



## Joshua Wimes

October 27, 1939 - November 30, 2020

Joshua Wimes, 81, transitioned peacefully on November 30th, 2020 in Raleigh, NC from a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was the son of the late Grige Wimes and Sarah (Ruffin) Wimes of Moultrie, GA and the 4th of 10 children. At any early age he moved to Florida and worked in an orange grove.

Josh relocated to Springfield, MA in the early 1960's, where he was a long-time resident. He was an employee of Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for 33 years where he retired in 2004. Josh was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Holyoke, MA. He later joined New Creation Discipleship Ministries where he served as the first male Senior Door Keeper. He was a member of the Big Boys Club and enjoyed spending time with his friends and playing pool. He enjoyed being the life of the party, fishing, and being a part-time mechanic at Dave's Motors.

He is predeceased by his brothers Wesley James Sr. of Springfield, MA. and Grige Wimes Jr. of Moultrie, GA.; his sisters Martha (Wimes) Fuller of Moultrie GA, Rebecca (Wimes) Spradley of Springfield, MA and Rachel (Wimes) Powell of Atlanta, GA and his daughter Theresa Smiley of Newport News, VA. He is survived by his loving and caring wife, Pearlene (Hunter) Wimes of Raleigh, NC; his brother David Wimes (Eunice); sisters Priscilla Bolden of Springfield, MA and Sarah Clayton and Virginia Wimes of Moultrie, GA; his

children: Larry Egerton, Pearlie Marie (Egerton) Pinkett and Rosalind Jackson of Springfield, MA; Rodney Egerton of Ware, MA, Keisha (Egerton) Chapman (Sandy, III) of Raleigh, NC, Kiyasha (Richardson) Battle of Pensacola, FL, and Joshua Johnson; 18 grand-children, 19 great grand-children and a host of nieces, nephews and friends who celebrate his life.

Josh lived life to the fullest and was known by many. He left this earth peacefully, knowing he was loved and taken well care of until his last breath by his wife and cherished family members and friends. They were all instrumental in caring for him and will be forever appreciated for their love and support.

Funeral Services for Mr. Wimes will be held on December 8, 2020 beginning with a walk-through visitation from 10–11AM and a private family service at 11AM at New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Masks and social distancing are required. Visit Joshua's memorial page at [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net) for a link to livestreaming. [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net) <https://www.oneroomstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=160713935688870>

# Tribute Wall

YW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.\nLove you cousin*

Yada M Wimes - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to my family at this time of bereavement. Uncle Josh may be home with my Lord but he lives on in the hearts of all who love him. Love you always.*

Mrs. Kimberly Powell-Kimble and Family - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

RF

“ *We are praying for strength and comfort during your time of loss. We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. He will be dearly missed but may you cherish his legacy from generation to generation.*

Rev. Major and Portia Best and Family - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ *My condolences to you and the family! Love y'all!*

Carla Sams - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

RH

“ *Praying for the family during this time of loss. Sincere condolences.*

Rhonda Hicks - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

SC

“ *May you and your family be covered with his Mercy and Grace.*

Shelby Clark - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DW

“ We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May you have many beautiful memories to bring you comfort and to feel Gods love and peace. Love always, Dave & Eunice Wimes

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**Dave and Eunice Wimes** - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MW

“ May God bless and keep you during your time of grief!

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**Mary Womack** - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

LS

“ Uncle Hopy was my hands down guy whenever he was around was always great times he will be truly missed.

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**Leon Spradley** - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

MC

“ I just want to send my love to the family and as I think of Josh, especially when I was little, he and Mrs. Pearlene really made me feel special. I appreciate the invitations to come up and spend summers in Springfield, even though I never could go, and will also remember the laughs. I love y&#39;all and am happy to have y&#39;all in my life.

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**marquis Crews** - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM