



Samuel Louis Wilkerson

January 18, 1949 - October 16, 2021

Mr. Samuel Louis Wilkerson was born on January 18, 1949, in Waco, TX to Emma Taylor and Samuel Wilkerson. Shortly after his birth, he relocated to Denison, TX to the open hearts of Christine and James McCain, whom he affectionately called "Auntie". It was in Denison, the incredible, loving, life-long bond was formed with Harold, Robert, and Joyce under the supervision of "Lil Mama" (Annie Laura).

Sam accepted Christ early in his life and attended Denison Public Schools. Sam graduated from Jack Yates High School in Houston, TX in 1967. Although he graduated in Houston, Sam was very proud to have attended Terrell High School and would come to the class reunions, frequently.

Sam expressed he wanted to be a Marine when he saw his cousin, Robert in his Marine uniform. Sam enlisted and served his country in Vietnam. Upon his return, he met the love of his life, Gloria Alexander. He proudly stated that he gave her "2 weeks" to make her mind up. It was a quick courtship, and that union created 3 beautiful children, Major, Alison and Arveta.

Sam will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty to his wife and children as well as his family and friends. His heart was just as big as his personality! To know him was to truly love him.

Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Wilkerson; his parents, Emma Taylor, and Samuel Wilkerson; his "Auntie", Christine McCain and James McCain; grandson, Tristan Felder; and brother, Arnell "Pig" Taylor.

Sam transitioned from this life on October 16, 2021. He is survived by his Son, Major Wilkerson of Centennial, CO; Daughter, Alison Wilkerson of Sherman, TX; Daughter, Arveta Riley of Cedar Hill, TX; Son-in-Law, Malcolm Riley of Cedar Hill, TX; Grandchildren, K'Andra Riley of Houston, TX; Ayanna Riley of Cedar Hill, TX; Madison Riley of Cedar Hill, TX; and Cameron Wilkerson of Sherman, TX. One Great-Grandson, Da'Kylan Atkinson-Riley of Houston, TX. Harold Nobles of Denver, CO; Joyce Patterson of CA; Judieth Nobles of Cedar Hill, TX. Best friend, Marvin Smith of Denison, TX. Honorary daughter, Tonya 'Toni' Franklin of Colorado Springs, CO. Sister-in-Law, Loretta Hall of Denison, TX; Brother-in-Law, Leon Alexander of New Castle, DE; Erthylene Clay of New Braunfels, TX; Uncle Joe Taylor of Dallas, TX and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.