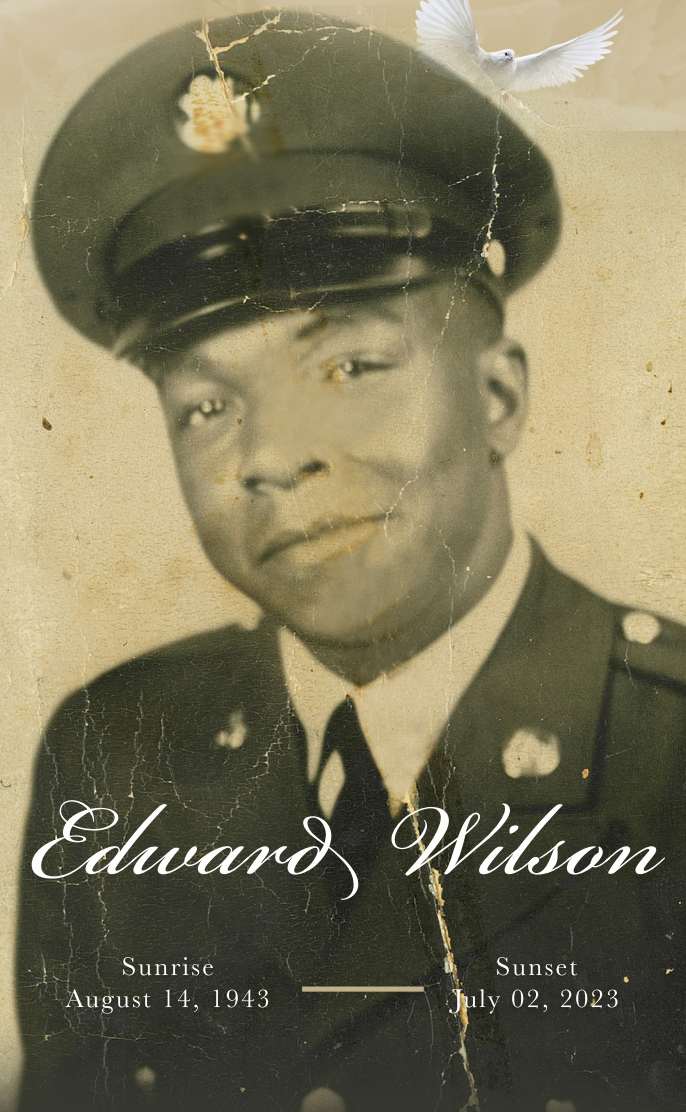


CELEBRATING THE LIFE of



Edward Wilson

Sunrise
August 14, 1943

Sunset
July 02, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023
Viewing 9:00 A.M.
Service 10:00 A.M.

G. Choice Funeral Chapel Inc.
2530 N Broad Street,
Philadelphia, Pa 19132

LOVE NOTE TO EDWARD

When we first met, I had no idea we'd be together for 50 years. When we started going out together, I felt a special connection beyond friendship. You showed me much respect and always expressed your love in many ways without saying "I love you." You will be in my heart until The LORD calls me home.

POP

An easy word for us to say
To remember and repeat
Such a simple word is **'Pop'**
Hearts never skip a beat
You made us lunch, you tucked us in
Gave us all your love
until we learned - that like father,
grandfather, mentor and friend
'Pop' was a title you earned.



Acknowledgements

The family of Edward Wilson would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many kind acts of sympathy, words of comfort and prayers during our time of bereavement. May GOD's everlasting love be with you always.

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Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Call to Worship.....Evangelist Hattie Johnson
- Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Lonnie Tuck
- Scripture Readings.....Dr. Angela Tuck
- Old Testament – Psalm 24*
- New Testament – St. John 14*
- Solo.....Reverend Julia Dorman
- Acknowledgment of Condolences &
- Obituary.....Sis. Theresa Taylor
- Remarks.....Deacon Richard Taylor
- Solo.....Reverend Julia Dorman
- Eulogy.....Reverend Donald Bristow
- Final Viewing
- Benediction
- Recessional

Repast
Taj Mahal

2613 W. Hunting Park Ave. 19140

Interment

Monday, July 17, 2023

Washington Crossing National Cemetery
830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940



IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU DEARLY IN
DEATH WE LOVE YOU STILL. IN
OUR HEARTS YOU HOLD A PLACE
THAT NO ONE COULD EVER FILL.
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LOSE
YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T GO ALONE.
FOR PART OF US WENT WITH YOU
THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR OUR BELOVED *Edward Wilson*

Edward Wilson was born on August 14, 1943 to the late Benjamin Wilson and Daisy Ludd-Wilson of Sumter, South Carolina. Edward was the youngest of nine children.

