



## Wiley Loney Viverette Jr.

August 22, 1944 - October 30, 2025

Wiley Loney Viverette Jr., known lovingly as "Junior" by his siblings, peacefully passed away on Oct. 30, 2025, at the age of 81.

Born on Aug. 22, 1944, in Flint, Michigan, Wiley lived a life full of purpose, adventure and love. Since 1999, he had made Brunswick his home.

Wiley proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he attended the University of Iowa, earning a degree in business. His professional career spanned 26 years with Kmart Corp., where he worked in management and lived in many places across the United States and the Virgin Islands - including Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Texas, St. Croix, and Georgia.

In 1997, the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame inducted Wiley for his remarkable athletic accomplishments across multiple sports. Among his proudest achievements was winning the Michigan State Wrestling Championship in 1961.

After retiring from Kmart, Wiley embraced new passions with enthusiasm. He became a licensed real estate agent, learned Spanish and discovered his love for photography, art and craftsmanship - teaching himself to draw, frame his own photos and even work as a locksmith.

A man of strong faith, Wiley was a God-fearing Christian who was born and raised Baptist. He led his life with kindness, patience and humility. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, he taught his daughters to fish, his grandsons to wrestle, and everyone around him the importance of love, family

and listening with an open heart.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Clara Viverette; his daughter, Tracy Viverette Purty (Marcos); and two beloved grandsons, Myles and Bryce. He is also survived by his sister Wyvonne Holt. He was loved and leaves behind a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Wiley was preceded in death by his daughter, Dedria Viverette; his parents, Wiley and Leatha Viverette; his brothers, Billy, Anvis and Willie Viverette.

Wiley will be remembered for his wisdom, humor, gentle spirit and unwavering love for his family. His legacy will live on through the lives he touched and the lessons he shared.

The family will hold a private memorial service.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Jermaine & Kimberly Reese lit a candle in memory of Wiley Loney Viverette Jr.*



Jermaine & Kimberly Reese - November 15, 2025 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Condolences to his family and friends...* 🙏



Brenda Kimble - November 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Wiley L. Viverette. A great person, the best wrestler I've ever seen. My condolences to the family.*



Rudolph Wheaton, DDS - November 09, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Wiley Loney Viverette Jr.*



Pandoretta Jackson - November 08, 2025 at 08:28 AM

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“ *Jennifer Callaway lit a candle in memory of  
Wiley Loney Viverette Jr.*



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**Jennifer Callaway** - November 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM