



Elvin Kerone Wheeler

July 20, 1938 - September 23, 2020

Elvin Kerone Wheeler was born on Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in to the late Willie and Willie Ann Cobb. He was the youngest child of seventeen (17) siblings. He departed this life on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Elvin's mother, father and siblings precedes him in death.

Elvin was baptized at an early age at Wesley Chapel C. M. E. Church, located in Princeton, LA.

Elvin graduated from Princeton High School, Princeton, Louisiana, in May 1957, as the salutatorian of his class. Elvin entered Southern University A & M College in September of that year and graduated in January 1962 with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering.

At Southern, he met his wife, Jacqueline Hall, during his freshman year. They married after his junior year of college on August 13, 1960.

Upon graduating from Southern University, Elvin accepted a teaching position at his alma mater as an instructor in the Electrical Engineering Department. He resigned from his teaching position at Southern University in 1962 and moved to Southern California. He began an electrical engineering career with Lockheed Aircraft Company, Missile and Space Division in Van Nuys, California, as one of the first black engineers recruited from a historically Black university. During his tenure at Lockheed, Elvin worked with the Apollo space program designing electrical systems for the Saturn V rocket that ultimately sent a man to the moon. Over the next thirteen years, he worked for various aerospace companies that were instrumental in designing and producing many of today's airplanes.

His career allowed him to travel extensively throughout the United States, Canada, European Countries, and Mexico.

Elvin undertook post-graduate studies and training at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, USC, UCLA, and Parks College in Illinois. He completed the National Security Management program administered by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.

Elvin enjoyed sports, competing on a bowling league, and serving as a mentor for youths as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for Boy Scouts of America, and coaching for Carson and Compton Little League baseball and basketball programs.

Elvin leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife of sixty years, Jacqueline Wheeler. Also left to cherish his memories are two (2) daughters: Karen Joyce of Haughton, LA, and Rochelle of Boston, MA; four (4) sons: Elvin Kerone, Jr; Bruce Keith, and Donald Eugene of Carson, CA, and Frank Kenya of Richmond, CA; ten grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Family and friends of Elvin are invited to share their favorite photos, video memories and heart felt messages on his Tribute page on the Green Hills Mortuary Website.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hey grandpa I really do miss you alot, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you. We grew closer as time went by even to the point where we would stay up talking about life until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning sometimes. I never really understood some of the things you would tell me in that moment but I always knew that eventually your teachings would come in handy. I can hear your voice everyday telling me, "Caleel wheeler men don't cry, we keep our heads up and we never let anyone see us down." And I live by that motto everyday, but I want you to know that I love you and I will do everything in my power to make sure that your proud of me. Thank you for everything did for me and taught me, because I would never be where I am today if it wasn't for you. If I can be half the man you were that means I will be one lucky man. Thank you Grandpa.

caleel wheeler - April 09, 2021 at 04:12 PM

KW

“ Dad I want to thank you for always being there for me. You were a great father and inspired us to be the best we could and maximize our time here in this life. You never gave up and taught us to be strong black men provide for our family and gave us the opportunity to get a solid education. You always said the first four years of college were on u. I love you with all my heart and I can only hope that I made u proud as I am your namesake Elvin Kerone Wheeler Jr. I am proud be your son. As you travel into the afterlife and reunite with our ancestors your spirit continues to live in me and all of your children. When we Breath we do so because of you. Your legacy is secure and will not be forgotten. You now belong to the ages. Amandela Hotep...

Kerone Wheeler - November 13, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



The Mortuary at Green Hills - October 07, 2020 at 02:00 PM

BE

“ *Betty lit a candle in memory of Elvin Kerone Wheeler*



Betty - October 07, 2020 at 10:32 AM



To long time family friends, we send our deepest condolences for your loss.

Betty Smith - October 07, 2020 at 10:35 AM

GY

“ *Gloria York lit a candle in memory of Elvin Kerone Wheeler*



Gloria York - October 03, 2020 at 03:02 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Galimore-Foreman lit a candle in memory of Elvin Kerone Wheeler*



Cynthia Galimore-Foreman - October 03, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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*Uncle Elvin, I pray for our family during this difficult time. May God continue to watch and comfort us. My condolences to his wife Jackie and his Children from, His Sister EllaMae Granddaughter
Cynthia*

Cynthia Galimore-Foreman - October 03, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elvin Kerone Wheeler.



October 03, 2020 at 03:25 AM

DW

“ In Loving memories, Dorothy York Wasdon



Dorothy York Wasdon - October 03, 2020 at 02:11 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elvin Kerone Wheeler.



October 03, 2020 at 01:39 AM

RP

“ Rubbie Phanor lit a candle in memory of Elvin Kerone Wheeler



Rubbie Phanor - October 03, 2020 at 01:25 AM