

A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Melvin “Wilbur” Coker Sr.

Sunrise: February 27, 1945

Sunset: November 11, 2022



WAKE 9:30 AM

Saturday, November 19, 2022

SERVICE 10AM

SANCTUARY BAPTIST CHURCH
400E. 131ST CLEVELAND, OHIO 44105
OFFICIATING - REV. MARK SMITH

Order of Homegoing Service

Processional.....Family

Old Testament Scripture.....1 Kings 2:3-4

New Testament Scripture.....2 Corinthians 1: 3-6

Prayer

Musical selection.....Deacon Bo Ester"

Acknowledgments / Resolutions

Reflections.....2 mins (Please)

Obituary..... Vivian Woody

Poem.....Daryl Hood

Musical Selection.....Tameka Archie

Eulogy.....Rev. Mark Smith

Recession.....Tameka Archie

Benediction.....

PALLBEARERS

<i>Melvin Coker Jr.</i>	<i>Tramell Coker</i>
<i>Lawaiyn Coker</i>	<i>Stanley Coker</i>
<i>Robert Starks</i>	<i>Isiah Traylor</i>

INTERMENT

EVERGREEN CEMETERY 5505 NORTHFIELD RD. BEDFORD HTS, 44146

Appreciation

We the family of Melvin Coker Sr., express gratitude for the many acts of kindness evidenced in words, deeds, and thoughts and for your attendance for our homegoing service.

OBITUARY

Melvin Coker Sr., affectionately known as Wilbur, peacefully transitioned to eternal life surrounded by family on November 11, 2022. Wilbur was born on February 27, 1945, in Sardis, Alabama to the late Robert and Minnie Coker Sr. He ATTENDED Shiloh High School, In Sardis Alabama. On December 18, 1963, Wilbur was united in holy matrimony to Emma Dean and they remained married for over 58 years. From this union they were blessed with two beautiful children: Terraine Coker and Melvin Coker Jr



Wilbur & Emma came to Cleveland, Ohio to make a loving home for himself and his family in 1965. He Accepted Christ at an early age. Wilbur was a member at the Second Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, serving as an active member of the church choir. One of his favorite gospel songs was "ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN." everyone who heard him sing THIS SONG felt the words in their heart. Through his gift of song, Wilbur brought his family and friends a little bit closer to receiving God's word. He followed the blood of Jesus all the days of his life by living and standing on the word of God.

LOVING MEMORIES

Melvin Sr. had a fulfilling work career, beginning as a:

- Horse breaker, in Sardis, Alabama
- Manager at DO Summers Dry Cleaning, in Cleveland, Ohio
- Over 35 years as Chief Leader at State Chemical Company in Cleveland Ohio

Wilbur the (**"MIGHTY DUKE"**) was active in many sports activities. He was best known for being the:

- **Coach for the Mighty Duke Warriors Basketball Team**
- **Catcher for the Trojan Softball Team**
- **Umpire for the OHSAA**
- **Played Semi-Pro Football**

The love for friends "The Mighty Duke", had a special group of friends he hanged with, whom they all call themselves **The Four Amigos**. THE MIGHTY DUKE, Haywood Tidmore ("Butch" **best friend**), Charles Willis "C-WILL" and Wayne Grant "Tree".



Wilbur's love for Hunting & Fishing was quite often shared with many of his family and friend but was mostly shared with his buddy Huey Foster.

His favorite sports teams were the Cleveland Guardians Baseball, Cleveland Cavs, Ohio State Football, and the Cleveland Browns.

FAMILY



Melvin Coker Sr. leaves to cherish his loving wife Emma Coker, two Children Terraine Coker & Melvin Coker Jr. Six grandchildren Tramell Coker, Thorisa Boyd (Ruben), Lawaiyn Coker, Lavonda Coker, Shanice Coker, Melanie Coker; four Great-Grandchildren: Chase Coker, Landon Boyd, Rylie Boyd, ReinaMelodie Blair. Three Godchildren: Rhemi Walton (Reby), Takia Gunn, and Madison Tell.

Melvin Coker Sr. had six brothers and sisters: Moses Coker (preceded in death) (Barbara), Rose Smith (preceded in death) (Elknard), Bertha Smith (preceded in death) (Daniel), Louella Bell (Robert), Robert Coker Jr. (preceded in death) Olivia, James Coker Sr. (Marilyn) four Generations of nieces & nephews, Two loving aunts Bessie Pendleton, Ethel Garner and a host of nieces, nephew, family, and friends.

REPAST

1:00 pm @ the El Hasa Temple

10004 Union Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44105

THE DAY GOD TOOK YOU HOME

*A million times I've needed you.
A million times I've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly, in death, I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place, no one else can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone.*

*Part of me went with you,
The day God took you home*



*With love,
Your Grandchildren*

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