



Edward Jake Fulwiley

August 14, 1952 - November 17, 2025

Edward Jake Fulwiley, affectionately known as “PoeBoy,” was born on Thursday, August 14, 1952, in Louisville, Mississippi, to the late Billy James Fulwiley and Aruth (Shell) Fulwiley.

Edward graduated from William Penn High School, Class of 1970, where he excelled as an athlete and served as Captain of the High School’s Basketball Team, proudly helping lead them to win the 1970 Championship. He continued his studies at Towson State College in Towson, Maryland, and later attended the University of Phoenix in San Francisco, California.

His work ethic and determination carried him into a long and meaningful career. He made history as the first African American to serve as a Day Tower Operator for Conrail, a milestone that reflected not only his dedication but the quiet strength with which he lived his life. He then moved to California and joined the San Francisco Transportation Agency, “Muni,” where he worked for nearly 30 years until his retirement. He later established Jake’s Produce Company, where he sold fresh produce. After moving back to Harrisburg, he was then employed by Budget Car Sales in Harrisburg.

Edward accepted Christ and, in later years, united in Christian fellowship at Camp Curtin Mitchell United Methodist Church under the leadership of Pastor John Kurtz.

In his leisure, he enjoyed spending time with his family and cracking jokes. He always had a nickname for everyone. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and enjoyed trash-talking with family and friends.

On Monday, November 17, 2025, while at UPMC Osteopathic, Edward peacefully transitioned from time to eternity at seventy-three years of age. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathy Benton Fulwiley and Father Billy James Fulwiley.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his mother, Aruth Fulwiley; his children, Weslee Hill, Sonya Fulwiley, Martell Banks, Steven Richell; ex-wife, Renee Dupree; siblings, Bobby Joe Fulwiley (Apell), Audrey McCraw (Lonnie), and Cheryl Fulwiley; his grandchildren Diamond, Dallas, Amelia, Adriana, Edward Maxwell, Ava and Gary; great-grandchildren Eddie, Kha'Lon and Dream; best friends James Blackwell and Ernie Wilkerson and his "side kick," cousin Ben Collier, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Flower delivery, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 2, at WFD.

Cemetery Details

Paxtang Cemetery.

490 North Paxtang Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Gary Flood lit a candle in memory of Edward Jake Fulwiley



Gary Flood - December 08, 2025 at 01:21 PM

CW

“ Card Warren lit a candle in memory of Edward Jake Fulwiley



Card Warren - December 02, 2025 at 02:07 PM

CB

“ Ms. Fulwiley & Family,
Sorry to hear of PoeBoy's passing. You are in my heart and prayers during this difficult time.



Carlene "Sissy" Banks

Carlene "Sissy" Banks - December 01, 2025 at 10:21 PM

LB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family.*

*May the Holy Spirit comfort and keep you in
this your time of need.*

The Blackston Family



Lynn Blackston - December 01, 2025 at 09:26 PM

CF

“ *To the Fulwiley Family , You have our
Deepest
Condolences . Poeboy was like Family .May
God give you the Strength and Faith you
need at this difficult time
You will be missed Poe*

*Love you
The Corum family
RIP*



Corum Family - December 01, 2025 at 09:04 PM

BH

*To the Fulwiley family may god give you the strength that you need at
this time . Jake will be really missed. Love the Humphrey family*

Betty Humphrey - December 02, 2025 at 05:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for
the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.*



December 01, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.*



December 01, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Rest in heavenly peace Po.*



Yvonne - December 01, 2025 at 12:03 PM



*Poeboy BIG JAKE,
You are the reason that I coach basketball. All of the knowledge that you shared with me about LIFE and BASKETBALL made a huge impact on my life.
Love you CUZ and RIP*

Gary A Martin - December 02, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.*



December 01, 2025 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Edward. May he rest in peace*



Michele Branch - December 01, 2025 at 08:34 AM

EG

“ *My condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Jake.*



Emmett Green - December 01, 2025 at 08:00 AM

PB

“ *Cheryl,
Sincerest condolences for your loss. May your heart hold great memories.*

Pamela Belcher-Prater

Pamela D Belcher - December 01, 2025 at 03:02 AM



“ *Fulwiley was how I knew him as he played ball with my brother at Wm. Penn. I didn't meet him until he came back to Harrisburg and joined the church I attended. He came over and introduced himself to me and my youngest sister and asked about our brother. After that, we would talk at church. I will always remember him as a very nice young man. Rest in Peace.*

Debbie Christian - November 30, 2025 at 06:27 PM

GH

“ Rest in peace Jake.

Gene Hankerson - November 30, 2025 at 06:26 PM

HR

“ I am grateful to have met “Poe Boy”. My condolences to all the family.

Henrietta Roberts - November 30, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences to the Fulwiley family. Jake , Poe-Boy was one of the best people I've ever known. He made you feel good even when he was making fun of you. So many precious memories of playing ball, talkin trash and having fun. Rest in peace, my brother.



Jimmy Williams - November 29, 2025 at 11:08 PM

LL

My deepest condolences to the family. RIP my brother 🙏🕊️🍰❤️

Lee Lathan - November 30, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SM

What a time we had in 69 and 70. Our growing up years. Basketball, what a team we had. William Penn High School, we were the champions. Rest In Peace my friend, Blessing to the family.

Sally J Miller - November 30, 2025 at 08:10 PM

BP

R I P , My Dear Friend. 💜

Barbera Prunty-Crystal - December 01, 2025 at 07:56 PM

LL

Jake and brother Bob have lived somewhere in Steelton (the Eastside) Talk about coming down to play basketball. RIP Jake you wil truly be missed 🙏❤️🏀🏆🏀

Lee Lathan - January 05 at 03:42 AM

MH

“ A lot of fun times playing ball at William Penn and Camp Curtin. RIP my brotha

Marlin Hudson - November 29, 2025 at 07:50 PM

DH

“ Delores Hill-Magnani purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.



Delores Hill-Magnani - November 29, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.



November 29, 2025 at 06:25 PM

YC

“ Your St Louis Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Jake Fulwiley.

Your St Louis Cousins - November 29, 2025 at 06:25 PM

VF

“ Poeboy, I will truly miss you. You were my first real boyfriend when we were students at William Penn HS. Last time we saw each other was when you moved my sister Barbara McClain to Fayetteville, NC. Before turning around and going back to Harrisburg, we got a chance to go out and eat. It was a fun time to eat and remanence. Take care my friend. You will be miss. Ronnie (McClain), Fisher.

Veronica (Ronnie) Fisher - November 29, 2025 at 05:43 PM

FW

“ My condolences and prayers for the family.



Frances Waters - November 29, 2025 at 04:30 PM

RF

“ Robert Dawkins & Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.



Robert Dawkins & Family - November 29, 2025 at 04:20 PM

TL

“ R I P JAKE



TINY LIVINGSTON - November 29, 2025 at 03:43 PM

JA

May God Strengthen the family love always Johnnie Mae

Johnnie August - November 29, 2025 at 05:13 PM

AY

Sorry for your loss, love always your Cunningham cousins in Mississippi Eve, Lex, Cortez, Anthony, Janiice

Arlexis Yarbrough - November 30, 2025 at 10:27 PM

RF

“ My prayers to to the family I will always remember Po as a big talker full of life I never saw him down or sad.He will be truly missed.Love your cousin Mel and family.❤️❤️❤️

Robert Melvin Finch - November 29, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ The Blackwell family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.



The Blackwell family - November 29, 2025 at 02:14 PM

TF

“ *The Blackwell family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Jake Fulwiley.*

The Blackwell family - November 29, 2025 at 02:14 PM

LL

“ *My condolences to family, friends. RIP Jake.*

Lionel Lester - November 29, 2025 at 01:09 PM

AC

“ *Rest in peace good brother. Aaron (Boone) Corum.*

Aaron Corum - November 29, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Fulwiley family, Po will be remembered and missed for many laughs at family gatherings at Diane and Lonnie's house.*



Connie McCraw-Barbee - November 29, 2025 at 08:43 AM

LF

“ *Love cousin Elisa (Lisa) Ferguson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.*



Love cousin Elisa (Lisa) Ferguson - November 29, 2025 at 07:37 AM

LF

“ Love cousin Elisa (Lisa) Ferguson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Jake Fulwiley.

Love cousin Elisa (Lisa) Ferguson - November 29, 2025 at 07:37 AM

RE

“ 🙏 for the family ❤️



Reva ENGLISH - November 29, 2025 at 03:51 AM

CW

“ Cousin Al Worthy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Jake Fulwiley.



Cousin Al Worthy - November 29, 2025 at 01:34 AM



“ My deepest sincere condolences to our family. PO-Baby as mother would say was always a joy for me to be around. PO being the first grandchild had a place in hearts like no other. Going to miss my cousin... ❤️🙏❤️

Al Worthy - November 29, 2025 at 01:22 AM

EB

“ *Eric Banks lit a candle in memory of Edward Jake Fulwiley*



Eric Banks - November 28, 2025 at 10:30 PM

EB

“ *Rest in GLORY Poe-boy I remember when you asked me if you could be in my all Men fashion show at the American Legion Post 733 when it was on Harris street the first ever all Male fashion show held there. You were so excited when I said you sure can. I'll never forget that smile on your face. Rest in peace my friend.*

Eric Banks - November 28, 2025 at 10:28 PM

BC

“ *Losing someone so special to us is unbearable. My words will have little comfort but please know you're in my thoughts and prayers during this awful time*



Benjamin Collier - November 28, 2025 at 10:04 PM

PC

“ *So sorry to read this was thinking of you recently Jake. Grew up knowing of you since you lived in Harrisburg and i York. Funny we both ended up being Muni bus drivers together in Sf. Will always remember you fondly. May you rest in paradise.*
Paula ChristieAllen

paula ChristieAllen - November 28, 2025 at 09:23 PM