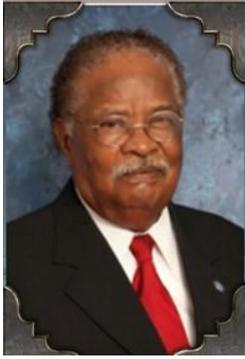


Wilbert Malvern, Sr.

January 28, 1937 - January 22, 2022



Saturday, January 22, 2022, Wilbert Malvern Sr. entered into eternal rest. Awaiting him in glory are; his beloved wife Thressa Ann Malvern, parents John Malvern and Clara Manning, brothers Willie J. Cyrus, and Alvin Jones and sisters Frances White and Dorothy Cyrus.

Wilbert was born January 28th, 1937 in Denison, Texas to father John Malvern and mother Clara Manning. He attended Los Angeles Community College, but not before serving in the U.S. Navy at the tender age of 15, initiating a lifelong legacy. Wilbert Sr. served in the U.S. Navy until receiving an honorable discharge after being aboard the USS Bennington when the ship exploded May 26th, 1954.

After attending Los Angeles Community College, he relocated to Denison, Texas, and married the love of his life Thressa Ann Malvern in 1967, and the two created a home together for over 47 years.

Wilbert was employed with Safeway, where he was the second black supervisor until he retired in 1997. He continued to break boundaries serving 4+ years as NAACP President & served on the Denison City Council for 12 years. While being a City Councilmember, Wilbert originated many initiatives including Y.A.C. Youth Advisory Commission, and the creation and improvement of zones throughout the city of Denison. "Billy" was always ready to bring change even after retiring, staying active in NAACP, City Council, and was a Freemason.

He went on to receive many lifetime awards and achievements including The State of Texas House of Representatives recognition for his dedication, commitment, and service as Councilman, coach of the year for his softball and baseball teams and NAACP Affirmative Action. With such a diverting personality, he made everyone laugh, his smile was contagious, he was kind, and never met a stranger.

Leaving to cherish his loving memories are; children; Thressa (Kenneth) Agnew of Mansfield, TX, Wilbert Malvern Jr. Dallas, TX, Misty Malvern of Plano, TX, Deja Malvern (Granddaughter) of Houston, TX, Wilbert (Phylis) J. Malvern of San Antonio, TX, Steve Malvern (Tamara) of Wichita, TX, Derek Malvern of Seattle, WA, and Larry Grant of Los Angeles, CA. Sisters; Johnnie Nero of Denison, TX, Helen Lawson of Los Angeles, CA, Gloria Malvern of Los Angeles, CA, Dolores Hill of Kansas City, KS, Debbie Cyrus of Houston, TX and Josephine (Robert) Softy of Sherman, TX Brothers; John (Judy) Malvern of Sherman, TX, Larry Porter of Oklahoma and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

A public visitation will be Friday, Jan. 28th from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M. at Waldo Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 29th at 10:30 A.M. in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1131 S. Scullin Ave. Denison. Rev. Alton Blakely is the host pastor and Rev. K.W. King will deliver the eulogy. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to James E. Smith and the professionals of Waldo Funeral Home.