



## Minister Roy L. Farmer

July 9, 1945 - September 5, 2017

Roy Lee Farmer died on September 5, 2017 at Sentara Careplex in Hampton, VA.

Born July 9, 1945, Roy Lee Farmer affectionately known to the family and friends as “Bill” was the eldest son of the late Elijah and Sudie Farmer.

Raised in Wilson, NC. “Bill” was a graduate of the Charles H. Darden High School, Class of 1965. After graduation, Bill went on to earn his Welding Certification from Wilson County Technical Institute.

He would later marry the former Diana Robinson and to that union they were blessed with one son Gregory A. Farmer, who lost his battle with leukemia at a young age and Diana, transitioned in July 2016.

Bill spent most of his adult life in Hampton, VA. In August 1966 he started his career with Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipbuilding where he dedicated 40 years of exemplary service as an XI8 Welder.

For the past 30 years, Minister Roy Farmer was also an active and faithful member of New Life Church. Over the years he served on numerous ministries and in many capacities. It was well known that his greatest passion was for the Youth Ministry. He also enjoyed singing with the ensemble group formerly called “People” and would serve on the Bereavement Ministry until he fell ill.

Roy was an avid bowler, he was a friend to many and his presence, smile and spirit would fill the heart of anyone he encountered.

“Uncle Bill” was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, and brother

Thomas E. Farmer, Sr.

Cherished memories shall remain with his nieces Stephanie M. Minor (Charles), Felicia R. Bradford-el (Kevin), his nephew Thomas E. Farmer, Jr. (Manika), his great-nieces and nephews Tiana Farmer, Jalen Farmer, Tiffany Minor, Tykera Farmer, Taikia Farmer, Taneya Minor, Telicia Farmer, Jalijah Farmer, and Justin Minor. His great-great nephews Malachi Tucker and Morgan Tucker who was born on the same day Uncle Bill passed. Cherished memories also remain with his former sister-in-law Anita Parks Wright, cousins Millernise "Bay-Bay" Rogers, Diana Barnes, Betty Edmonston and Oristine "Tine" Savage along with his godchildren Lakesha Pollard, Krystal & Brandon Mise, the New Life Church, and a host of other family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607  
(757) 245-3302  
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## Graveside Service

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Greenlawn Memorial Park  
2700 Parish Ave  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Minister Roy L. Farmer*



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 13, 2017 at 12:47 PM

LJ

*Sorry for the loss of your uncle he did have a bright and vibrant smile and warm heart our prayers are with you and your family*

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**lynette johnson** - September 13, 2017 at 07:05 PM

RN

*We all love you down here but God loved you best*

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**Rev. Linda Nelson** - September 14, 2017 at 04:36 PM

MP

*Roy Farmer Cousin Gone Home*

*From a young age we lived in Wilson N.C., Roy on Nash Street  
Roy was the one that swept my 1st cousin Diane off her feet  
Marriage, then came a child, lil Greg is how we said his name.  
When God called lil Greg home, Cousin Roy was never the same*

*Yet he continued his journey having faith in all God brought him  
though.*

*Moving to Hampton Virginia, for 40 yrs working in the Navy Yard too  
Roy visited us in Atlanta sometimes more than once a Year  
We laughed and talked about how they once wanted to live here*

*Then years and days went by sometimes only visiting by phone call  
He was always happy to hear your voice didn't sound down at all  
One day he called really sad and finally he had to confide  
Mary he said your Cousin Diane has just died, we both cried.*

*So today no more answers from a phone or a visit with him  
The Lord made the call to say his days are no longer dim  
Fly away cousin we know you gave life you're very best  
Now revisit your heavenly family for God has given you rest*

*Love your Cousins  
Mary & Gerard Powell  
Barry, Gwendolyn, Gregory Price*

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**Mary Powell** - September 14, 2017 at 10:59 PM



*To the Farmer Family The Farmer-Williams Family, off-springs of the late Lillian Farmer Williams and Mathew Williams of New Street, Wilson, NC sends Our sincere condolences for your loss.*

*We have recently been reacquainted with family members from grandpa Mathew siblings and would love to meet at some point the Farmer off-springs.*

*This world of ours is so vast, but yet so small. We live amongst and around the corner or down the road from one another and miss the opportunity to grow and pay homage to our ancestors.*

*We are Truly sorry for the loss of this remarkable Man and patron of God, wish we could have met "cousin" Bill.*

*Sincere Condolences,*

*Gloria J Williams-Cowart, daughter of Jonah Edward Willimas, Sr., son of Lillian (Farmer) & Mathew Williams of New Street Wilson, NC  
Gloria.Cowart@gmail.com*

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**Gloria Cowart** - September 15, 2017 at 10:14 PM

GC

“ *Praying for the family of Rev. Roy Lee Farmer. Our families were close while going up in Wilson, N C. His parents Mr. Elijah and Rev. Sudie Farmer were apart of our life too. Sorry we can not be with you during this difficult time, but we will be remembering you in prayer. Sleep on and take your rest.*



*Gregory J. Cotton, and the Cotton, Applewhite, Lofton, and Jones families of Wilson, NC. (The orginial Mt. Zion United Holy Church / Branch Memorial United Holy Church families)*

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**Gregory Cotton** - September 15, 2017 at 11:08 AM

AW

“ *Gone but not forgotten. Heaven was ready for you but your memories will be with us forever.* ”



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**Anita Wright** - September 14, 2017 at 06:40 PM

CW

“ *Charles & Anita Wright lit a candle in memory of Minister Roy L. Farmer* ”



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**Charles & Anita Wright** - September 14, 2017 at 06:35 PM

MW

“ *Marjorie White lit a candle in memory of Minister Roy L. Farmer* ”



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**Marjorie White** - September 13, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - September 13, 2017 at 11:30 AM

SF

“ *Uncle Bill,*

*No farewell words were spoken  
There was time to say good-bye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why*

*Our hearts are still in sadness  
And quiet tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one will ever know*

*But we know you want us  
To mourn for you no more  
But to remember all the happy times  
And all that life has in store*

*Rest easy Uncle Bill you will never be forgotten!*



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**Stephanie Farmer-Minor** - September 13, 2017 at 09:11 AM

WN

“ *Winstead's Of Wilson NC lit a candle in  
memory of Minister Roy L. Farmer*



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**Winstead's of Wilson NC** - September 11, 2017 at 09:10 PM