You will be very much missed. Not only by me but by so many. Rest easy bro. Rest easy.

Yancy Cochran - May 18 at 07:52 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Wilson family and friends. Wayne was a college classmate and our college crew shared some really great times. We all have great memories of him. Rest in peace, Wayne! You'll be missed!



D Harrell - May 18 at 05:03 PM



“ I'm with you guys in tears...always a thoughtful, caring and mannerable young man, we go so so far way back...that's Momma Lo and Poppa Joe, all the way! Much Love....as she would always say...

Tswl Sweets - May 17 at 06:45 PM



“ Yes my daughter nicole just told me.my condolences to your family. I remember Wayne. Also been a good person. Peace be with your family. From Darrel Armstrong sr.

Darrel Armstrong - May 18 at 02:06 PM



“ I remember when Waynetique was born and Wayne and Mousiey came to visit us, I never saw such a proud poppa. He will be missed. Mousiey, with all our love you have our deepest sympathy.
From the Shannon family

Hazel Shannon - May 17 at 06:21 PM



“ We met during a very trying time in my life--new school, new neighborhood, and a lot of other new things I was unfamiliar with. We learned that each other had a talent for drawing, and you introduced me to comic books with your VAST collection. X-Men, Micronauts, Fantastic Four, The Incredible Hulk, Spider Man, Conan the Barbarian, ROM Spaceknight, and several others. You inspired my first "drawing club". I participated in several since, but none as influential as with you.

Then you shared what you were learning in karate with your Uncle Paka. Things he taught (kata), and things he didn't teach (flipping on mattresses, boxing, wrestling, and being situationally aware when bike riding or just walking).

You were my first "big brother" that wasn't blood related to me.

We played street football, we rode bikes around the neighborhood, we joked around with each other, and we talked about technology, drinks, and basic philosophy as adults. I was sincerely honored to call you friend, best friend, and brother.

You taught me how to be a big brother to the younger generations by being my example. You showed me that I could be my own superhero by you being your own first, "Bruce Wayne" (a spinoff from "The Last Dragon"). That BEING your own superhero was not a fantasy if you were willing to work for it.

And even though you were knocked down a number of times, to never give up. Never lose faith. Never lose your drive to succeed or improve your situation. You showed me that there is ALWAYS another way to get the same thing done. You were my example of how to regroup, re-strategize, rethink, plan again, wait for the opportunity, and move when the it arrives.

I am the brother that I am today, largely due to your influence.

I will always love you, Big Bro. There cannot be a replacement for you. Ever.

Wesley Keith Mullings - May 17 at 05:44 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your loved one, Wayne. I knew him since he was a young man and he enjoyed Karate and showing moves to my boys when his Mom was babysitting them. I came to love the family like an Aunt and was a best friend & neighbor with his Mom, Lois (Momma Lo). He will be missed! Lovingly Mary, Terence, Phillip and Daniel. Hollingsworth Family

Mary Hollingsworth & Family - May 17 at 05:23 PM



“ Wayne will be greatly missed he was a kind and gentle soul. There had words of wisdom and encouragement. He was funny and I'm glad our paths crossed. To his wife and children my heart and prayer to out to you Love you guys, you will be in my thoughts. I want to share a poem with you that was shared to me when I loss my father i have shared with others when they have lost a parent.

Do not stand at my gave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am sunlight on ripen grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there I did not die
M.E. Frye

Always remember he is always with you in your hearts and memories in which through that he will always live on. I love you guys and if you need anything reach out ..



Tammy s Richardson - May 17 at 05:22 PM



“ Tswl Sweets lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr.



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“ My deepest Condolences to the Wilson family.

I remember Wayne growing up in NJ. We all went to Messiah Baptist church in East Orange together.

Wayne was a good dude. Good memories. Rest In Power my brother.

See you when I get there.

Sincerely,

-William A. Robinson



William A Robinson - May 17 at 05:18 PM



“ To Sister Pam & The Wilson Family on Behalf of The Saint James AME Methodist Church in Newark, New Jersey, We the 6:00AM Prayer Ministry sends our condolences.

We have prayed for Sis Pam as well as Brother Wayne, for restoration of health to their bodies. No one supersedes God's Calling. We will continue to pray for the family's strength & close communication within. Please know that we care, and God will comfort you!

Thank you Faith Edgar, my sister In-Christ and member of Saint James AME Church for presenting these beautiful souls for prayer.

Bro Wayne Ellis Willis, will not be forgotten!

Linda Rutherford - May 17 at 05:04 PM



“ As a kid, every time I would see you, Uncle Wayne, I would ask you for a quarter. For years, I would ask you for a quarter, until eventually it became our running joke. I'm sad that I won't be able to ask you for that quarter anymore, but I'm so grateful to have ever had the opportunity. As I think back on the time I got to spend with you, all I can do is smile. You were always kind to me, always cracking jokes, and always light hearted. You will be dearly missed.

Chadeia Buycks - May 17 at 04:52 PM



“ Hi Family,

Sending condolences to Wayne and entire family. Praying that God will give you all peace, strength, and comfort during your time of bereavement.

Sincerely,
Derrick and Felicia Cox(Felicia Robinson)

Felicia - May 17 at 04:21 PM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shives Funeral Home - May 17 at 02:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr..



May 17 at 12:28 PM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



Shives Funeral Home - May 17 at 11:45 AM



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May 17 at 09:23 AM



“ Wesley-keith M. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr..



Wesley-keith M. - May 17 at 08:04 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr..



May 17 at 06:49 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr..



May 17 at 04:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Wayne Ellis Wilson, Sr..



May 16 at 11:32 PM