



Wilbert C. Collins

April 22, 1939 - March 29, 2016

Wilbert Carlson Collins age 76, of New Haven, Connecticut, peacefully entered his eternal rest Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Yale New Haven hospital, with his family by his side.

He was born April 22, 1939 in Arapahoe, North Carolina to the parents of James Henry and Phoebe Blango Collins who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death is a brother, Thomas "Richard"; a sister, Phoebe Lennetta; and Step-father Herbert Randall.

At an early age, Wilbert united with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist church, Arapahoe, North Carolina. He attended church and worked faithfully until he relocated out of the area.

He was educated in the Pamlico county school system, Bayboro, North Carolina. After graduating from the class of 1958, he moved to New Haven, Connecticut.

Wilbert's began his career as a garment presser at Macgregor Pressing, company in New Haven, Connecticut. He prided himself as being the best presser around and it was evident in how he was sought out among many. He became a master in the field, and later took his skills and talents to Brooklyn, New York. On the streets of New York, Wilbert was highly known and

respected for his expertise and great work in the pressing business. Wilbert moved back to New Haven , CT where he remained until his death.

Precious memories of Wilbert linger in the hearts of one sister – Shirley C. Whitney of Arapahoe, NC; eight brothers – Charlie “Jack” (Cornelia) of Felton, DE; James Odell of Hamden, CT; Clarence (Rev. Mary Francis) of Hamden, CT; Ernest (Rev. Annette), of Hamden, CT; Dallas of Hampton, MA; Calvin, and Persivia “PC”(Nona) of New Haven, CT; Elder Eugene (Eldress Rhonda) of West Haven, CT; two step brothers – Herbert Randall (Ann) and Sultan Randall of Hamden and New Haven, CT; two step sisters – Evelyn and Ruth Randall of New Haven, CT; 36 nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Beverdale Memorial Park

Hamden, CT 06514

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 2. 8:00 AM (ET)

Harvest Time Ministry
100 Columbus St.
Hamden, CT

Service

APR 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbert C. Collins*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM