



Louis Wilson

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Mr. Louis Wilson was born October 21, 1929 in Meridian, Mississippi to the late Mr. Roosevelt Wilson, Sr., and Mrs. Lillie Mae (White) Wilson. At an early age, he and his family relocated to Edwardsville, Illinois from Meridian, Mississippi. Mr. Wilson served his country in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged July 24, 1953. Later, he met the love of his life Miss Martha Ann Johnson and on Sunday, June 26, 1955 they were united in holy matrimony. He was a devoted and loving husband to Martha for more than 43 years until her homegoing on July 22, 1998. Mr. Wilson was also a dedicated and loving father for their eight beautiful children. He not only cared and provided for his family, but was passionate about helping young people in the community. As a strong and courageous mentor, teacher, leader, civic and community servant, friend, confidant, and counselor, he cheerfully and loyally served the needs of others before his very own. Mr. Wilson along with good friend Reverend Warren Wider aided young men in obtaining employment through the Labor Hall. He always had comforting and encouraging words for those he met. Testimonies of his good deeds and compassion are readily given by many. When you telephoned, he always inquired, "Do you need anything?" and closed his conversation with "Thanks for calling." In 1955 Louis' Christian faith led him to unite with Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Trustee. As a faithful member, he served in any capacity necessary and made himself readily available, performing minor repairs and chores, always ready to open the church for members as needed. He truly enjoyed barbecuing and frying fish, as well as roasting whole hogs, talents he availed annually for the Harvest Homecoming Celebration. Mr. Wilson was employed at A. O. Smith and later retired from Granite City Steel. During his employment with these companies, he also was employed to perform janitorial services and other odd jobs. Louis was a hard worker and provided well for his family. He was a man of many talents and unlike most he was master of them all. Mr. Wilson professionally built the basement of his home and it was a must that the well manicured lawn on Olive Street be maintained by none other than Louis Wilson. He enjoyed conversing with his buddies and retiring each evening listening to his music. In order to be a good provider and extend a helping hand to others, one must be an excellent steward of your finances. Of course, Mr. Wilson always kept this in

mind. He became an avid bargain hunter and thrift shopper. On Tuesday, July 14, 2015, God stretched out his arms and whispered, ..."Well done thy good and faithful servant!... Matthew 25:21 and welcomed Mr. Louis Wilson to eternal peace and his heavenly home. His loving family surrounded him in Anderson Hospital, Maryville, Illinois during his transition. His most precious memories will be cherished by his four daughters, Mrs. Carmen L. Wilson (John) Cunningham, Ms. Tina M. Wilson, Ms. Bonnie K. Wilson, all of Edwardsville, Illinois and Ms. Patricia E. Wilson of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sons, Mr. Glen L. Wilson of Edwardsville, Illinois and Mr. Anthony M. Wilson of Houston, Texas; two granddaughters, Mrs. Saudiia (Jesse) Ogor, Sr. and Ms. Yara M. Wilson both of Dallas, Texas; one great grandson, Jesse Ogor, Jr. of Dallas, Texas; two godsons Calvin Logan Brown and Robert Hardy III of Edwardsville, Illinois (who affectionately called him Pawpaw); four sisters-in-law, Mrs. Essie Ray Wilson, Mrs. Maxie Johnson and Mrs. Jessie Johnson all of Edwardsville, Illinois and Mrs. Anita (Nucy) Johnson of Alton, Illinois; and a host of other relatives and friends. Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by his loving wife Mrs. Martha Ann (Johnson) Wilson, two sons infant Richard E. Wilson and Mr. Perry L. Wilson; three brothers, Mr. Rosevelt Wilson, Jr., Mr. Charles Wilson and Mr. Willis Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Foster and Mrs. Willie Ella Carpenter. Visitation Saturday July 18, 2015 from noon until 1:00 pm. at Mt. Joy Baptist Church. Rev. Steve Jackson will officiate. Burial Woodlawn Cemetery in Edwardsville. Online condolence and guestbook available at www.cmwilliamsfh.com