



Paul Smith Wilson

February 18, 1945 - December 31, 2023

WILSON, Mr. Paul Smith – age 78, passed away, Sunday, December 31, 2023 at Harper Hospital Detroit. Family Hour 10:30 AM Friday, January 12, 2024 at Newman AME Church, 233 Bagley Street with Funeral Service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Pastor Yolanda Whiten, Officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 North Belford Road. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble 10:30AM at the church Friday. Mr. Wilson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed Noon - 6:00PM Thursday.

Mr. Paul S. Wilson, born in Tampa, Florida, to Marie and Otis Wilson Sr., peacefully departed from this world on December 31, 2023. He was the second of six children. Paul's life was characterized by a commitment to service, a distinguished military career, and a legacy of leadership and dedication in both his professional and personal endeavors.

Paul proudly served in the United States Army for four years, followed by two years of inactive duty. His sense of duty and discipline were evident throughout his life. After his military service, he embarked on a remarkable 40-year career at General Motors, where he ascended to the Senior Leadership Team, leaving an indelible mark on the organization. A bright scholar from the start, Paul achieved the esteemed classification of Eagle Scout in the Boy

Scouts, and received a Drafting Engineering Scholarship from Middleton Senior High School class of 1963. His academic journey continued at Florida A&M University (FAMU), where he not only excelled in his studies but also showcased his athletic talents on the baseball field. Upon relocating to Michigan, Paul earned his Undergraduate Degree from Wayne State University and later pursued and earned his MBA Degree from Central Michigan University.

Paul's spiritual foundation was as strong as his professional one. A devoted member of Newman A.M.E. Church, he served in various capacities, including President of the Lay Organization, Stewart, Usher, Church Treasurer, and Sunday School Teacher. His commitment extended beyond the local church as he held leadership positions at the Michigan Conference Lay Organization (MCLO) and the Fourth Episcopal District Lay Organization.

Outside his professional and religious commitments, Paul lived a life of generosity and community engagement. He enjoyed spending time with family, exploring the world and visiting loved ones through travel, playing golf, and lending a helping hand to those in need. His involvement in the Masonic Gibraltar Lodge #19, volunteer work in the Pontiac School District, contributions to Haven, and service as a Board Member of Habitat for Humanity Oakland County are testaments to his dedication to community service.

He leaves behind a legacy that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Paul is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Wilson; devoted children, Jason Wilson (Stefanie), Jaclyn Bolden (Kimeon), Jeremy Wilson (Nikki), and Anne Wilson; cherished grandchildren, Andrea Wilson, Jasmine Reid, Jaydon Wilson, Kaleb Wilson, Jaxon Wilson, and Jalen Wilson; and his sister, Mary Washington, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Mr.

Wilson was preceded in death by his parents, Marie and Otis Wilson Sr., as well as his siblings, Otis Wilson II, Curtis Wilson, Patricia Richardson, Jeffery Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson. As we bid farewell to Paul S. Wilson, let us remember him not only for his professional achievements but also for the love, compassion, and generosity that defined his life. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913

Family Hour

JAN 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Newman AME Church
233 Bagley Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Newman AME Church
233 Bagley Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

Tribute Wall

AD

“ I will be forever grateful for all of the support Mr. Wilson gave to me and the students in my classroom. For over 10 years he volunteered in my classroom. He had such a giving heart. He cared about the education and welfare of every child. He went above and beyond to help in any way he could. He made such a lifelong impact on my life and the lives of so many students. I know we have a guardian angel now watching over us. I was so blessed to have had him in my life. My heart goes out to his family as I know you had such a close bond. Thank you for sharing him with me for all these years. With Love and Sympathy. Mrs. Ann Driscoll

Ann Driscoll - January 11, 2024 at 03:52 PM

FW

“ My Cousin Paul a very nice and caring person
Your smile and loving spirit will live on.
My sympathy to everyone.
Francina Watkins



Fran Wilson-Watkins - January 11, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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“ -Derron & Selam Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Smith Wilson.

-Derron & Selam Sanders - January 11, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.*



January 11, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.*



January 11, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.*



January 11, 2024 at 06:06 AM



“ *Tamica Clark lit a candle in memory of Paul Smith Wilson*



Tamica Clark - January 10, 2024 at 06:24 PM

EW

“ Paul was my brother-in-law. That long relationship began in 1971. I always knew that I could depend on Paul if I never needed help with anything. His generous presence will be missed. R.I.P

Ellen Wilson - January 10, 2024 at 08:54 AM

RC

“ We send our sympathy and love to all of you. Paul was a huge influence in our lives. We learned so much from him about the AME church and especially about the Lay Organization. Paul was an extraordinary lay person, and we will miss him as a leader and as a friend. He often talked about pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He has reached his goal. We are keeping you in prayer. God bless.

Rosalind and David Cox

Rosalind & David Cox - January 09, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LC

“ Love, Rosalind & David Cox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.



Love, Rosalind & David Cox - January 09, 2024 at 05:54 PM

EW

“ *My deepest sympathy to our families.
Cousin Paul a true hero and Servant of God.
I'm thankful for the support and serving Our
A.M.E. Lay Organization in wonderful Christ
like Spirit of love to all. The Heavenly Angels
are Rejoicing;*

🙏 *Take your rest my Dear Cousin
Matthew 5:4*

*Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.
Evangelist
Wanda Swift- Wilson*



Evangelist Wanda - January 09, 2024 at 04:01 PM

GA

“ *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time
of sorrow. May you find comfort in knowing that God cares for you
and will give you the strength and comfort needed to endure the
days ahead.*

Gilbert and Gwen Alexander

Gilbert Alexander - January 08, 2024 at 01:14 PM

GA

“ *Gilbert and Gwen Alexander purchased the Large
Basket Garden for the family of Paul Smith
Wilson.*



Gilbert and Gwen Alexander - January 08, 2024 at 12:51 PM

TJ

“ Teresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Paul Smith Wilson



Teresa Johnson - January 06, 2024 at 04:02 PM

AH

“ R I P.....



Adele Hopkins - January 04, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.



January 04, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DB

“ Donzell & Shirla Broadnax planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Smith Wilson.

Donzell & Shirla Broadnax - January 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Smith Wilson.*



January 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ *Clarence Wilson Jr lit a candle in memory of Paul Smith Wilson*



Clarence Wilson jr - January 04, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ *"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Rev.21:4. My dear cousin Paul, you've sent your last piece of timber up, now it's time to take your rest, from labor to reward in the arms our Lord. Rest on my cousin in Heaven. Cousin Clarence J., & Patricia S. Wilson, Jr.& Family*

Clarence Wilson jr - January 04, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beverly Rollins lit a candle in memory of Paul Smith Wilson*



Beverly Rollins - January 03, 2024 at 11:46 AM