As a youth, Ed, as he was affectionately known, attended the Sumter School District during his elementary years. He was a bright, inquisitive child that was brought up with a strong foundation in the LORD. After the passing of his father, his mother relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he was educated in the School District of Philadelphia during his junior and senior high school years. Ed graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and family was very proud of him.

He learned to serve the Lord and God's people from an early age. His love for the Lord continued to grow over time and would guide him as he developed into a God-fearing man.

Upon graduating high school, Ed decided to join the United States Army in April 1963. During this time he received basic military training at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Afterwards, he was stationed in Germany. Ed's dedication and love for his country inspired him to keep the solemn oath and commitment to the military, "This We'll Defend." (slogan from the army) As a soldier, Ed accepted the mission to defend the United States and its citizens. Ed was honorably discharged from service in April 1965. We thank Edward for his service to God, his family and country.

Upon returning from the service, Ed spoke of the joy his mother had on that particular day, she exclaimed, "There goes my baby boy coming home!"

Ed began to explore his new life after the military by working several exciting jobs before settling at G. B. Goldman Paper Company located in the Kensington section of Phila. He was employed there for over 30 years. He retired in the year 2000.

While in Philadelphia, Ed met the love of his life, Jessie Samuel, fellow South Carolinian. The moment he laid eyes upon the young lady from Timmonsville, South Carolina, he knew she would be his wife. The two met and were inseparable. He knew he met the love of his life and did not want to let her go. The loving couple sealed their love in holy matrimony in the summer of 1988. The couple were blessed to raise their beloved, precious daughter, Chinetha who brought lots of joy and excitement to this happy couple's life.

Ed was a people person. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to make others laugh by telling jokes and doing impersonations. Ed knew how to bring a smile to your face and people enjoyed his company. Ed was the "life of the party."



The Wilson's opened their home and hearts to family members and friends with numerous barbecues and parties where Ed was the "master griller." He had a knack for cooking where the meat would fall off the bone and the sauce was sweet & tangy. These joyous celebrations left a lasting impression upon everyone who entered their home.

Ed was a skilled bowler and high scorer. He received many trophies from the various bowling leagues he participated in. His wife Jessie bowled alongside him as well. The Wilson's liked bowling so much, they enrolled their daughter Chinetha in the Jimmy's Juniors Bowling League.

Ed also played softball. He participated in the Leroy Kelly League and his team's sponsor was Boyles' Tavern formerly located off Hunting Park Ave near Wissahickon Ave. Ed was a top pitcher for the team. The highlight of Ed's softball career came when he pitched a shutout game. Ed's team was so proud of him, that he received a trophy for this accomplishment.

Ed was very fond of his three beautiful grandchildren, Ebony, Brian Jr. and Chris, who affectionately called him "Pop." You could feel the love and devotion Pop had for his grandchildren. They were truly the apple of his eye. He spoiled them and sent many gifts and trinkets as they ventured back home after visiting. He cherished them as they grew into young adults. Then in March 2023, Ed was blessed to see his first great grandchild, Serenity Love, enter his life. He was overcome with joy and excitement that he said to Ebony, "This is not y'all baby," once again showing his sense of humor.

Ed loved his family and worked all his life to provide for them. Jessie loved Ed deeply and took her wedding vows to heart, "til death do us part." Jessie honored and cherished their marriage and supported Ed throughout sickness and in health.

Ed also had a special group of nieces and nephews, with whom he was more like a brother rather than an uncle. They are Dorothy Raiford, Theresa Taylor, Jeffrey Sherrod, Jennie Hill, Gloria Brown and Betty Wilson.

Ed went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 2, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones. Those left to cherish his memories include: his wife, Jessie Wilson; loving daughter, Chinetha Napper; three loving grandchildren, Ebony, Brian Jr and Christopher; one precious great granddaughter, Serenity; one son-in-law, Brian Napper Sr; one sister-in-law, Lillie Bristow; one brother-in-law, Lonnie Tuck; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and eight older siblings.

Ed will be missed greatly by his family, friends and a host of others that knew him.