



John David Wiley

December 4, 1954 - April 23, 2025

Deacon John David Wiley was born December 4, 1954 in Commerce, GA. He was the only child born of the late Mr. Pink and Grace Wiley, who preceded him in death. They moved to Lula, GA where he lived and was reared from an early age, until his death.

Dea. David Wiley was a proud graduate of East Hall High School Class of 1973, Gainesville, GA. While there he played on the Basketball Team for the EHHS Mighty Vikings.

After graduation, Dea. Wiley performed various jobs. He was employed with Coronet Carpets for at least 15 years and worked also for Walmart (when it was first built in Gainesville, GA), during this time. He had been employed with Walmart for 35 years, until his untimely death. His last place of employment was with Walmart in Buford, GA.

He was raised in a Christian home and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, under the leadership of Rev. I. J. Watson at Springfield Missionary Baptist Church. David's spiritual growth and development continued to be nurtured in a mighty great way in 2010 under the guidance and leadership of Rev. Arthur Jones. He had been active in various capacities serving God for the past 15 years. His service at SMBC includes but not limited to: Member of the Senior Choir, Laymen Choir, Pastor's Support Team and was Ordained into Deaconship in 2016 by Rev. Jones. He was a life-long member of SMBC and life-long learner who enjoyed studying the word of God, who was the guiding force in his life as he worked diligently, to express the love of God and exemplify His righteousness in daily life.

He loved giving back to the community and doing great things for other people. God blessed his life and he wanted to bless the lives of others. He touched the lives of so many here in Lula. His kindness, brotherly love and beautiful soul will never be forgotten. A legacy of love and kindness will continue to bloom in the lives of those he touched. His laughter and quotes from his mother and Rev. Jones, plus his timeless childhood stories he often told that will forever echo in our hearts.

David loved: Watching TV Westerns, Sanford and Son and many types of Sports. He Refereed Softball and Basketball for Park and Recreation for over 30 years, while also being a Coach for the Lula Bulldogs Softball Team.

On Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center-Gainesville, GA following an extended illness, David took his place in Heaven as another one of God's Special Angels.

Dea. John David Wiley leaves to cherish and celebrate his memories: his loving cousins, Sylvia Elizabeth Lyle, who he referred to as "MOM" longtime neighbors, friends of Lula, GA and the many other friends that crossed his path. To know him was to love him.

Cemetery Details

Belton Cemetery

6478 7th Street
Lula, GA 30554

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Receiving Friends

MAY 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home
325 Summitt St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 536-3251
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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Springfield Missionary Baptist Church
6155 Hammett Street
Lula, GA 30554

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Rhonda Collins Moser lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley*



Rhonda Collins Moser - May 06, 2025 at 01:57 AM

RM

Just learned of the passing of my dear friend, David. You were a great friend before I moved from Georgia many years ago. So glad we reconnected via Facebook. Godspeed, my friend. I'll see you on the other side.

Rhonda Collins Moser - May 06, 2025 at 02:00 AM



“ *A Tribute to Brother David*

by: *Joseph W. Buffington*

*We grew up side by side — just boys at play,
A quarter mile apart, yet close as kin.
I called him brother — fifth among my own —
A bond as strong as any forged by blood.*

*His mother sat with mine, their voices soft,
While David's father took us to the shows.
Before we ran to games and youthful laughs,
Grandpa would call for work — and David stayed.*

*Some others fled, but he would lend his hands,
And sweat and smile beside us in the sun.
We learned to swim in Henderson's wide lake,
And told wild jokes beneath the streetlight's glow.*

*We cracked with laughter, loud against the night.
We shared the same old church, the same clear faith,
Baptized together in the Spirit's stream,
And side by side, we walked through high school halls.*

*He knew the hearts and homes of all our town,
And helped with hands made rough and pure with love.
He rose to Deacon — faithful, strong, and sure,
A quiet man whose deeds outshone his words.*

*The years rolled on; we wandered separate roads,
But every time I came back home again,
I'd sit with him and speak of boyhood days —
Of lakes, and jokes, and streetlights burning gold.*

*If it were me now gone, and he still here,
He'd stand and tell you all these things for me.*

*I thank my God He let our spirits meet.
Rest, Brother David.
Rest in gentle peace.*

TJ

“ Tonya Jones lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Tonya Jones - May 04, 2025 at 03:43 PM

TJ

David you have truly been a loyal friend to me. Loved our conversation and keeping me informed on church matters. I can't begin to thank you for the joy and laughter and being a big brother to me. I am truly going to miss you in Bible study, Sunday school and your singing.

But I already know you are "sangin" all the way in. No more pain, David. No more. My friend❤️

Tonya Jones - May 04, 2025 at 03:51 PM

MM

“ Michael Montague sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley



Michael Montague - May 03, 2025 at 10:52 AM

MM

“ Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Mary Moore - May 02, 2025 at 08:53 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Deborah Collins - May 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

DC

R.I.P. 🕯️ 🌺

Deborah Collins - May 02, 2025 at 02:17 PM

DL

John David Wiley.... To know him was to love him.

Donna Lawson - May 06, 2025 at 04:15 AM

CC

“ *Cassie Cupit lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley*



Cassie Cupit - May 02, 2025 at 12:57 PM

CC

Anytime I ran into Mr. David, it was "How are you doing?" and a big smile. Mr. David was one of the nicest men I've ever met. He will be greatly missed.

