

An Ode to Their Love

Can the waves dance without the moon? Will the night shine without the stars? A story yet finished, but one that has transpired lifetimes before, only to finally blossom in a place where eyes cannot see and ears cannot hear, a counterpart happily fulfilled and immersed in love, ever giving, ever flowing, ever shining, a blending of two souls wanting nothing more than to stay, nothing more than to exist within one another one more day, as if time could be bribed. If only we dare to dream, dare to steal one last glance at the one who left us breathless, not with despair, but possibilities, robust laughter tickling the tongues of endless flavors of 34 years of tradition and whispered conversations, not about what could have been but about what is, because now time has no say, and forever is merely just the beginning.

By: April Stoutamire

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

Repast

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Interment

Special Thanks

The family of the late Norman Wilder would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our bereavement. Thanks for all the calls, visits, and sincere gestures. It is our prayer that our Heavenly Father will continue to richly bless each and every one of YOU. – The Family

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Norman
Wilder*

Sunrise

April 28, 1952

Sunset

May 23, 2021

Saturday, June 5, 2021

11:00 AM

TRUTH IN LOVE MINISTRIES

1989 Dunn Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida

Pastor William Cobie Nesbitt III

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." ~ Psalm 30:5

Life Reflections

Norman C. Wilder was born in the small town of Kosciusko, Mississippi, on April 28th, 1952, to Curtis and Ruby Wilder. Norman was one of seven children that the union of his parents brought into this world; he had five brothers and one sister.

Norman had an entrepreneurial heart, as he was driven and ambitious in all his ventures in life. He attended Boys Tech High School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee as a mechanical engineer. He was also a proud businessman of NCW INC for numerous years. He was always willing to share insight with fellow friends, family, and associates on not only how to make financial revenue but ways to sustain it. One could say that his philosophy in life was not based on simply giving a man a fish but teaching him how.

While attending a work picnic in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Norman met the love of his life, Shari Wilder. His introduction marked the catalyst to them embarking on a love that transcended into marriage on January 1st, 1986. He was a family man and a father to eight children who knew of his love for travel, adventure, and seeing and understanding the world for far more than what it presented itself to be. His love for his grandchildren extended beyond words, and they always had a special place in his heart, as he adored the precious gifts that they were.

Norman accepted Jesus Christ on April 29th, 2021, after attending a church home for many years that he and his late wife thought of as an extension of their family.

Norman was truly a one-of-a-kind man, a character like no other. His close family all cherished stories of his resourceful ways when it came to finances and his corny, at times nerdy demeanor. He was straightforward but had the capacity to extend himself when needed. His late wife often lovingly called him “Spock” because of his ability to use logic to advise those who sought advice. He was widely known for saying “That’s not it” and “It’s a done deal” amongst his family and friends, as these infamous quotes only amplified who he was.

Norman transitioned to eternal life on Sunday, May 23rd, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shari Wilder; his father, Curtis Wilder; his mother, Ruby Wilder; his brothers, Willie Wilder, Perry Wilder, and Michael Wilder; and his daughter, Rose Wilder.

Norman leaves to cherish his memories: his children: Tondalaya Hammock of Phoenix, Arizona, Parsha Evans of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lakisha Criss of McKinney, Texas, Christopher Coleman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Renardo (Tina) Coleman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Joy Wilder-Head of Jacksonville, Florida, and April Stoutamire of Atlanta, Georgia; three siblings: Jennifer (Derwin) Words of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Harold Wilder of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Duane (the late Sharon) Wilder of Colombia, South America; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grand: Malcolm, Donovan, Hiawassee, Lynasia, Ja’von, Joel, Jolene, Jameer, Jennavive, Malachi, Javarious, Jartavia, Jariyah, Azayla-Ray, and Noah; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service



Presiding..... Jerome Wright, Truth in Love Ministries

Processional..... Truth in Love Praise Team

Opening Selection Truth in Love Praise Team

Invocation..... Jerome Wright

Scripture Readings
Old Testament Psalm 118:19–24
Vanessa Coleman
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New Testament I Corinthians 15:51–58
Romano L. Johnson
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Reflections Limited to Three Minutes

Resolution..... Jeanilla Lass

Acknowledgements Felicia Pratt

Selection..... Truth in Love Praise Team

Words of Comfort Pastor William Cobie Nesbitt III

Committal Pastor William Cobie Nesbitt III

Recessional