



Willie Faye Bush

August 27, 1934 - January 24, 2025

Willie Faye Bush of Gainesville Ga, transitioned to her heavenly home on January 24th, 2025 peacefully in her sleep. Faye was born on August 27th, 1934 in Martin Ga., to the union of the late Maggie and Ace Johnson.

In 1948 Faye Bush moved from Martin Ga. to Gainesville. to further her education. She was 14 years old and in the 7th grade. She moved in with her sister in a community called Newtown.

She accepted Jesus Christ into her life at a tender age and was an active and faithful member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. She was a praying woman who loved to call on the name of the Lord. Ms. Faye, as she was affectionately called, was also a business woman. At a young age she directed a band, sold products and was always exploring business opportunities to help inspire others to become business owners.

She followed her mother's footsteps and became an active member of the Newtown Florist Club. She became executive director of the Newtown Florist Club in the early seventies and led the organization towards promoting youth development, and organizing for social, economic, and environmental justice.. She was named recipient of The Liberty Bell Award that recognizes a nonlawyer who promotes law and education of law. She spearheaded the renaming of MLK Jr. Blvd. and the Ruby Wilkins park, strived for voting rights and organized the MLK marches. She was very active in the civil rights movement. Her life was dedicated to children and youth working tirelessly to provide programs that would keep them busy and off the streets including The Girls Leadership Program, Bright Teens United For A Future (BTUFF), annual Summer Programs and the Youth Bucket Brigade.

Faye was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Her husband the late Howard Bush, three of her sisters: Dora (Booker T) Harbin, Mozetta (Lee) Whelchel, Drownella (Robert) Ramsey; two of her brothers: L.V. Johnson, and Ace Johnson Jr.; her oldest son Gregory Lamar Mize, her grandson Deotris

Lamar Mize, great grandson Sexton Samaud Rucker, and great great grandchild Noah Gray. She is survived by her children: Jackie Loretta Mize, Jonathan Craig Butts, and Rebecca Bush nine grandchildren (Gregory Mize's children) Traci (Kerick) Mize Knight, Gregory Kilo Mize, Courtney (Lee) Mize Smith, Mechee' Johnson; (Jackie Mize's children) Selinea Faye Stringer, Irene Renae Stringer Lipscomb; (Jonathan Butt's children) Mia Turner Bledson, Jonathan Xzavier Butts, and Bianca (Ty) Butts Williams. twenty-one great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. And special friends Mrs. Annette Westbrook, Ms. Betty Butts, Rev. Rosetta Johnson, Ms. Delinda Luster, and Mrs. Pamela Stokes

The Newtown Florist Club gave her her flowers while she was still living with the honor of having Willie Faye Bush Day proclaimed by the Gainesville City Council and naming the street entering into the Newtown community from McDonald to Dunbar streets, Willie Faye Bush Street.

Ms.Faye was a pillar of the community. In her honor, we leave her words with you, "In the late 50'S under the influence of Mrs. Ruby Wilkins I began the work to improve conditions in my neighborhood in the City of Gainesville and throughout the state. I have continued the work and will carry on till the good Lord takes me home."

Cemetery Details

Alta Vista Cemetery

521 Jones Street
Gainesville, GA 30501

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 30. 12:00 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

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
705 Summit St.
Gainesville, GA 30501

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
705 Summit St.
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Carithers Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Carithers Family - February 13, 2025 at 01:24 AM

TF

“ *The Carithers Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



The Carithers Family - February 13, 2025 at 01:21 AM

CA

“ *Carolyn Ates lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Carolyn Ates - February 03, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JR

“ *Jennifer Robinson lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Jennifer Robinson - February 01, 2025 at 05:39 AM

PW

“ *Polly Williams lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Polly Williams - January 31, 2025 at 08:30 AM

DG

Dr Rick Gadbois is grateful for Mrs Bush and her pleasant, loving, and appreciative demeanor for years and years when Jonathan brought her to our Dental office and visits in her home ! God BLESS 💕💕

Dr Rick Gadbois - January 31, 2025 at 12:47 PM

PF

“ *Polly Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Polly Williams & Family - January 31, 2025 at 08:25 AM

CW

“ *In the early 1990s, I met Faye Bush. At that time, I was the director of ECO-Action, a nonprofit assisting communities dealing with toxic chemical exposure. The idea that “a florist club” could be successful against major corporate polluters seemed a bit of a stretch in those days! Yet Faye, and the Newtown Florist Club, not only had success within their community, but continued to support, mentor and assist community leaders throughout Georgia and across the U.S. Faye’s legacy is one of caring, giving, and, at the same time, organizing and recruiting others in the fight for justice.*

Carol Williams - January 30, 2025 at 09:47 PM

VW

“ *My condolences to Ms. Willie Faye Bush family and friends. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. She was faithful servant of God. A job well done. Take your rest Miss Faye. I missed our Bid Whiz games from back in the day. Keeping family and friends in my prayers. 🙏🙏🙏🌟❤️🕊️*



Valerie Williams - January 30, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Daphne Brownlee - January 30, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DB

“ Deanna Burris-Rucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Deanna Burris-Rucker - January 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RM