Cassie Cupit - May 02, 2025 at 01:01 PM

DW

“ *Sure am gonna miss you John D. I thank God for the opportunity that he allowed our paths to cross that we became friends but ended up as brothers united in fellowship, unity, and love and servants for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rest on my friend in the hands of God!!!!*



Douglas T. Williams - May 02, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David Wiley.*



May 02, 2025 at 12:43 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wilkins lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley*



Barbara Wilkins - May 01, 2025 at 04:10 PM

KB

“ Kevin & Laura Bailey lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Kevin & Laura Bailey - April 30, 2025 at 02:42 PM

KB

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one, David Wiley. David was a big brother to all who knew him! He was always willing to help in the time of need. He would travel with our family to Atlanta GA during the holidays. He loved to spend time with our family. He would give rides to the store/town because he had a great love for God's people. His Dad, Mr. Pink Wiley, would do the same! David taught me how to drive a 5 speed car! My Dad was a truck driver and he didn't have time to teach me. Thank God for David. I probably never would have learned how to drive one! Thank God for his life and all the great memories of his life! He loved Jesus and went home to be with Him. Praying for you all. The Bailey/Morse families.

Kevin & Laura Bailey - April 30, 2025 at 02:42 PM

JC

So sorry to hear about losing one of my dear friend David wiley he will be definitely missed RIP my brother to we meet again 🙄😞😭😭

Joel Cleveland - May 01, 2025 at 08:58 PM

VT

“ Veola Thomas lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Veola Thomas - April 29, 2025 at 09:42 PM

VT

“ My prayers are condolences go out to the families and friends, of David Wiley. We thank God for his grace and mercy. Death is painful and we must know God is in control. Thank you Lord Jesus for your mercy. David coach my son, Apostle Roderick L.Hughey in basketball for many years and did a great job. I give God all Glory. Rest in peace David, we loved you. We visited you at the hospital and definitely will miss you. Pastor Veola H. Thomas./ Church Of Life Deliverance Tabernacle.

Veola Thomas - April 29, 2025 at 09:41 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley*



Joyce Mitchell - April 29, 2025 at 03:02 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley*



Mary Moore - April 28, 2025 at 10:40 PM

LE

“ *Condolences to the family. I pray the LORD will bless you all with comfort and peace. I will always remember his contributions to EHHS Basketball. May David rest in peace.*



Linda Earls-Clark - April 28, 2025 at 07:19 PM

VF

“ *The time I visited John davids church in Lula.. it was the best time*



Vicki Foster - April 26, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LS

“ *A long time friend/co worker my prayers and condolences to the family he will be missed.A gentle giant and a man of God.*



Lorraine Shields - April 26, 2025 at 12:54 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Deborah Collins - April 25, 2025 at 10:19 PM

DC

R.I.P. 🕯️ 🌸

Deborah Collins - April 25, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JV

“ We were saddened to hear of David's passing. He was one of the kindest, most caring people we've had the honor of knowing. We will miss him and his smile. I'm sure he is rejoicing in heaven.. No more suffering or pain.



June & Don Vincent - April 25, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MM

“ Good friend from our ride playing basketball 🏀 together at East Hall. Only seen him once since then still remember how he always joked around.

Michael Montague - April 25, 2025 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ Donald Mays lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Donald Mays - April 25, 2025 at 07:01 PM

MM

“ Michael Montague sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley



Michael Montague - April 25, 2025 at 06:33 PM

AI

“ I'm so heartbroken! David was one of my best friends. I've known him for 31 years. He had the most caring, loving, giving heart of anyone I've known. I'm going to miss him so much. I know he's now rejoicing in his heavenly home. God bless your precious soul, David. I love you & will cherish every memory. Give mom a hug & I will see you when I there. 🙏



Angie Iler - April 25, 2025 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Lisa Anita Battle lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Lisa Anita Battle - April 24, 2025 at 10:47 PM

LH

“ I have so many cherished memories of times spent with David. He was more than a friend. He was one of the family. I will love and miss him until that day we are reunited again by God's grace. The void in my heart will remain until then. Never forgotten, my precious friend.



Lesley Huckeba - April 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM

SD

I'm so sad David was my friend for over 30 years we worked together and spent family time u will be missed my heart is hurting but I know u r rejoicing in Heaven till we meet again love u BBD love your Mm

Shirley Davis - April 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ Joyce Mitchell lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley



Joyce Mitchell - April 24, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CW

“ Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley



Catherine Wilmont - April 24, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CW

David was a pillow for Springfield Baptist Church,he had sweet sweet spirit about him every time I spoke with him! RIP we loved you but God loved him even more!!!

Catherine Wilmont - April 24, 2025 at 08:10 PM

LB

“ David was not just a next door neighbor in Lula but he was a brother to me and my family.
We will definitely miss seeing him and laughing with him but I thank God that he is not suffering anymore.
My brother is at rest in the Lord.
David work on this earth is done and now he is free at last.

Lisa Anita Battle - April 24, 2025 at 10:09 AM

ML

“ Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley



Marion Lott - April 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley



Regina Harris - April 23, 2025 at 06:39 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of John David Wiley*



Mary Moore - April 23, 2025 at 04:31 PM

ER

“ *Elisa Bonds Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Wiley*



Elisa Bonds Ratliff - April 23, 2025 at 02:31 PM