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Robert Lee “Red” Wiseman was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Monday, May 4, 2020. Our beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin, friend, usher, Mason and hard worker, cherished each moment he was blessed to participate in his earthly journey.

E.D. and Leona (nee Davis) Wiseman were married December 29, 1928. Robert was born to this union on December 4, 1938/9 in El Dorado, Arkansas. At the age of four, the family relocated to San Francisco, California. He accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Second Union Baptist Church during his formative years. As an adult, he joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church, both of which were in San Francisco. In 2006, Robert joined Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in Modesto, California. As a lifelong usher, he assisted each churches’ usher boards with uniforms, hand manuals and provided guidance to the Youth, Adult and Senior Usher Boards.

Robert attended the City and County of San Francisco Unified School District academic institutions, which included Irving M. Scott Elementary School, Horace Mann, Jr. Middle School and Mission High School. He was a standout high school basketball player. Although he never obtained a degree from a higher learning institution, he always sought to gain knowledge, wisdom and understanding. He took classes at City College of San Francisco, was a self-proclaimed “picture reader” and indulged in conversations with people from various backgrounds to learn about human behavior and relationships.

Robert Lee Wiseman was an active Mason and member of the Kunta Kinte Lodge #89 for many, many years.

Robert was a dutiful employee and quite popular driver with the San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI). He drove nearly every line and built many relationships. He worked out of the



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Green and Potrero Divisions for much of his career. Robert retired in 1999, after 38 years of service to the City and County of San Francisco.

Following retirement, Red relocated to Modesto, California, after purchasing his home, to fully enjoy what he referred to as his “twelve on and twelve off” (retirement). As Robert enjoyed his leisure time, he spent it with his canine companions, Brownie, Denver and Hook. However, Denver would take occasional five day “excursions.”

Robert’s life was well lived. He enjoyed driving, traveling, socializing and learning, but above all he enjoyed a good meal and engaging conversation. Robert absolutely LOVED watermelon, good soul food and was a good cook. His sweet potato pie and hot-water cornbread were to be reckoned with. In his later years, he discovered Golden Corral and would drive to locations in multiple counties to “taste test” and mess with his favorite servers. Robert was known for lending a helping hand and ready to stand in the gap. When anyone needed a second hand, he was already present. When family and friends suffered losses, he was there. If he was not there physically, he was there over the telephone, via letter or materially. Above all else, Robert Lee “Red” Wiseman loved learning. He read various self-help books, followed different televised ministries, and gleaned what he could to “improve self.” Robert Lee Wiseman was often thought of as a maverick. He lived life as he chose. He enjoyed traveling, eating, driving and photography. He was exceptionally fond of learning and gaining understanding of life and the human condition.

Robert was blessed with ten children. Although he was unable to participate in their lives, as he envisioned, he loved each of them: Dettranay Wiseman-Calloway, Kimberle Wiseman, Dorinda Wiseman, Robert “Bobby” Wiseman, Jr., Kristopher Wiseman, Natalie Keel, Hope Williams, Andrew “Drew” Williams, Joshua Williams, and Emmanuel Wiseman. Robert Lee has 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his parents E.D. and Leona Wiseman, older siblings Mable Rea Wiseman, MayDelle Crisp, Clarence and Mildred Wiseman. He leaves behind two brothers, General Grant Wiseman and Oscar D. Wiseman of San Francisco, California and one sister, Ninevah Williams of Antioch, California. He leaves a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Alzheimer’s Association, an African American Senior Service Agency, or USC Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Social Work



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with specific attention to the Advocates for African American Elders (AAAE), within the Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging.

