



Herschel "Dean" Wells

May 16, 1937 - July 11, 2024

Herschel Lee Wells, affectionately known as "Dean" was a caring father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, July 11, 2024, after serving eighty-seven years on the Lord's battlefield. Herschel was born on May 16, 1937, to Horlis Wells and Delma McCann Ware, the first of eleven children in Gainesville, GA.

He accepted Christ at St. John Baptist Church in Gainesville, Georgia at an early age. Herschel was a man with a servant's heart, always ready to lend a helping hand. His dedication to his family and community was unwavering. He received his formal education at Fair Street School until he enlisted himself into the military.

Herschel served active duty in the United States Army for nine years and earned the rank of sergeant. While in the U.S. Army, he was assigned to a military post in Stuttgart, Germany, and served in the Vietnam War in Southeast Asia. After returning to Gainesville, Georgia, he married Geraldine Martin.

During that time, he was the first black electrician to work for the City of Gainesville and worked for the traffic department, installing and repairing traffic signals. He also worked at Cargill for fifteen years, where he was an integral part of the team that set up the refinery for soybean oil production. He eventually switched careers to the VA Hospital in Decatur, Georgia, which allowed him to earn full retirement after twelve years due to his combined federal service.

Herschel "Dean" was a unique individual who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a tell-it-like-it-is man, holding nothing back. His unique personality and straightforward nature left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He enjoyed cooking, fishing and spending time with his loved ones.

Herschel is preceded in death by his parents, Horlis Wells and Delma Ware; his beloved son, Herschel Eric Wells; and his brothers, Leroy Randolph, Johnny Harris, Purcell Wells, and Michael Ware. He is also preceded in death by his sisters, Annie Lois Ware Thomas, Joanne Ware, Janet K. Ware, Bernice Ware and Doris A. Ware.

Herschel's celebration of life will be remembered by his sons, Ronnie Bell, Milwaukee WI, Kevin Wells (Sonya) of Charleston, SC; Bryan Wells; and Corey Wells of Gainesville, GA; his three grandchildren, Dyanni Curry, Avery Wells, and Caleb Wells of Atlanta, GA; and his siblings, Jerald "Pete" Ware and Brenda "Brent" Mize, both of Gainesville, GA. He is survived by one sister-in-law, Mattie Lee Harris of Gainesville, GA; his best friend, Walt Smith of Gainesville, GA; and a special cousin, Charles (Christine) Harris of Milwaukee, WI. He leaves behind countless nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
info@wimberlyjackson.com
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

Receiving Friends

JUL 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Alta Vista Cemetery
521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Star Johnson - August 09, 2024 at 11:54 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Star Johnson - August 09, 2024 at 11:54 PM

LR

“ *Louise Randolph sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



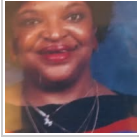
Louise Randolph - July 21, 2024 at 04:13 PM



“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Regina Harris - July 20, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells



Regina Harris - July 20, 2024 at 06:53 PM

DB

“ Deanna Burtis-Rucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells



Deanna Burtis-Rucker - July 20, 2024 at 07:22 AM

CJ

“ Cornell Hendrix Jr lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells



Cornell Hendrix Jr - July 18, 2024 at 08:17 PM

SM

“ Since condolences on the loss of your love one. Praying for the Wells and Ware families
The Milner Family



Sylvia Milner - July 17, 2024 at 07:19 PM

KT

“ *Our Deepest Condolences and Prayers to the Family*



Kathy Teasley - July 17, 2024 at 07:06 PM

EH

“ *Ellis & Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Ellis & Candace Hudson - July 17, 2024 at 01:03 PM

TJ

“ *Toni Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Toni Johnson - July 16, 2024 at 07:00 PM

WT

“ *Wanda Tabor-Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Wanda Tabor-Jenkins - July 16, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Daphne Brownlee - July 16, 2024 at 05:35 PM



“ *Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Regina Harris - July 16, 2024 at 04:21 PM

HH

“ *Helen Howard lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Helen Howard - July 16, 2024 at 02:30 PM

MD

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers for the family.*



Min. Dixon - July 16, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JM

“ *Janice Fair Mills lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Janice Fair mills - July 16, 2024 at 12:28 AM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Mary Moore - July 15, 2024 at 06:18 PM

CN

“ *Charline Niles lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Charline Niles - July 15, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JM

“ *Sending Love and Prayers to the Family* 🙏
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Joyce Mitchell - July 15, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GM

“ *Gloria K Maddox lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Gloria K Maddox - July 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM

CW

“ *Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Catherine Wilmont - July 15, 2024 at 01:48 PM

BW

“ *Beverly Wilson lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Beverly Wilson - July 15, 2024 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *Jeraldine Sewell lit a candle in memory of Herschel "Dean" Wells*



Jeraldine Sewell - July 15, 2024 at 10:38 AM