



## Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.

March 6, 1957 - October 18, 2013

Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr. was born in Detroit, Michigan to Harriette Wilson Newkirk on March 6, 1957. The eldest of three children, he maintained a love of God and family throughout his life. As a young man, he gave his life to the Lord and was instrumental in involving his sister and cousins in church youth activities. He was later baptized at the Church of God of Detroit.

Damon attended Central High School where he played football and ran track. After receiving his diploma in 1974, he attended Wayne State University. In 1981, he obtained a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice. Ever mindful of the importance of education, Damon also achieved a certified employment benefits specialist designation in 1995.

He accepted employment with the State of Michigan (SOM) in 1980 and for 18 years Damon held many professional positions.

Damon never missed an opportunity to counsel his family on the importance of planning for the future. He left the SOM as a benefits administrator to join the MESSA as a field representative in 1998 and in 2002 Damon became a regional manager for the Michigan Education Association Financial Services, work he enjoyed immensely and until his untimely departure.

While working for the SOM, he met and married Donna Jean Allen. From this

union, two children were born, Damon Anthony Edward II and Danielle Antonia Je'Naye.

Damon had many interests. He enjoyed playing golf, attending sporting events, traveling, cooking, grilling and acquiring the latest electronic toy. Of all his interests, his greatest joy was his children. Damon devoted much time and energy to their care and upbringing. He enjoyed taking trips with them to enhance their educational experience as well as actively involving himself in their extracurricular activities.

Family meant the world to Damon. He was known to "drop by" and showed up for all family events. He often opened up his home for large gatherings and sponsored trips for his younger cousins. Damon tried to expose them to opportunities that enriched their lives or gave gifts that would do the same. He forged special and loving bonds with so many of his family members.

A favorite saying of Damon's was, "Lord, you will not put more on me than I can bear." After a brief and unexpected illness Damon made his transition on Friday, October 18, 2013.

# Cemetery Details

## Acacia Park Cemetery

31300 Southfield Road  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Friday, Oct. **25**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
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## Funeral Service

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Saturday, Oct. **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.*

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January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Your father & husband was my best friend in high school and best man at my wedding. He was a special guy with an infectious smile and laugh. We hung together, balled together, and everything else-riding what we called "The Iron Pimp", i.e., the Detroit Bus! I missed his no-talent singing self screaming "Get Down Tonite" by KC and the Sunshine Band, and arguing with his brother Calvin over who wore what when! Blessings upon his memory and family! 🙏🥹🙏*

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**Ron Landfair** - January 15, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ *Each time I spoke with Damon, he was just "over the moon" about his wonderful children. I hope you keep the memory of a loving father as your best treasure. He is missed.*

*Michael Wasielewski, retired MEA/NEA Local 1*

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**Michael Wasielewski, retMEA/NEA Local I** - October 25, 2013 at 08:49 PM

ML

“ Donna, Damon, Danielle and all the Wilson Family, we send our deepest sympathy and prayers. I worked closely with Damon in the Employee Benefits Division in Civil Service for many years. What a smile and laugh he had! There is no comparison. Very professional, very ethical, and he believed in hard work. He never "went by the clock" but rather, what work needed to be completed before he called an end to his day. BUT- if I needed an ear, he always had a moment to sit and listen. A wonderful person and much too young to leave his family and friends. May he rest in Peace. Maria Torres-Lewis & Daughters

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**Maria L. Lewis** - October 25, 2013 at 05:41 PM

PB

“ I knew Damon as a very friendly, personable young man, one who always wore a smile and looked at the positive side of things. I shall greatly miss not interacting with him at work-related meetings with MEAFS. Those encounters were always enjoyable and made me feel a part of the MEAFS team.

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**Penny Briscoe** - October 25, 2013 at 10:33 AM

CH

“ Ms. Donna,

*We are sadden to hear about your loss. We are praying for you all, and if you need anything please call me.*

*Chanetra,  
Tamy & Tamia Edgerson*

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**Chanetra** - October 24, 2013 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jessie and Kieth Moore*

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**Jessie Moore** - October 24, 2013 at 02:11 PM

GT

“ I am so sorry about your losing Damon. I met him when he came to work for MEA Financial Services. He was the kind of man I wished I'd met sooner. The world needs lots of people like him. He was like everyone of us should try to be.

*I miss him.*

*George Thurlow*

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**George Thurlow** - October 24, 2013 at 01:43 PM

FA

“ Floyd A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr..



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**Floyd A.** - October 24, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CE

“ *Damon was such a caring man. When I left the MEA and returned for other work assignments, he always greeted me with his wonderful smile and a hug. He impacted many people's lives and will be missed. May God wipe every tear from your eyes and give you peace and the blessed assurance that Damon has reached a safe harbor.*

*Cara A. Elmore*

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**Cara Elmore** - October 24, 2013 at 07:28 AM

SS

“ *Donna, Damon and Danielle, I was so sorry to hear about Damon's passing. He was far too young. I knew him through the CEBS program when we carpoled for classes and then later when I hired him to work at MESSA. He was very proud of his family and always updated me when I had the chance to see him. I will always remember his smile. My prayers are with you.*

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**Sarah Miller Schafer** - October 23, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr..*



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October 22, 2013 at 10:52 PM

DH

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Damon's passing. I had the good fortune of getting to know him when I moved into a local leadership role with MEA. He was always quick to assist our members in any way he could. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Doug Hill** - October 22, 2013 at 01:47 PM

MD

“ My condolences to Donna and the children during these very difficult times. I met Damon several years ago when he worked for Civil Service. I appreciated and respected his calm, confident, yet positive, demeanor. We discussed having similar backgrounds being proud "products" of the Detroit Public Schools. Even back then he was positive and encouraging. Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity to meet his children, but I have no doubt that they represent their parents well. God Bless the Wilson family.