For the Inurnment service on Friday March 29, 2020 it will be viewable on Zoom starting at 2:00pm

Here is the link and password for the service on Zoom

<https://viewneral.zoom.us/j/91844968627?pwd=ekRWWVvk2ZlFCanRDSkorTXp3NitOdz09>

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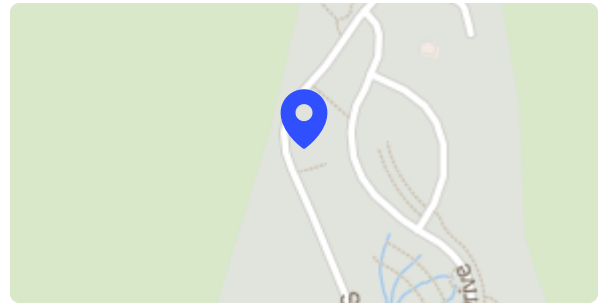
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Cemetery Details

 **Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park**
100 Lifemark Rd, San Mateo CA 94062-4592

 **(650) 437-1986**





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NH

Nucole Hall lit a candle in honor of Robert.

An usher of ushers, in GOD'S House. You taught me well. I miss your smile and your spirit, but I hold the love you shared with me close to my heart.

April 25 at 5:05 PM



NH

Nucole Hall lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Your smile, your sense of humor and your love of family and the body of Christ is very much missed. Love you very much

April 13 at 12:13 PM



NH

Nucole Hall lit a candle in honor of Robert.

May 5 at 7:35 AM



BC

B.W.C. posted:



April 25 at 4:51 PM

AM

Audrey (Washington) Mahan posted:

So sorry to read of Robert's death. My condolences to all members of the family. May the lord be with be you. Special regards to General Grant and Oscar. May God bless and keep all in his loving arms. From a dear friend, Audrey (Washington) Mahan, Litchfield Park, AZ

November 23 at 3:48 AM



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KR

Karen Greene Robinson lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Whenever I picture Dad's smile I think of how quick and easy it was. I think of how his whole face lit up and made you light up from within as well. When I think of his laugh I think of the joy for life that bubbled up from within. When I think of his wit, his wisdom, his love I am humbled that he so freely shared himself with me as his adopted daughter. You are loved Dad and you will be missed. ~Karen

May 30 at 8:15 AM



JW

Juddie And Larry Woods lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Mr. Wiseman will certainly be missed, he was a good friend. He was always happy, caring, kind, thoughtful, a man of God.

May 29 at 10:36 AM





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When asked by anyone, How do you feel? Robert Lee would reply, " With my fingers." Your sense of humor, your attentiveness in listening to what people say and the comeback that follows; the dedication in serving whether it be family, church or friends when needed. The many adventures you took the children on in your orange Toyota, to San Diego, Hermann's Restraunt for hamburgers, or events at 3098 California Street, Apt. 21. Thank you for the many stories you shared about you, Lucky, Bill and Robert; you, Mr. Barry, Bishop Donald Green, my mother and Aunt Ellen at Mission High School; you and your Uncle Oliver in Palo Alto; you and Brooks in the same lodge as Masons; you and Mr Eddie Evans, when he trusted you with his Cadillac and told you don't you ever put cheap gas in his car; you and Pastor W.T. Adams, when he told you what GOD is calling you to do, you can run but you can't hide; but the one story that stands out the most, is when you said, you went to your father to talk with him and asked him for forgiveness and he in turn asked you to forgive him and you said you felt a weight had been lifted off you and you felt free. I'm grateful to GOD that I got to see you behind the glass door outside of your room that Sunday; we both were wearing the same orange T-shirt from the Alzheimer walk, that said, "Caring Is My Super Power", before you went home to be with GOD. The poem that I wrote that hung up on your wall this past year and a half, truly lets me know, ROBERT LEE WISEMAN, you were " WORTH THE FIGHT"! The poem simply says: Many times, I felt like life was throwing me turns, in various directions; that was causing me to doubt, whether or not, I was Worth The Fight. Yet I could still see that GOD WAS STILL, a very present help in the time of trouble; yet fear, anxiety, distress, as a Christian, in this life; kept challenging me to whether or not, I was Worth The Fight. It was the Counsel of The Holy Spirit and the LOVE of GOD, the Awesome sacrifice of JESUS and The Word of GOD, that kept reminding me, that I am, Worth The Fight. Looked beyond the sins, disrespect, unfaithfulness and disobedience that man and I have shown; to offer up HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, to say, that I am Worth The Fight. I, LORD, don't know of ANYONE, who would be willing to say, that they would lay down their life for a sinner like me, but YOU, O'LORD, by Your Grace and Mercy, said, " You are Worth The Fight!" Please forgive me for taking the gift of Life, you gave me for granted. Help me, LORD, to pray and seek Your Face, because YOU, O'LORD, are WORTH THE FIGHT! It is YOUR covenant, between JESUS and YOU, that the sacrifice HE MADE, was not in vain; that YOU, do not make mistakes. For the challenges in this Life, and in this world, is temporary. As long as GOD IS for You, regardless if the world is against you. Having GOD on your side, "IS WORTH THE FIGHT!" I will always love you. I'm grateful for the privilege of GOD placing you in my life, these past 42+ years and while your heaven celebrating with family, don't forget about the reminders every now and then, you told me in my duties as usher in your place. Love you, Robert Lee. Love Nucole

