



## Columbus R. Wilkins Sr.

August 29, 1942 - June 14, 2018

Columbus Ray Wilkins, Sr, 75 of Hamden, CT departed this life and entered into eternal rest on Thursday

June 14, 2018. He was born August 29, 1942 in Bethel, NC to the late Elijah and Helen Wilkins.

Columbus, affectionately known to most as Ray, grew up and attended the Bethel NC school system. Early in life he had to leave school and work to help support his family. When Ray had grown up and was ready to be on his own, he moved up to New Jersey with his sister, the late Gladys Jean Ward. This is where he started his family.

Ray worked up until the time of his retirement at Curved Glass. You couldn't keep him still so he did other little jobs just to keep himself busy. He loved going to church and was a member of

Varick Memorial AME Zion Church under the teachings of Pastor Rev. Kelcy G.L. Steele

Ray leaves to cherish his memories, Seven daughters; Patricia Wilkins, Yvonne Wilkins, Tammie McClain, Debbie Wilkins, Schanelle McFadden, and Nakeya McFadden, all of New Haven, CT and Tawana Thomas (Kenneth) of Hamden, CT. Four sons, Larry Rambert, Derrick Wilkins,

(Paulette) of Hamden CT.

Columbus R. Wilkins, Jr (Shirl) of New Haven CT and Gregory Rambert of Waterbury, CT. Two stepdaughters,

Charmaine McFadden and Latisha McFadden. One sister, Lynette Wilkins of Bethel NC. A

special friend Julia Richardson. 50 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

And a host of other relatives

and friends.

Ray was predeceased by his wife, Carrie (McFadden) Wilkins, three brothers, Thomas E. Wilkins, James F.

Wilkins, and Ray Wilkins. One sister, Gladys J. Ward. Three grandsons and one granddaughter...

Ray was loved by many and will be greatly missed...

# Cemetery Details

## Beverdale Memorial Park

Hamden, CT 06514

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Varick Memorial AME Zion Church  
246 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

## Service

JUN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Columbus R. Wilkins Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *William lit a candle in memory of Columbus R. Wilkins Sr.*



**William** - June 22, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *Derrick Wilkins and Family, you have my deepest sympathy. I pray that God gives you strength during this very difficult time, and may the memories of your father forever linger in your hearts.*

*Alicia Eldridge  
West Haven, Ct*

**alicia eldridge** - June 22, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *To Derrick Wilkins and Family,*

*So sorry for your loss. May God bless and strengthen you and your family at this difficult time.*



*Verna Bishop  
Hamden, CT*

**Verna Bishop** - June 21, 2018 at 04:59 PM

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“ *I will miss seeing you in church. Heaven has truly received an Angel.* ”



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**Vera Clark** - June 21, 2018 at 01:59 PM