

## FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journeys slow.

And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.



### Floral Bearers

Cousins and Close Friends

### Pall Bearers

Grandsons, Cousins and Friends

### Acknowledgement

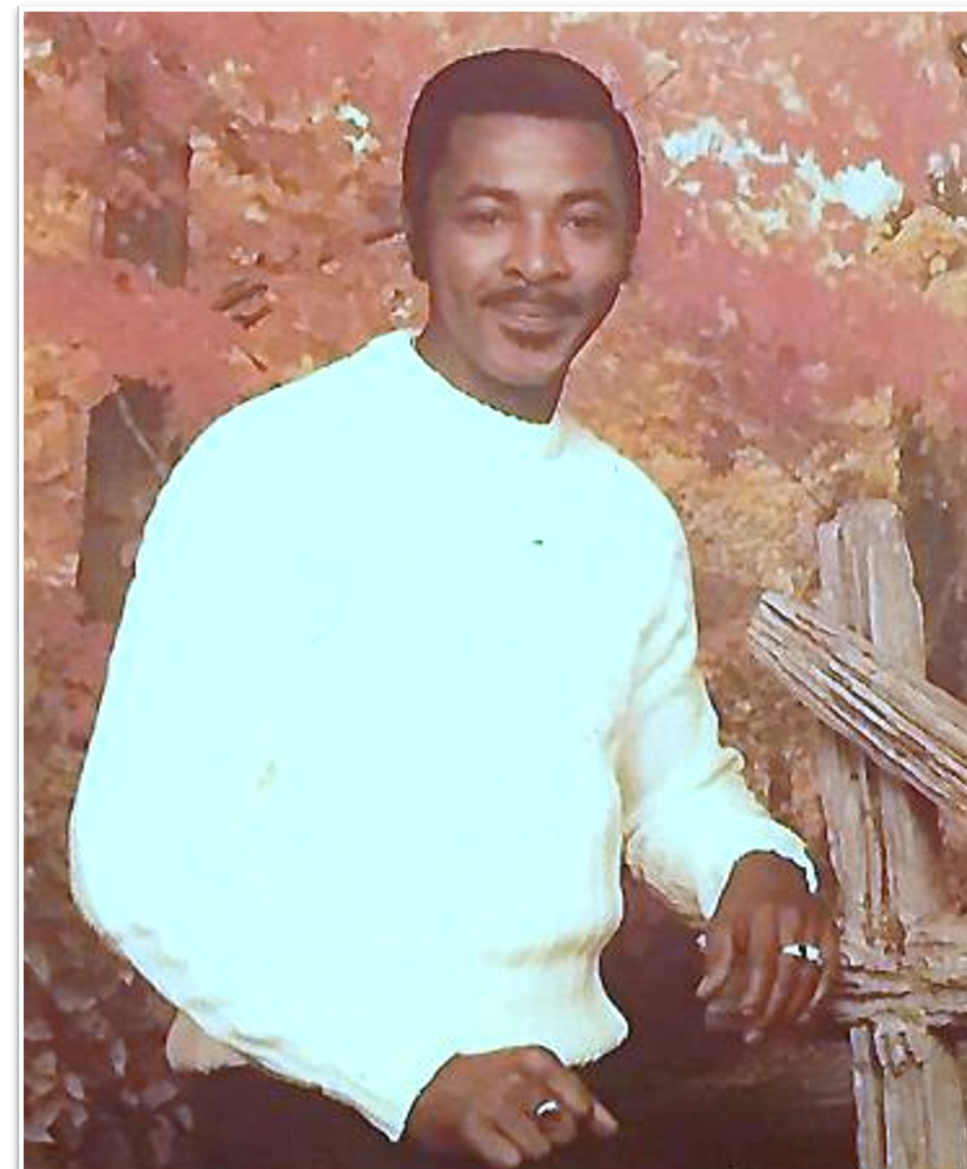
The family of Nero "Dennis" Wilson acknowledged with sincere appreciation the many prayers expressions of love, affection, and support. In our time of loss, you have provided comfort and much needed healing. We thank God for you and pray His continued blessing upon each of you and your families.

#### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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# Celebrating

## A LIFE AND A LEGACY



## Mr. Nero Alexander Wilson "Dennis or Denny"

AUGUST 20, 1947 - NOVEMBER 23, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021  
2:00 PM

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church  
1282 Bradford Heights Road  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Dr. Darial A. Jackson, Pastor  
Officiating





# Order of Service

Processional	Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Invocation	Dr. Darial Jackson
Selection	Mrs. Michelle Dawkins
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament Scripture	Rev. Rodney Davidson
New Testament Scripture	Rev. Thomas S. Gillespie
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Rosalind Warren
Obituary Reading (Silently)	
Reflections (2 Minutes)	
Resolution	
Selection	Mrs. Michelle Dawkins
Eulogy	Dr. Darial Jackson
Recessional	

## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Armstrong Cemetery  
639 Osceola Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina

## Life Reflections

### Mr. Nero Alexander Wilson “Dennis or Denny”

#### *Sunrise . . .*

Nero was born on August 20, 1947 in Cherokee County, South Carolina and was a son of the late J. W. Wilson and the late Ruth Kilgore Wilson Roach.

#### *A Life Well Lived . . .*

Nero A. Wilson was a graduate of Highland Senior High School, Class of 1966 in Gastonia, North Carolina. His employment consisted of working at the North Carolina Department of Corrections as a Prison Guard, Gaston County Textile and a Material Team Leader at Danaher Tool Group.

A strong love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in whom he confessed and accepted at an early age allowed him later in life to join the church next door to his house in the Fall of 2008, where he became a member of the St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church. There, he developed a deeper love for the truth of the word of God preached by Pastor Darial A. Jackson, who was his dearest friend. “Dennis” which he liked to be called, had a love for fishing and would take his three oldest sons, Denan, Jimmy, and Ethan, to the Coast during his vacation time.

#### *Sunset . . .*

He departed this life on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Alexandria Place Nursing Home in Gastonia, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by a son: Cornelius Lynch; two sisters: Joyce Ann Wilson Carr and Louenia Wilson Tate.

#### *Those Who Remain...*

He is survived by four sons: Denan Wilson (Althea) of Bessemer City, NC, Dennis “Jimmy” and Ethan Wilson of Gastonia, NC and Torbean McLean of Gastonia, NC; three daughters: Angela Byrum (Reggie) of Gastonia, NC, Adriane Wilson of Dallas, NC and Ivey Wilson (Shawn) of Gastonia, NC; two brothers: Lewis Blanton (Pat) and Rev. Rodney Davidson (Lisa) of Gaffney, SC; one sister: Doris Wilson of Dayton, OH; two aunts: Mary Brown (Roger) of Shelby, NC and Evangeline Hill of Detroit, MI; thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; special cousins: Emma “Jeanie” Lowery, Beatrice “Beatie” McGill, Penny Haynes, Rev. Daris Curry, Rev. Thomas Gillespie and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