May 20 at 8:08 AM



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JE

Johnnie Mae Eva S posted:

Robert was full of fun and talk, but he was always serious in church service. He was our instructor for the Youth Usher Board when Second Union was on Golden Gate Ave. In all my years I have never seen an usher serve with such grace, elegance, and precision. God rest his soul. He will be missed but remembered. Sis. Johnnie Mae Evans

May 23 at 2:46 PM

SP

Skylawn Funeral Home And Memorial Park shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



May 20 at 9:59 AM

DW

Douglas Wisemsn May 20 at 10:26 AM

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Thea Mumuni May 21 at 5:12 AM

I unfortunately, never had the pleasure of personally meeting Mr. Wiseman in person, but I can recall one conversation via the phone. I found him to be very cordial and absolutely funny. He kept me laughing through the entire conversation. I was introduced to him by Nucole and Drew Williams. After the conversation I knew where a big part of Drew Williams (my Godson) personality came from. His warm loving heart, full of compassion, kindness and patience with others and for others is outstanding. He always has a great joke to fill your heart with laughter and joy and He knows the Lord. Mr. Wiseman has a Great Legacy, his son Drew. May God give you your Mother and your Family comfort of your hearts, minds and souls. May his blessings of Peace be with each family member in this time of your Bereavement. In Jesus name. Amen. 🙏



Drew Williams May 20 at 3:26 PM

Me and my father never seen eye to eye with one other. When I was younger I could never understand some of the things he try to tell me things I could never get. Later down the line I realize well he was trying to tell me and teach me was for me to be a better man a better father and a better person. So dad I Say thank you for everything you have done so with me and I promise you that your teachings Will never be forgotten. I love you my red father. Till we meet again good bye.



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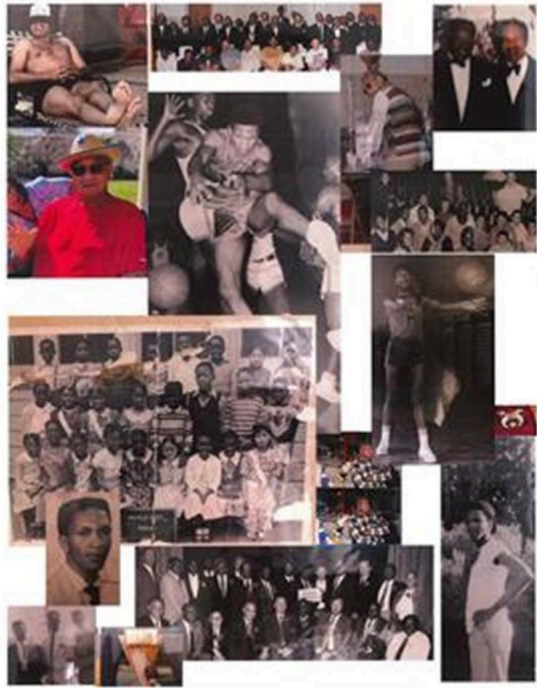
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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