



## Mr. Edward Wilder

April 19, 1942 - March 28, 2017

Edward Wilder was born on April 19, 1942 in Pittman, Florida - the first born child of Jonas Sr. and Odessa Doris Wilder. He was the big brother to seven brothers and one sister.

He came to know the Lord at a very young age, and was a very active member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Eustis, Florida. At Gethsemane, he participated in the Men's Ministry and shared his beautiful tenor voice in the church's choirs.

He received his education at schools in Eustis, and was a proud member of the Eustis Vocational High School Class of 1960. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served for nearly 21 years. Edward was a master mechanic, and after retiring from the Army, he spent several years working for B.E. Dillard Grove Services. He subsequently joined the Lake County School Board as a mechanic, and eventually transportation supervisor. He retired from the Lake County School Board in 2008 after 22 years of service. During the years when he was actively working, "Mr. Ed," as he was affectionately known, served as the "town mechanic," helping family, friends, and local residents when they were in need.

On September 21, 1963, he married his high school sweetheart, Mable L.

Murphy, and together, they were blessed with three children --Damita, Tanya and Willie, and eventually, three grandsons -- Adrian, Jyair and Jamir. He was a loving husband, and very loving father and grandfather, not only to his biological children, but to many others as well.

Edward was a people person and explorer. When he was not watching NASCAR or his favorite Westerns, Edward loved exploring, learning and reading about both new and historical events, places and people. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

After a five-year battle with illness, Edward answered the Lord's call and departed this life on March 28, 2017 at his home in Eustis, surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves to cherish his memories: His loving Wife of 53 years: Mable L. Wilder; Daughters: Damita Wilder of Jonesboro, Georgia; Tanya Wilder (Lorenzo) of Eustis, Florida; Son: Willie Wilder of Chicago, Illinois; Special Sons and Daughters: Philomena Bodie, Bruce Martin, Sr. (Michelle), of Eustis, Florida; Penny Birdsong-Isaac (Ellis) of Alpharetta, Georgia; Lionel and Crystal Webber, Brenda Major, and Curtistine Bryant, all of Eustis, Florida; Grandchildren: Adrian Moore and Jyair Mincey, both of Atlanta, Georgia; Jamir Wilder of Eustis, Florida; Sister: Lillian Hutto of Umatilla, Florida; Brothers: William Richard Wilder of Umatilla, Florida; Jonas Wilder, Jr. (Dollie) of Albion, New York; Theodore Wilder (Jeanette) of Jacksonville, Florida; Eugene Wilder of Eustis, Florida; John Wesley Wilder, Sr. (Melinda) of Holley, New York; Alfred Wilder (Annie) of Hilton, New York; Christopher Wilder, Sr. (Ina Mae) of Eustis, Florida; Special Friends: Doris Birdsong and Lloyd Mitchell, both of Eustis, Florida; William Cain of Savannah, Georgia; Will Rodgers and James Weatherspoon, Sr., both of Eustis, Florida. He also leaves a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing family and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olive Cemetery

Huffstetler Dr.  
Eustis, FL 32726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gethsemane Baptist Church  
560 South Bay Street  
Eustis, FL 32726

## Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward Wilder*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Lena Weatherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**lena Weatherspoon** - April 09, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ *Falecia Douglas Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**Falecia Douglas Williams** - April 07, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Wilder.*



April 07, 2017 at 11:26 AM

TG

“ *The Birdsongs (Johns Creek, GA) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**The Birdsongs (Johns Creek, GA)** - April 07, 2017 at 08:56 AM

MK

“ *Mary L. Kirnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**Mary L. Kirnes** - April 07, 2017 at 07:40 AM

MB

“ *Michael A Birdsong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**Michael A Birdsong** - April 06, 2017 at 08:53 PM

MS

“ *Michael Birdsong, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



**Michael Birdsong, Sr.** - April 06, 2017 at 08:51 PM

HL

“ *Hillary Mitchell Lyals lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



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**Hillary Mitchell Lyals** - April 06, 2017 at 10:56 AM

DB

“ *Doris Birdsong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



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**Doris Birdsong** - April 05, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ *Curtis Isaac*



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**Gail Thomas** - April 05, 2017 at 07:32 AM



“ *Curtis Isaac will forever miss "his" Edward Wilder. They had a special bond.*

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**Gail Thomas** - April 05, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ Curtis ISAAC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder



Curtis ISAAC - April 05, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ The Isaac Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder



The Isaac Family - April 05, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ Cynthia Meekins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder



Cynthia Meekins - April 03, 2017 at 11:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Wilder.



April 03, 2017 at 09:13 PM

LF

“ *Lillie Harper & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



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**Lillie Harper & Family** - April 03, 2017 at 08:06 PM

ND

“ *Niecy & Caleb Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



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**Niecy & Caleb Dobson** - April 03, 2017 at 08:04 PM

PB

“ *Penny Birdsong-Isaac lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Wilder*



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**Penny Birdsong-Isaac** - April 03, 2017 at 05:26 PM