



## Wilch Havard Caldwell Jr.

July 27, 1948 - June 2, 2026

Wilch Havard Caldwell, Jr, a devoted family man, respected public servant, faithful church leader, and proud Charlotte native, peacefully departed this life on June 2, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of service, faith, and love. Born on July 27, 1948, in Charlotte, North Carolina, Wilch was the son of the late Pastor Emeritus Reverend Wilch H. Caldwell, Sr. and Moease Williams Caldwell. In addition to his parents, Wilch was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Geoge Evans Caldwell. He was raised in the Fairview Homes and Oaklawn Park communities, where he developed lifelong friendships and a deep appreciation for family and community. Wilch attended West Charlotte High School, graduating with the Class of 1966. He furthered his education by earning an Associate Degree from Central Piedmont Community College. In November 1967, he answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army, from which he was honorably discharged in January 1971. Following his military service, Wilch dedicated his career to serving the citizens of Charlotte. He worked for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools before embarking on a distinguished career with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, where he faithfully served working various departments (Patrol, Vice, and Fugitive Task Force) for over 30 years before retiring. Never one to remain idle, Wilch continued working after retirement with Coca-Cola, where he also later retired.

A proud West Charlotte High School alumnus, Wilch remained connected to his classmates and community throughout his life. He enjoyed fellowship with

friends as a member of The West Charlotte/Second Ward Breakfast Club and West Charlotte High School National Alumni Association. He was also an active member of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #9, and a member of the Grier Heights Lodge 752 PHA. Above all, Wilch was a man of faith. He served faithfully as a Deacon and Trustee at Faith Memorial Baptist Church, where he was known for his servant leadership, unwavering commitment to God, and dedication to his church family. Wilch enjoyed life's simple pleasures and was known for his love of West Charlotte High School, the Washington Redskins/Commanders, golf, Cadillac automobiles, and his Family. His warm smile, wisdom, sense of humor, and generous spirit touched countless lives. He leaves to cherish his memory special sister, Wilhelmena Burton (Charlotte, NC); loving sister, Gisle Bryant (John) (Aiken, SC); sons, Jeffrey Caldwell, Markis Lockhart, Wilch (Chris) H. Caldwell III, Jerron Caldwell, and Jason Caldwell (All of Charlotte, NC); Uncles, Anthony Williams (Carolyn) (Columbia, SC), Moise Williams (Joyce), Ellore, SC); cousins, Sarah Garnette (Pittsburgh, PA), Elizabeth (Jean) Jones (Charlotte, NC), Ann Mason (Boyd) (Charlotte, NC), Dororthy "Dot" Mitchell (Charlotte, NC), Jerry Caldwell (Leila) (Newberry, SC), Pat Caldwell, Chris Dentson (Sarah) (Huntsville, AL), Nicole Dentson (Hinesville, GA), Rev. Michael Strong (New York); seven beloved grandchildren, Aliyah Caldwell, Christopher Caldwell, Nevaeh Caldwell, Madison McCray, Aiden McCray, Kennedy Caldwell, and Jaxston Caldwell; along with a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, church family, friends, and loved ones who will forever treasure his memory. Wilch's life was a testament to service, integrity, faith, and love. His legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. "His Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." – Matthew 25:23 (KJV)

Lovingly submitted by the Caldwell Family

# Cemetery Details

## York Memorial Park Cemetery

5150 S. Tyron Street  
Charlotte, NC

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Faith Memorial Baptist Church  
211 Lakewood Avenue  
Charlotte, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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