



James Willie Wize

July 18, 1946 - September 21, 2025

In loving memory of James W. Wize (better known as Kool-Aid) born on July 18, 1946 and he took his last peaceful earthly breath on September 21, 2025.

James W. Wize was born to Lula Mae Bivens on July 18, 1946. He attended Clarkesville High School in Cornelia, Ga where he graduated. He went to the United States Army where he served for 6 years in rank of SP5. He obtained numerous medals for his service, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal w/60 device, Army commendation medal, and Expert Badge (M-16 Rifle). He served with honor and commitment that defined his life.

James was a remarkable and resourceful man who could fix just about anything. He was a doer always busy with something and a good mechanic and worked for CSX Railroad and a truck driver. He liked to bowl, camp and fish. He was a devoted member of Kingdom Fellowship Christian Church for over 15 years and served on the deacon board.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lula M. Bivens. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Shirley (Summerour) Wize, three daughters Dania R. Wize Price (Duluth, GA), Erica L. (Terrence) Wise (Lithonia, GA), Chanda L. (Robert) Canady (Hampton, GA) and Joseph L. (Danielle) Wize (Gainesville, GA) a brother Jessie Bivens (Gainesville, GA) and two sister Peggy Sewell

(Gainesville, GA) and Jacqueline McRae (Florida). A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and extended relatives and dear friends who loved him dearly.

James kindness, strength and warm spirit touched everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. He will live on through the love, devotion and resilience of the lives he impacted.

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Fellowship Christian Church
2697 Tilson Road
Decatur , GA

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I didn't know Mr. James Wize. But the way I met his family, I felt in my heart to do something special for the family. My name is Keith Pollard 404-409-1375 I made a special memorial in honor of Mr. James Wize. I hope it brings some comfort to the family! Keeping you all in prayer



Keith Pollard - October 04, 2025 at 06:53 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of James Willie Wize



Joyce Mitchell - October 04, 2025 at 03:29 PM

CN

“ Skeeter I will never forget the last time we saw each other. We talked about the good Ole days. You will be missed. Condolences to the family

Charlene Nicely - October 03, 2025 at 02:39 PM

WF

“ Weazy & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Willie Wize.

Weazy & Family - October 01, 2025 at 12:36 PM

WF

“ Weazy & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Willie Wize.



Weazy & Family - October 01, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DR

“ Kool-Aid, Kool-Aid, Kool-Aid, my dear Daddy, You Sir, were a Man of resilience, kindness & laughter! You were a fighter and hustler who never gave up. You rode a bike when you couldn't drive a car. You walked you found a way to do what you wanted regardless of circumstances. You taught me perseverance and strategy with indomitable strength along with unwavering determination. You was a comedian to most who loved to make people happy and smile. You were kind and stern sometimes but always with love in your heart. Thank you for everything! I will love you for eternity dear Father. Rest with the Angels!!! Fly with the butterflies!!! Love you forever



Dania Rochelle - October 01, 2025 at 11:47 AM

FF

“ From Bobby Render and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Willie Wize.

From Bobby Render and Family. - September 30, 2025 at 07:59 PM

FF

“ From Bobby Render and Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Willie Wize.



From Bobby Render and Family. - September 30, 2025 at 07:59 PM

GM

“ Gloria K Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of James Willie Wize



Gloria K Maddox - September 30, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ My Dear Brother I will never forget you. I remember when you were in Vietnam and I used to write you every week not knowing the danger you were in at the time. You came through that with a Purple Heart Medal and a lot of other awards for your Bravery. You created a beautiful family that Love you soo much. I will keep them in my prayers. Keep everyone laughing in Heaven. Until we meet again. Rest In Peace

Jacqueline McRae - September 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM

SB

“ Shirley Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of James Willie Wize



Shirley Barnes - September 26, 2025 at 08:00 PM

NG

“ Nickie Graham lit a candle in memory of James Willie Wize



Nickie Graham - September 26, 2025 at 02:13 PM

CC

“ I miss and love you so much daddy.

Your baby girl 🗄️

Chanda Canady - September 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM

YT

“ My condolences to Shirley and Family 🙏



Yasmin Thompson - September 26, 2025 at 12:12 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Wilkins lit a candle in memory of James Willie Wize*



Barbara Wilkins - September 25, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of James Willie Wize*



Deborah Collins - September 25, 2025 at 03:11 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of James Willie Wize*



Mary Moore - September 23, 2025 at 10:25 PM

GM

“ *Gloria K Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of James Willie Wize*



Gloria K Maddox - September 23, 2025 at 05:04 PM

RH

“ *Regina Harris lit a candle in memory of James Willie Wize*



Regina Harris - September 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM