



## Mr. Duane Eddie Wiggins

July 29, 1960 - February 17, 2025

Duane Eddie Wiggins, known to most as “Waxie”, was born in Detroit, MI, on July 29th, 1960. He was the sixth child born to the union of the late Melvin and Minnie Wiggins. One sister, Emma, and two brothers, Lester and Lorenzo, preceded him in death.

Waxie was baptized at an early age under the leadership of Rev. Carter at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. He attended Detroit Public Schools. In the early 70s, Waxie moved to Ohio to attend Job Corps. He completed vocational training in construction and masonry services.

In the early 80s, Waxie united in holy matrimony with Marchella Bradley. To this union, two children, Koniesha and James, were born.

In 1995, Waxie married Annette Beard. From this union, he gained a daughter, Renisha. In the early 2000s, the two decided to expand their family by opening their home to Meghan Smith. In 2005, Meghan welcomed a son, Julian Ford, whom Waxie adored.

As a young man, Waxie enjoyed riding motorcycles. He later developed a joy of fishing and cooking. He would fry everything from pork ribs to biscuits. He was also a founding member of the 7 Gentleman’s Club. Waxie was a jack of all trades! The skill he was best known for, concrete finishing, led him in being instrumental in the development of Inner City Builders, LLC.

Waxie departed this life on February 17th, 2025. He leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Koniesha Bender (Willie), James Wiggins, Renisha Wymes (Lonnie), and Meghan Smith; three brothers, Melvin Wiggins, Darryl

Wiggins, and Jackie Wiggins; one sister, Evelyn Walker (Roy); one granddaughter, Chella; four grandsons, Julian, Nicholas, Maxwell, and Tres; a partner in crime, cousin Ann Walker (Sam); a longtime buddy, Sammy Cox; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Feb. **23**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

Monday, Feb. **24**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Celebration of Life

Monday, Feb. **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Continue to rely on and know that he hears your prayers. because  
he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

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**Evans family** - February 21, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CB

“ Can't believe you have gained your wings.  
Our condolences to Renisha and the entire  
family.  
Rest in peace Waxy.  
Richard & Clarice Billings



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**Clarice Billings** - February 19, 2025 at 09:26 PM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Duane Wiggins



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**Jeffrey Davis** - February 19, 2025 at 10:33 AM