



George Alexander Wallace

February 12, 1943 - January 22, 2026

George Alexander Wallace, affectionately known as “Porgie”, loving husband to Perrie Perry-Wallace, was born March 12, 1943, in Charlotte, North Carolina to the late Edward Wallace and Sarah Price Wallace. He departed this life on January 22, 2026.

George was reared in the Mecklenburg County public school system where he attended and graduated from Charlotte’s historic Second Ward High School in 1961. After graduation, George went on to serve his country in the United States Army for three years, before being honorably discharged as a sergeant. Following his military service, George continued his studies at Biscayne and Kings College. He was a graduate of Leadership Charlotte and completed continuing education courses at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts. George forged a career and lived a life rooted in public and community service. He spent nearly 25 years employed by the City of Charlotte, initially with the Charlotte Fire Department before spending more than 20 years as a community relations specialist with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations department. It was during this time that George discovered his true calling and developed a passion for serving the broader Charlotte community. With the Community Relations department, George’s focus was on addressing the needs of and creating impactful change within the Charlotte community, through building relationships, facilitating community dialogue, conflict resolution and strengthening police-community relations.

George grew up in the Grier Heights community (lovingly known by many as “Grier Town”) and was one of its biggest advocates. He was passionate about its well-being, its growth and preserving its legacy and was dedicated to enhancing the lives of Grier Heights residents. Upon his retirement in 1995, George continued his work in community relations, this time within the Grier Heights community, leading to his founding of the Grier Heights Economic Foundation. He served as its Executive Director over the course of 10 years. In this role, George was a catalyst for significant change and growth within Grier Heights, including registering Billingsville School (Rosenwald School) as a US National Historic Landmark, securing grants for educational programs, housing and other projects to help sustain and improve the vibrancy of the community. He was committed to educating the younger generation of Grier Heights about their ancestors’ humble beginnings and ways to enhance their lives and legacy through entrepreneurship, home ownership and community activism.

Porgie leaves to cherish his memory his soulmate and wife, Perrie “Jackie” Perry; Sons, Jeffrey Perry of Charlotte and Darrell Perry (Sabrina) of Kannapolis, North Carolina; Daughter, Dr. Portia Barnes (Shelby) of Cheltenham, Maryland; Sister, Johnnie Mae Barnette of Charlotte; Brother, Samuel Eric Wallace of Charlotte; three grandsons (Michael, Jalen and Seth); two granddaughters (Kyndal and Shelby Jaye); and a host of nieces, nephews, brother and sisters-in-law, relatives, friends and loved ones. George was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Sarah Price Wallace; Sisters, Carolyn Wallace Blackwell and Frances Brown; and Daughter-in-law, Tracey Perry.

Cemetery Details

York Memorial Park Cemetery

5150 S. Tyron Street
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

East Stonewall African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
1729 Griers Grove Rd
Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 394-2540

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

East Stonewall A.M.E. Zion
1729 Grier's Grove Road
Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall



“ A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. created a Webcast in memory of George Alexander Wallace



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - February 07 at 08:58 AM

TU

“ One memory that will always make me smile about George is how he could turn an ordinary moment into something warm and light.

Even on days when he wasn't feeling his best, he still found a way to greet me with that familiar look and say something simple like, "Well... look who's here," with that little smile that made it feel like you were genuinely welcome. It wasn't loud or dramatic, but it was George. Calm, steady, and quietly funny.

I'll never forget how he had this way of making you feel like you weren't just doing a job, you were part of his day. He carried a gentle spirit, and even in the small moments, he reminded people around him to slow down, breathe, and appreciate life.

That's the George I'll always remember, and I know anyone who knew him will smile thinking of him the same way.

Tunde Sobowale

Tunde - February 06 at 09:34 PM

RN

“ Russ & Evelyn Dowery + Neighbors purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George Alexander Wallace.



Russ & Evelyn Dowery + Neighbors - February 06 at 09:04 PM

WH

“ With sincere condolences for the loss of a very special person who was a key part of your family! God's blessings will help comfort you through your grief. In prayer, Willie (Ballhawk) Holmes and Laura W. Holmes

Willie (Ballhawk) and Laura W. Holmes - February 06 at 08:47 PM

LG

“ So sorry for your loss, praying for peace and comfort for the family at this difficult time. Nigel and Lilia Garbutt



Lilia Garbutt - February 06 at 02:57 PM

ML

“ Melissa L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Alexander Wallace.