“ Roderick & Julie Christian Morris lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Roderick & Julie Christian Morris - January 30, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ 🙏 for the family



Stephanie Daniel - January 29, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DC

“ Deborah Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Deborah Collins - January 29, 2025 at 07:58 PM

DC

Ms.Faye You Were Such An Inspiration To All Of Us! R.I.P. We Love You!!!❤️🕯️🌹🌹

Deborah Collins - January 29, 2025 at 08:01 PM

MM

“ *Mattie L Mathis lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Mattie L Mathis - January 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Richard Trammell - January 29, 2025 at 02:57 PM

RT

“ *Richard Trammell lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Richard Trammell - January 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CW

“ *Catherine Wilmont lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Catherine Wilmont - January 29, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Faye Bush.*



January 29, 2025 at 09:06 AM

PE

“ Our condolences to the family for your loss, we pray that God gives you strength and peace through this time of need.



Paul and Dot Edmond - January 29, 2025 at 06:23 AM

RM

“ Jackie and Jonathan (Nae), I'm proud to have grown up with you guys and got to know your mother as a mother to all that grew up in our community of Newtown. And the city of Gainesville to be exact! She was a strong and inspirational woman, to all that came in contact with her! Her spirit will surely be missed, but she will live on thru her family. I send my condolences to you guys on behalf of my family, and pray to GOD to give you guys the strenght to get through the difficult days ahead!



Roderick Morris - January 29, 2025 at 02:40 AM

CH

“ Cornell Hendrix sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Cornell Hendrix - January 28, 2025 at 11:43 PM

KS

“ Kimberly Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Kimberly sims - January 28, 2025 at 10:17 PM

MS

“ MS. C. ELAINE SIMS sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



MS. C. ELAINE SIMS - January 28, 2025 at 07:38 PM

G'

“ GHS Class of '80 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willie Faye Bush.



GHS Class of '80 - January 28, 2025 at 06:42 PM

TR

“ True leader and positive leader in our time your hard work will not go uhderr. Troy Randolph and family

Troy Randolph - January 28, 2025 at 03:08 PM

PM

“ Priscilla A Martin lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Priscilla A Martin - January 28, 2025 at 02:46 PM

IN

“ With all my love and prayers. A life well lived, I called her Auntie Faye.

Inge Brown



Inge - January 28, 2025 at 02:18 PM

DS

“ Deon S.Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Deon S.Turner - January 28, 2025 at 01:25 PM

SB

“ Shirley Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Shirley Barnes - January 28, 2025 at 11:59 AM

PJ

“ Patience Jackson lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Patience Jackson - January 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM

PJ

My Condolences to the family may God continue to Bless you all and may you, Ms. Faye Rest In Heavenly Peace forever

Patience Jackson - January 28, 2025 at 11:11 AM

SS

“ Sending my condolences and prayers for strength during this difficult time 🙏 may Ms Bush rest in Paradise



Shryl Shields - January 28, 2025 at 10:46 AM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Regina Harris - January 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KC

“ Kimberly Carithers sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Kimberly Carithers - January 28, 2025 at 02:26 AM

KC

Cuz...what a wonderful woman, Ms. Faye, she did so much for our community...we grew up in Newtown and thinking about our Grandparents who lived there all those years...God Bless, Peace and Comfort...Kim C.

Kimberly Carithers - January 28, 2025 at 02:33 AM

JC

“ Juanita Cooper lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Juanita Cooper - January 27, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JC

With much respect and love to Aunt Faye and family, Your great nieces, Denise Sosebee and Juanita Cooper

Juanita Cooper - January 27, 2025 at 10:58 PM

MB

“ Sending my love and prayers to the family.



Michelle Bell - January 27, 2025 at 10:09 PM

AC

“ April Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



April Coleman - January 27, 2025 at 09:21 PM

CC

“ Sending love to the family, rest easy Big Mama 💔



Cheryl Castleberry - January 27, 2025 at 12:36 PM

Mary Moore

“ Mary Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Mary Moore - January 27, 2025 at 12:07 PM

ML

“ Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush



Marion Lott - January 27, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ Sending Love and Prayers to the Family ❤️❤️🙏🙏



Joyce Mitchell - January 27, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TP

“ Condolences & Prayers to the Family. May God wrap His loving arms around you during this period in time. A beautiful Angel has gained her wings.....



Theresa Puryear - January 27, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JS

“ *Jeraldine Sewell lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Jeraldine Sewell - January 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM

CW

“ *Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Catherine Wilmont - January 27, 2025 at 10:03 AM

CW

May her incredible life be a reminder to us all that one person can make a difference. She served our community with integrity honor and courage! Please know I'm thinking of y'all fondly.

Catherine Wilmont - January 27, 2025 at 10:30 AM

EB

“ *Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - January 27, 2025 at 08:59 AM

BW

“ *Beverly Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Beverly Wilson - January 27, 2025 at 08:54 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Star Johnson - January 27, 2025 at 07:35 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



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“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Star Johnson - January 27, 2025 at 07:35 AM

JM

“ *Juanita Muckle sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Faye Bush*



Juanita Muckle - January 27, 2025 at 06:37 AM