



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

PALLBEARERS

- (Nephews)
 Nicholas Brantley
 Emory Williams, Jr.
 Jeremiah Holston
 Kyle Wilcox
 Christopher Moore
 Albert Avant, Jr.

INTERMENT

Caballero Rivero Southern Memorial Park
 15000 W. Dixie Highway
 North Miami Beach, FL 33181

REPAST

Immediately following the committal services.
 Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the repast is for immediate family only.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Wilcox family would like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Wendell Baskin for opening the sanctuary and Pastor Gaston Smith for being an essential supporter to our family. We would also like to thank everyone for your prayers, kindness and generous expressions of love.

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ELDER
**NATHANIEL
 JEREMIAH WILCOX**
 Sunrise: April 11, 1954 - Sunset: October 19, 2020

Saturday, October 31, 2020 ~ 11:00AM
NewWay Fellowship Baptist Church
 16800 NW 22nd Avenue
 Miami, Florida 33056

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A GREAT WARRIOR

Elder Nathaniel Jeremiah Wilcox was born in Miami, Florida on April 11, 1954 to the late James and Inez Wilcox. He was the second of ten siblings: David, Nathaniel, Paul (deceased), James (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Miriam, Queen Esther, Andrew, Dorcas and Noel. He attended Orchard Villa Elementary School and later Charles Drew Elementary. His junior high school years were spent at Allapattah Junior High. He graduated from Miami Jackson High School and went to Albany State University on a Swimming Scholarship, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior while in college.

Growing up, he was a practical jokester. He was known for doing mischievous things and playing pranks on his sisters and brothers. Once he placed a bullet on the stove, turned it on and innocently retreated to the living room to wait for the fireworks to begin. The neighborhood cats feared him because they knew when he was around they might wind up on a roof or in the tree tops.

Once Nathaniel graduated from Albany State, he remained in Albany joining The First Albany Deliverance Cathedral where he served as choir director, worked in television production, printing and radio broadcasting. It was there he met and married Gladys Clark. To that union was born Tabitha Evita Wilcox and later Timothy Wilcox joined the family unit. God blessed Nat, as he is affectionately called by his siblings, to be a devoted and caring husband to his wife throughout her prolonged illness until she passed away and a strong and dependable father. Seven years after Gladys's death, Nathaniel was introduced to Francine Wilcox by Deacon Michael Allen. The magic was instantaneous and their love was consummated on January 13, 2007. The family unit was expanded with the addition of Francine's sons, Willie and Alex McCoy. (Francine's first husband had also passed away after being chronically ill for many years).

Nathaniel moved to Miami, Florida in the early 1990s and secured a job at P.U.L.S.E., (People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality), where he diligently and faithfully served the residents of Miami Dade County until his passing. He was devoted to his community and did whatever was necessary to ensure that all residents received fair and equal treatment. He was a formidable foe when it came to fighting for justice. He would often bump heads with mayors, commissioners and other government officials. He was fearless and fought for righteousness. It did not matter how powerful the figure or institution, if that entity was on the wrong side of justice, he would take them head on.

As passionately as he fought for righteous justice and equality for residents, he was equally as passionate when it came to the things of God. Upon joining the Apostolic Revival Center, he faithfully served under Dr. G. S. Smith, Pastor and First Lady G. O. Smith, Teacher until his passing. He always put God and the things of God first. If something was not done decently and in order, according to the Word of God, he would address it. He was no respecter of persons. At the Apostolic Revival Center he served as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher, and Bible School Instructor. He was also very active with the Street Ministry. He believed in doing everything to the honor and glory of God and never sought recognition. In addition to his service at the Apostolic Revival Center, he worked closely with the Christian Family Coalition under the guidance of Anthony Verdugo. Together they were a mighty force to be reckoned with on Capitol Hill in Tallahassee. They fought for Christian values and never compromised their integrity or stand on the gospel.

Elder Nathaniel's presence will be greatly missed. He leaves to celebrate his life and continue his legacy his loving and devoted wife, Francine; three sons, Willie, Alex and Timothy (Jessica); his daughter Tabitha; two brothers David (Rosemary) and Andrew (Lana); four sisters Miriam, Queen Esther (Brad), Dorcas, Noel (Larry); his precious cousin Willie Bell (Silas); three grandchildren Laila, Timothy, Jr. and Aaliyah. A host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who loved him dearly.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Moderator, *Pastor Gaston Smith*

- Processional/Final Glimpse *New Way Fellowship Praise Team*
- Worship Song *New Way Fellowship Praise Team*
- Prayer *Pastor Carl Johnson*
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament *Pastor Wendell Baskin*
 - New Testament *Pastor Gregory Thompson*
- Musical Selection *Leslie Robinson*
- Reflections:
 - City of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez*
 - Anthony Verdugo, Christian Family Coalition*
 - P.U.L.S.E. (People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality)*
- Resolutions (Please provide a synopsis only)
- Worship Song *New Way Fellowship Praise Team*
- Remembering Nat:
 - Nieces/Nephews *Leah Wilcox-Williams*
 - Siblings *Andrew Wilcox*
 - As a Father *Willie McCoy, Alex McCoy, Timothy Wilcox, Tabitha Wilcox*
 - As a Husband *Francine Wilcox*
- Acknowledgements *Hall, Ferguson, Hewitt Mortuary Staff*
- Obituary (Read Silently to soft music) *Congregation*
- Musical Selection *Leslie Robinson*
- Eulogy *Elder Anthony Smith*
- Recessional *New Way Fellowship Praise Team*