

Grapeland  
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Cedar Branch

## Services Held For Walter Wilmore

Services for Walter Lee Wilmore of Houston were held Saturday, August 19, at the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Houston, with the Rev. Robert Sanford, Jr. officiating. Graveside services and burial were held Sunday, August 20, at Cedar Branch Cemetery, west of Grapeland.

Pallbearers were John A. Wilmore, Bobby Wilmore, Ronald Wilmore, Charvin Burns, Charlie Wilmore, George Wilmore, Sr., Qualyn Harvey and Darrell Burns. Designated as honorary pallbearers were Dwayne Wilmore, Dwayne Wilmore, Jr. Elbert Johnson, Kenyon Tennessee, Germain Hill, Jerome Harris, L. E. Chamberlain, L. S. Chamberlain, Davonn Wilmore, Jimmie Hill, Jr., Kevin Wilson and David Wilmore, Jr.

Walter Lee Wilmore was born on July 9, 1932, to Walter and Anna Wilmore in Grapeland. He passed away August 11, 2000. Mr. Wilmore graduated from W. R. Banks High School, Grapeland. On September 18, 1952, he enlisted in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict and served until September 16, 1955 when he was honorably discharged. He was a barber by trade.

Mr. Wilmore first confessed his hope in Christ at Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Grapeland, at an early age.

He married Helena Faye Johnson and from that union, Dwayne, Felisia and Melissa Wilmore were born. He has four step-sons and two step-daughters.

He was preceded in death by both parents, one brother, Chester Wilmore, wife Helena Wilmore and one daughter, Melissa Joyce Wilmore.

Survivors include his sons, Dwayne, Elbert, Lawrence, Jimmie and Germain; daughters, Felisia, Patrice and Delonda; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Clara; one son-in-law, Kevin; his sister, Savannah Shepherd; his brother, David Wilmore Sr.; aunts, Lula Harvey, Alvilda Harvey, and ~~uncles, Larry Leonard and Ned Leonard~~; and a host of relatives and friends.