



Mr. Ronald Lee Wilson, Jr.

February 14, 1958 - March 10, 2025

On February, 1958, in Washington, DC, Ronald Lee Wilson and Sarah Spivey Wilson welcomed their first of three children, Ronald Lee Wilson, Jr., affectionately known as Ronnie or Ron.

Ronnie grew up in Washington, DC. Throughout his childhood, he enjoyed participating in Boy Scouts, karate, track, go-kart racing, roller skating, and swimming. He also loved weightlifting, playing pool, pinball, tennis, and riding his Honda minibike. He had a love for animals and rarely missed watching The Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom program each Sunday evening. As a teenager, Ronnie developed a passion for cars. He bought a green GTO before purchasing his first Datsun, a 240Z. He later joined a Datsun Z club and, subsequently, a BMW car club to participate in car shows and meet other enthusiasts.

Ronnie attended public schools in Washington, D.C., graduating from H.D. Woodson High School in 1976. He then enrolled at North Carolina A&T State University, where three of his uncles and his younger brother, Derrick, also studied. Ronnie completed his college education in Electrical Engineering at the University of the District of Columbia. Throughout his 34-year career at Washington, D.C.'s local power company, the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO), he also pursued Continuing Education credits at various local colleges and universities. Ronnie obtained his real estate license in

Maryland in 2006 and later in Washington, D.C. He enjoyed attending real estate and finance classes and seminars, eagerly sharing the information with family and friends.

Music was a passion for Ronnie. He collected albums in the rock and jazz genres. He could spend days and months hunting for the right stereo equipment to play his impressive library of albums and CDs.

The travel bug hit him early on. Ronnie traveled near and far to experience the culture, food, history, and scenic views of the places he visited. He especially enjoyed the trip to South Africa with his younger brother, Derrick. The Caribbean islands were his favorite, and he visited Jamaica, Barbados, and the Bahamas.

Later in life, Ronnie began hand dancing and classes and regularly attended exhibitions and events in the local area to learn the distinctive dance styles and meet other dancers. He was supportive of his high school alma mater and participated in planning events with the Class of 1976 alumni committee.

"Uncle Ronnie" loved his niece and nephews and was excited to welcome his great-niece and nephews. He attended their sports practices, games, church, and school events, and he was very proud of their accomplishments. He enjoyed taking his nephews to the barbershop and shopping for suits for church and other special occasions. He made sure they looked as dapper as he did. After retirement, Ronnie spent time researching news articles, videos, and stories about Black history and current and world events. He also sent emails and text messages to family members and friends to keep everyone informed.

To cherish his memory, Ronnie leaves behind his siblings Derrick and Renita Wilson, niece Briana Strachan Cleveland (married to Marcus), nephews

Brayden, Tyrik, and Alexander Strachan (Emily), great-niece Logan Cleveland, and great-nephews London, Landyn Cleveland, and Julian Strachan. He is also survived by his sister-friend Lori Webb Coates and her son Christian, along with a multitude of beloved cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Wake

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Alfred Street Baptist Church
301 S. Alfred Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Interment

APR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Family Cemetery
Teachey, NC

Tribute Wall



“ Extending my sincere condolences to the Wilson family as they grieve the loss of Ronald Wilson, Jr. I didn't personally know Ronald, but if he was anything like his sister Renita, he was an awesome individual. Take strength in knowing that this is a temporary separation, and that we will all be joined with our loved ones in the end. Prayers going up for the Wilson family.

Viola Underdue-Mitchell

Viola Underdue - April 10, 2025 at 02:41 PM