Melissa L. - February 06 at 09:37 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Alexander Wallace.*



February 06 at 08:30 AM



“ *Your loving Wells Fargo HBB family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Alexander Wallace.*

Your loving Wells Fargo HBB family. - February 06 at 08:30 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George Alexander Wallace.*



February 05 at 06:16 PM



“ *My heart goes out to my Dear Brother Darryl Perry and his entire family in the loss of your father Mr. George Wallace. I had the privilege and honor to visit George in the hospital a few times and we were able to Pray together. Darryl please know that you and your family remain in our most sincere thoughts and prayers.
Be Encouraged Brother
Dee & Wallace Means*

WALLACE M MEANS - February 05 at 04:24 PM

JF

“ *Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Alexander Wallace.*



Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick and Family - February 05 at 03:48 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Porgy is bringing football plays he learned as QB at Second Ward back to the neighborhood to teach us youngster their system. He organized us, coached us, worked us and arrange sandlot games for us against teams from Cherry and Brooklyn. He recognized my talents early on and always encourage me and others to play the game the right way. I would not have had the successes in my life had it not been for people in our community like Porgy. So many memories I'm indebted to you, my brother. Rest in Peace*

Jimmie Kirkpatrick - February 05 at 03:21 PM

JK

“ *It is difficult to express the feelings and joy that of having had Porgy in my life. He was a mentor, a friend and a big brother. He cared deeply for his community, family and friends. A proud Griertown man. You will not be forgotten by those that loved and respected you. RIP my brother.*

JLK

Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick - February 05 at 03:07 PM

LJ

“ Love, Portia, Shelby, Seth and Shelby J purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George Alexander Wallace.



Love, Portia, Shelby, Seth and Shelby J - February 04 at 09:55 PM

NL

“ My deepest condolences to the Perry-Wallace family. I know George lived a full life and is now at peace with the Most High. May his memory continue to be a blessing.



Nikki Lilly - February 04 at 10:19 AM

JL

“ To the family of George "Porgie" Wallace: Sorry for your loss. Porgie was a true friend to the Second Ward and West Charlotte guys and girls. He and Gene Grier were very close to all the people in Charlotte. Family we will be praying for you. John W. Love, Sr., John W. Love, Jr. (Buddy), Jewel C. Love, Mannie Robert Love, Jr. (Junior), West Charlotte Class 1962, West Charlotte National Alumni, Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club, Par Busters Golf Group. John Love, Charlotte, NC.

John Love - February 03 at 07:46 PM

MG

Sorry for your loss God Blessings

Mattie Grigg - February 04 at 02:12 PM

VS

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Wallace family. Porgie will definitely be missed.

Veronica Sturdivant - February 03 at 05:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Alexander Wallace.



February 03 at 04:55 PM

SC

“ Sonny, EileenCrawford, Linda, Greg Coles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Alexander Wallace.

Sonny, EileenCrawford, Linda, Greg Coles - February 03 at 04:55 PM

LB

“ My Condolences to the family of George Wallace rest in peace a great man.



Lonny Belton - February 03 at 12:55 PM

BH

“ My Sincere Condolences to the Wallace Family 💕💕

Bettye Hunter - February 03 at 12:20 PM

SW

“ We are praying for the family during this time!
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Sookie & Ty White - February 03 at 09:54 AM

AD

“ My condolences to the Wallace-Price family in this season of loss. My prayers are lifted for your comfort and peace as George joins his loved ones in heaven. He will be missed however his legacy will live ! Much love to you all 🙏🙏🙏❤️



Antoinette Garvin Dixon - February 03 at 08:44 AM

CW

My condolences to the family

Carolyn Wofford - February 04 at 09:34 PM

JM

“ Sincere condolences to the families of George Porgie"Wallace.He is already miss8 in Grier Town. He was a Go Getter who got things done considering He was the MAYOR of Grier Heights
Take your Heavenly rest you lived a well and productive life.
With deepest sympathy
The Young and Mccollie families



Julia Young Mccollie - February 02 at 08:32 PM

DO

“ Doris lit a candle in memory of George Wallace



Doris - February 02 at 04:09 PM

GS

“ Continue prayers 🙏 for the Wallace Family. Another angel taken from our community to be with our Heavenly Father.



georgia styles - February 02 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ My condolences to the Price family. A soldier well lived. We all grew up in Grier Heights like a family. We took care of each other. Gone and will be missed. Rest in Peace. Continue praying for the family.



georgia styles - February 02 at 02:25 PM