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**Micheal Davis** - October 22, 2013 at 12:34 PM

RC

“ I had the good fortune to have worked with Damon for many years at MEA Financial Services. He was a kind person and a devoted family man. Whenever he spoke of his family it was with genuine pride. My sincere sympathies go out to his family, friends and co-workers . My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.  
*Rene'e Carpenter*

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**Renee Carpenter** - October 22, 2013 at 11:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr..*



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October 22, 2013 at 11:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Damon. We worked together in Deferred Comp. His contagious laugh made us all feel better when we were under stress. We are praying for you all.*

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**Sandi Sabins** - October 22, 2013 at 10:55 AM



“ *Cynthia McCurtis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.*



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**Cynthia McCurtis** - October 22, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ *I knew Damon through MEFSA. We laughed together, played golf together and worked together. He always greeted everyone with that big smile, a hearty hand-shake and a positive attitude. He was respected and loved by all. He will be sorely missed as a person and co-worker. God's plan is sometimes difficult to accept especially in situations like these. Don Melvin*

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**Don Melvin** - October 22, 2013 at 06:55 AM

IS

“ *Damon was a caring father, husband and friend. He will be sorely missed.*  
*Iris K. Salters*



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**Iris K. Salters** - October 22, 2013 at 06:22 AM

DF

“ *Deb Fogg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.*



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**Deb Fogg** - October 21, 2013 at 03:56 PM

JM

“ *Judie Marlan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.*



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**Judie Marlan** - October 21, 2013 at 03:19 PM

JC

“ I worked closely with Damon for years when he was the MESSA rep for my local district and again when I worked for MEA and he was with MEA Financial Services. Damon did so many favors for us, both at Lakeview Schools and at MEA Local 1. He ran comprehensive workshops and never said no to staying late to talk to members individually. I am so saddened at the news of his passing. Damon was just a wonderful person who will be deeply missed. I hope his children know how very proud he was of them.

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**Jane Cassady** - October 21, 2013 at 03:18 PM

MG

“ To Damon's beloved family - I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to you for peace during this time. I worked with Damon and saw him at every conference I attended. He enjoyed photography just like me and he was always showing me his latest photos of his son and daughter. Such a proud father. He will be missed. I will miss seeing his gigantic smile the next time I go to a conference.

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**Miriam Garcia** - October 21, 2013 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ Tonda and the Wilson family, I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Grateful for God's promise of amazing grace and comfort. Dawn Young

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**Dawn** - October 21, 2013 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ I knew Damon through MEA Financial Services. I don't think I ever heard a negative comment come out of his mouth. And then there was that big smile that got even bigger when he talked about his family. I will miss him and his positive example on how he ran his life.

*Mike Brunett*

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**Mike Brunett** - October 21, 2013 at 12:30 PM

AN

“ *Latonda Wilson & Family.*

*Very sorry for your loss.*

*Angela Patterson*

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**Angela** - October 21, 2013 at 11:41 AM

WM

“ *Latonda Wilson & Family*

*I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*William McGary*

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**William McGary** - October 21, 2013 at 11:14 AM

AM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna, Damon, Danielle and the entire Wilson family.*

*The Farrugia Family*

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**Amy** - October 21, 2013 at 09:47 AM

JN

“ We will all miss Damon's mild manner and big smile. I have known Damon for just over 5 years and never once saw him without his positive, easy-going manner. MEA Financial Services will not be the same without him. My condolences to his family and friends.

*Jim Nicolow*

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**Jim Nicolow** - October 21, 2013 at 09:28 AM

DT

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**Danielle Torres** - October 21, 2013 at 09:28 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Danielle Torres** - October 21, 2013 at 09:26 AM

LN

*Damon and I where co-mangers for several years with MEAFS and working with Damon was a joy as he was a real professional in what he did and said. We will all miss him very much. To Damon's family, we pray that God will give strength and peace during these difficult times.*  
*Larry Nienhuis*

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**Larry J. Nienhuis** - October 21, 2013 at 04:08 PM

JO

“ JoAnn Ostrander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.



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**JoAnn Ostrander** - October 20, 2013 at 10:51 PM

MN

“ Marsha Norder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Damon Anthony Wilson, Sr.



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**Marsha Norder** - October 20, 2013 at 09:56 PM

MN

*I was fortunate to have worked with Damon while at Civil Service. He was a great boss and mentor and always took the time to explain when questions were asked. He was a professional in the true sense of the word. I will miss his laughter and his wonderful smile. He was so proud of his children! Thanks for the memories Damon..... praying for you Donna, Damon, Danielle and family.*

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**Marsha Norder** - October 21, 2013 at 09:47 PM