



Wilmore Lee Mertens Jr.

August 10, 1944 - July 14, 2021

Wilmore Lee Mertens, Jr. 76, of Fort Myers Beach, FL and a former resident of Bonita Springs since the 1990's died unexpectedly on July 14, 2021. He was born on August 10, 1944 in Fort Jackson, SC a son of the late Wilmore Lee and Marian (Hudgens) Mertens, Sr., and grew up in Richmond, VA, graduating from Thomas Jefferson H.S. and attended Richmond Professional Institute before volunteering for the Marines.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps having served from 1966 – 1968 when he was honorably discharged. After serving his country, Wilmore returned home and joined the City of Richmond Police Department, where he served as a police officer for over 20 years. He was also a realtor and after moving to Bonita Springs, he worked for Naples Community Hospital as a transporter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherry Franklin Mertens; his two brothers, Bruce L. Mertens (Margaret R.) of Richmond, VA and Richard L. Mertens (Debbie) of Maui, HI; his sister, Catherine M. Moore (Richard A.) of Richmond, VA; his brother-in-law, Ronald B. Franklin (Cathie) of Richmond, VA and his nieces and nephews, William (Michelle and great-niece Addison), Andrew (Becky), Robert (Leigh), Christian, Courtney, Elijah, Natasha, Christopher and Curtis.

Will was an extraordinary support to his mother, his siblings and his deeply loved wife and we will always be grateful to him in the very many ways he was there for us at all times and whenever needed.

Graveside services with military honors will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Naples Memorial Gardens 525 111th Ave. No., Naples, FL 34108. Burial will follow.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilmore Lee Mertens Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We are so sorry to read about Wills passing.
We plan for all the happy times when we retire never no the happy
times are planning them.
Sherry our love and thoughts are with you now.
Love Shirley and Jim Scarbrough*

Jim and Shirley Scarbrough - July 22, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Wilmore Lee Mertens Jr..*



July 22, 2021 at 04:36 PM



“ *While working with Wilmore at RPD ,I used to leave what I called a
MESSAGE TO MERTENS on the chalk Board at Roll Call (Example " Wilmore thinks a brief case is something to keep his
underwear in ") Here is My last Message " Rest in Peace Fellow
LEO ".*

G.Lee Partain - July 22, 2021 at 05:31 AM

PR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Wilmore's passing. In the early 70s when I graduated from the Police Academy, I was assigned to his platoon. We both worked the same shift and same area of Northside Richmond. He was an excellent police officer and a great role model. One could not go wrong when following his lead. After taking over the position of Financial Secretary for the Fraternal Order of Police, John Marshall Lodge #2, I was delighted to have had several opportunities to talk with him on the phone. Again, I'm sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed.

Michael B. Rollston (Lt. Ret., Richmond Police Department)

Patricia Rollston - July 21, 2021 at 10:04 PM

RR

“ *Semper Fi.*
John 3:16

Ret Officer RB Wade, RPD ret - July 21, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JS

“ *Dear Sherry, We are so sorry to learn of Wills death .*
He loved you so much ,may all the memories be a comfort to you
now.
Our love and thoughts are with you now in this terrible time.
Love Jim & Shirley Scarbrough

Jim & Shirley Scarbrough - July 21, 2021 at 11:09 AM

TH

“ *Dear Sherry, I am saddened to read of Will's death in the Richmond*
T-D. Please know that you and the family are in my prayers. Always,
Tatter Hartmann

Tatter Hartmann - July 21, 2021 at 09:45 AM