



Wilton Hendrix

October 5, 1932 - December 6, 2020

Wilton L. Hendrix age 88, passed away December 6, 2020 at Williston Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Wilton graduated from Lincoln High School, class of 1951, and attended Florida A&M University, majoring in music. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is affectionately known as "Uncle Buddy" by his nieces and nephews.

During his career, he rose high in the ranks of jazz musicians. He performed for top jazz bands around the country including Bill Doggett, Benny King, Dizzy Gillespie, James Brown, B.B. King, Muddy Waters, D.D. Warrick, Nat Adderly, and Taj Mahal. He played in most of the top nightclubs across the country including Harlem's Apollo Theater. Wilton came back to Gainesville and organized the Gainesville Jazz All-Stars.

His memory will live on in the hearts of two stepdaughters, Gwendolyn Hines-Hall, Gainesville, FL Francine McDaniel, Boardman, OH; one stepson, Bruce Williams, Gainesville, FL; four nieces, Marva Perry (Robert), Apollo, FL, Linda Waugh, Miami, FL, Pamela Hendrix, Dallas, TX, Andrea Williams (Rodney), Gainesville, FL; two nephews, Brandon Smith, and Adam Wells, Gainesville, FL; several grand nieces, nephews, a special friend, Ruffie London, Georgetown, TX and sorrowing friends.

Graveside services for Mr. Hendrix will be held 1:00pm, Monday, December 21, 2020 at Pine Grove Cemetery, Bishop Desmond Booker, Officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

Visitation for Mr. Hendrix will be at Graveside only one hour prior to the service.

Social distancing and wearing facial masks are recommended by the CDC and the Alachua County Emergency Order, 2020-50. If you do not have a facial mask, one will be provided for you by a Member of Chestnut Funeral Home Staff.