



Ernest Roy Wilder

January 29, 1966 - December 24, 2018

Celebration of Life for Ernest R. Wilder III

Ernest Roy Wilder III was born January 29, 1966, to Louise Perkins-Wilder of Montclair NJ and Ernest R. Wilder II of Durham, NC.

Born and raised in Passaic NJ, Ernest was a man of many nicknames. Ern, Big E, Big Ern, Ernesto, and mainly, fondly Ernie by friends, family and anyone he came in contact with. The one name he adored the most and took much pride in was Daddy.

Ernest was the definition of the phrase “Jack of all Trades” there wasn’t a job or task he couldn’t handle and/or master. While Ernest mastered many jobs during his time here on earth, he spent his last couple of years were spent working for Hackensack Furniture as the all-around maintenance man, salesman, and moving specialist. He later went on to spend over 10 years at Bendheim Architectural Glass Company of Passaic NJ where he started off in general building maintenance eventually working his way up and learning how to cut glass and fix the machines used to do so. His love, dedication and work ethic was shown in every single job he was given.

“Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.”

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

Outside of work, Ernest was a family man. Survived by his wife Maria (Cruz) Wilder, he made it a priority to spend as much time in his home as possible. There was never a dull moment in the Wilder household. With his love for cooking, creating and re-creating dishes, much of his free time was spent cooking and dancing with his family. During the warmer months most cooking was done outside at the park added with fishing, laughs, good conversation and love. Many of his nights before the wind-down and at the end of the hustle and bustle of his days, Ernest spent quiet moments enjoying his favorite past time Star Trek. Football season was like Christmas to Ernest, no one loved the Dallas Cowboys more than he did; good, bad or indifferent the Dallas Cowboys were always on top in his book.

Wherever Ernest went, whoever he ran into, the bop in his step and the hum and sincerity in his voice made anyone feel like you've known him forever and he was instantly your best friend.

Ernest R. Wilder III is survived by:

3 Sons,

Thadius Wilder, Ernest R. Wilder IV & Damon Wilder

9 Daughters

Gail Corbin-Butler, Amber Wilder, Brionna Wilder, Jasmine Wilder, Sirrena Wilder, Claire Wilder, TinaMarie Wilder, Roiaja Wilder & Aaliyah Wilder

8 Grandchildren

Tazhon Wilder, Ja'kier Gathers, Payton Butler, Camden McFarland, Paul Butler Jr., Lyla Wilder, Jace Wilder & Kayson Surita

Sisters

Maxine Harris of St. Louis, MO

Clara Aguilera of Paterson, NJ

Dawn Wilder of Williamsport, PA

Step-sister Regina Sams of Passaic, NJ

Brothers

Lamar Wilder of Kearney, NJ

Step-brother Rodney Walker of Passaic, NJ

Ernest was predeceased by his sister

Jacqueline Wilder-Allen ~2017~

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Wilder III, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

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“ Ernest Roy Wilder

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“ My Dear Brother, I'm holding on to my love and memories of you. I know you are in a better place, where there is no pain and you are at peace. I wish I could explain that to my heart of. I love you ¹⁸ Your Big Sister Maxine!

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“ Daddy, You are and will always be my favorite guy!!! Your strength, perseverance, your drive, your humility, ingenuity, and big warm heart are just small portion of some of the amazing things I can say about you. Every memory, moment, laugh, cry, and smile will live in my heart forever. As much as I want you here, I know you're no longer in pain or suffering and that makes my heart happy. I love you "buttercup"! Love you always and forever Your Daughter Gail

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“ My dear brother, I will always love you and continue to praise you while you rest. You were a great man on this earth. Everytime I watch our Cowboys play I will talk to you. Dam why you I love you man.. Your Brother Rodney Sleep nomore pain, nomore suffering.

Rodney Walker - October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

RO

“Daddy, you are and will always be the best Man/Father in the entire world! No one can ever fill your shoes or this void that I am feeling in my heart! This pain is unbearable! I don't know why it had to be you but I'm learning to accept the fact that you're no longer suffering! I saw the pain and struggle daily, and I'm so happy that you're no longer feeling that pain! A man of many things but you always made sure your family was good! I know there is nothing I can do to repay you for all that you did but I will make sure that Mommy and my siblings are well taken care of (even when they get on my last nerve). I wish I can hear you say "Amber Rose everything will be okay baby girl" one last time but until then Daddy you will forever be in my heart!! miss and love you so much Daddy-O! My shining star!

rose_marie3@aol.com - October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

BW

“Happy New Years Daddy I Love You 🌟🌟🌟

Brionna Wilder - October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

SW

“My dear Uncle. I miss you so much already, but I take comfort in knowing you're not alone. Your big sister is right there. I'll never forget how you always made it a point to tell me that you wished for me. You saw all your friends becoming uncles and you wanted to be one too. So you wished that one of your sisters would have a baby so you could be the best uncle ever. Then my mom got pregnant with me. You said the 1st ponytail u ever did was mine. You would have to watch me while you played baseball, and you would tell your friends "Any balls fly by that baby and I'll kill yall". You would come home from school and scoop me up and watch Heckle and Jeckle and Popeye with me right there. Always my protector, FOREVER MY HERO! God bless you Unc!!

Shanna Wilder - October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

MR

“ *My heartfelt deepest condolences to the Wilder Family and friends know that Ernie will be sadly missed by all Rest in Peace brother.*

Mazellia Ross-Manuel - October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

LA

“ *May you Rest Easy Ernie, still can't believe it., I still can remember growing up with you guys right around the corner from us. You always being the Over protective big cousin, Guys had to get your approval before stepping up*” So many memories., You did your job down here well, Now rest

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