



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
A FAITHFUL SERVANT
MR. WILBURN MALONE

Sunrise March 19, 1947

Sunset August 2, 2014

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014
12:00 NOON

CANAAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
2840 Hikes Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40218
Dr. Walter Malone, Jr., Pastor

OBITUARY

Mr. Wilburn Malone, or "Malone," as his close family and friends called him, was born on March 19th, 1947 in Athens, Alabama. He was the baby of five boys born to Tom Kirby and Mattie Malone. He graduated from Trinity High School in 1965, where he was a star athlete and a member of the marching band. His love of music and singing began at an early age when he became a member of the Athens Community Choir.

Wilburn was most known to be a gracious giver, who selfishly gave of himself to provide for others. As a young boy, he shined shoes to make a little change to provide for his family. He shined shoes until he was drafted into the United States Army.

While serving in the Army he fought in the Vietnam War until he became disabled, and was then stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky. After his honorable discharge from the army he moved to Louisville, Kentucky where he worked several jobs to provide for his family. He united with King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church where he was a faithful member. He was a member of the mass choir where he would lead worship every Sunday with his famous, "Glad to be in the service." Wilburn also served as the superintendent of the Sunday school, was a member of the brotherhood, and was a basketball/softball coach.

He graduated from the University of Louisville in 1979, with his MBA and instantly became a diehard UofL fan. Wilburn had not missed a basketball or football game in over 30 years, and was looking forward to this upcoming season. Wilburn met the love of his life, Lillie Smith, sitting in a history class at UofL, and they cherished each other for almost 36 years.

Wilburn worked for over 30 years for the United States

Postal Service, in which he quickly moved from a mailroom clerk to the postmaster in Campbellsville and Crestwood, Kentucky. Throughout his postal career, Wilburn was a role model for others to not let adversity and prejudices keep you from moving into management positions. Even after retirement, he continued to push and train others to consider management positions and diligently worked and was a proud member of A-Plus.

In 1996, Wilburn joined the Canaan Christian Church, where he was a faithful, gracious, devoted, and proud member. He was a dedicated deacon, Sunday school teacher and each year he looked forward to singing with the men's choir. He served passionately at Canaan until the day he peacefully went home to be with the Lord.

Wilburn is preceded in death by his father, Tom Kirby, and his mother, Mattie Malone. He is also preceded by his brothers whom he loved dearly, Morris Malone, Marshall Malone, and Ollie Malone. In addition to his wife, Lillie Malone, he leaves to mourn and rejoice his life, his children, Marlon "Smokie" Coleman, LaWanda Coleman, Antoine Malone, Mario Malone (Kacey), Dennis Prince, and Konika Dillingham (Jaureal) and a beloved brother Kendrick Horton (Betty). He also leaves behind the joys of his life, his eight grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and a countless number of family and friends.



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Prelude	Musicians
Processional	Family
Selection	Canaan's Combined Choir
Scripture	Rev. Dianne Brown Old Testament New Testament
Prayer	Bro. James Binford
Selection	King Solomon Missionary Baptist and Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church Brotherhood
Acknowledgements	Rev. Mary Buford
Remarks	Rev. Darryl Nathan Deacon C. A. Holcomb
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	Canaan's Combined Choir
Eulogy	Dr. Walter Malone, Jr. Pastor, Canaan Christian Church
Benediction/Selection	Dr. Walter Malone, Jr. Rev. Melford Elliott
Recessional	Family/Canaan's Combined Choir "Every Praise"

INTERMENT
Green Meadows Cemetary
3800 Shanks Lane,
Louisville, KY 40216

LILLIE'S PRAYER

Thank you God for allowing Malone to share
A portion of his life with me.

Thank you God for giving him
A full and fruitful life.

Thank you God for allowing him to be my lover,
My friend, and my dancing partner.

Thank you God for his smile and sense of humor.

Thank you God for your unconditional love that
Poured through Malone to me.

Thank you God for trusting our hearts to be one
And to serve you daily.

I was careful and gentle with your gift because
I knew you would want Malone back one day.

It was your choice to take Malone from me BUT,
I look forward to the day that I meet
You and MY MALONE again.

Thank you God, Lillie



PALL BEARERS

Darrell Bradley
Albert Burton
James Deaderick

Reginald Evans
Ben Johnson
Greg Levy

JUST FOR YOU

The time has come for us to part
And to go our separate ways,
You in heaven with our Father
Me on earth, sad and lonely days.

Sad is not the place I know
You want me to dwell and stay;
But you left me so unexpectedly
Although you showed me the way.

You showed me how to live and love
And do it from the heart;
You showed me how to forgive the hurts
And begin each day with a brand
new start.

God came first and then our family
Is the life we know you lived;
U of L was next in line, then Cardinals
For anything you would give.
The state I'm in, the pain I feel

Is something I never wanted to know;
My heart is crushed, my thoughts
Are scattered I just wasn't ready for
you to go.

I'm not worried about where you went
Cause Jesus has wrapped you in His love;
You stepped out of our earthly life
To be with our Father above.

I know God will give me strength
To move forward as you taught me to;
Living down here and you up there
I never imagined my life without you.

Kathy Fletcher

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The family of Wilburn Malone acknowledges all expressions of sympathy given during this time. We are grateful for the cards, flowers, and all of the many acts of kindness shown during his passing. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

The Family



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