



Mr. Wallace Howard

February 1, 1948 - April 9, 2019

Wallace's Story:

Wallace Howard was born to the union of the late Hills Sr. and Mildred Howard on February 1, 1948 in Selma, Alabama. He was the fourth of eleven siblings. At a early age, his family moved to Detroit, MI, where he was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system and he graduated from Northern High School in 1966.

In 1978, Wallace married the love his of life, Elinor Shepard-Tate. Three children, LeShawn Tate, Nicholas and Noah Howard were within this union.

Wallace started his journey within the jewelry industry when African Americans were not offered opportunities within this profession. This career has expanded over 42 years that lead him into multiple advancements. Within his advancements, he was afforded the opportunity to hire, mentor, and advance both male and female African Americans. In 1977, Wallace became one of the first African American male managers of Shiffrin Willens Jewelry. With his charismatic personality, drive, professionalism, and aptitude he was recruited by multiple companies within the Midwest.

Wallace not only mentored his staff but he also mentored other young men and women within his community. He purposely took time to mentor, love and listen to many. He believed in investing time and guidance in others, he believed in "his way or the highway." Wallace was affectionately known as Uncle Wallace, Wally Gator, and the Mayor of Northland.

In addition to his passion of people he loved family gatherings ,the losing Detroit Tigers, cooking, music, Mariah Carey, swimming, tennis, and extensive travels.

Wallace and Elinor started their Christian journey at Scott's United Methodist Church in 1983. Wallace served on the usher board and also became the President of United Methodist Men in 2013.

To his family Wallace was truly endeared as a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, Brother and Uncle. He provided special support and guidance to his nieces, Erica Kelley and DeAnna Chew. He was adored by his many nephews and many other children. He was their favorite "Uncle Wallace" because of the love, attention, and time he continually showed them.

Wallace departed this life on the evening of April 9, 2019.

In lieu of flowers , donations can be made to the Food Pantry of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church at www.scottumc.org

Condolences may be sent via website at www.pyefuneralhome.com

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
15361 Plymouth Road, Detroit, MI, US, 48227

APR **Family Hour** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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APR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ When I was a new member of the church, his smile made you feel comfortable and happy to be there. He was a great man, and will be missed. Cynthia Artis



Cynthia Artis - April 15 at 12:14 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear love one. Please be assured that through the Lord Jesus Christ, there's going to be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous. Then you and your family can be reunited with your dear love one. (Acts 24:15)

Henry Bridges - April 12 at 09:52 PM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorry.



Willie Mae I. - April 12 at 10:59 AM