

In Loving Memory



Wilbert G. Russell

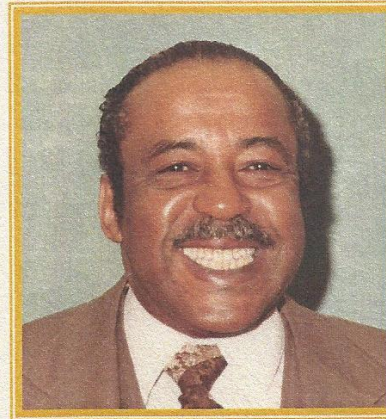
Sunrise
October 8, 1931

Sunset
June 2, 2014

Homegoing Service

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 10:00 am
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
4009 N. Missouri Ave.
Portland, Oregon

Officiating - Rev. Dr. Johnny Pack, IV



Wilbert G. Russell was born on October 8, 1931 to Wilbert J. and Clara Louise Russell in Painesville, Ohio. On June 2, 2014, Mr. Russell was called home to be with the Lord.

As a young man he was very determined to achieve success, developing an extremely strong work ethic early on in life. Mr. Russell held many jobs during his lifetime. While serving in the military he received numerous awards throughout his armed services career of 27 years. Mr. Russell retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force.

In 1954, he met and married Ms. Jean McPhearson and together they raised five children. Mr. Russell taught many life lessons to his children and others, as he would share stories about his childhood experiences and travels throughout his life.

After retiring from a long standing military career, he went on to become a U.S. Fire Protection Office for the State of Oregon.

In 2009, Mr. Russell married the love of his life, Ms. Lula Washington. The happiness he experienced in this union was evident to anyone who knew him. Wilbert and Lula made it a point to enjoy their time spent together. They attended many concert events and coast to coast visiting relatives they hadn't seen for years. He was also an avid bridge, phase 10, and domino player, which he enjoyed playing a nightly game with his wife Lula.

He kept in close contact with his military buddies, and looked forward to their weekly lunch dates.

Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his sister, Marion L. Laisure, and stepson DeRon McPhearson.

He leaves to cherish his life: his beloved wife, Lula Russell; daughters, GeorgeAnn Varnedoe, and Janet Henderson (Harland); Sons, Gregory Talton (Audrey), Rickey Russell (Carla), and Tony Russell (Angie); stepson, Anthony Sparrow (Loretta); along with grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. He will be greatly missed.