



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, George 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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Faith Memorial Baptist Church
211 Lakewood Ave
Charlotte, NC 28208-3143
(704) 392-2361

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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211 Lakewood Avenue
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Tribute Wall

VD

“ Veronica Davis lit a candle in memory of Wilch Caldwell



Veronica Davis - June 15 at 07:07 PM

HF

“ Wilch was a good friend and Brother Police Officer. Wilch had a great sense of humor and always exhibited confidence and professionalism in his work. We worked long hours, but we always found time to eat. One of our favorites was Price's Chicken Coop and we enjoyed many meals from there. He loved his family. God Bless Wilch and all of his family!

H.F. "Bo" Frye - June 13 at 10:40 AM

BW

“ A great friend, fellow officer who I worked many tireless hours with. Wilch was so respectful to everyone and never seemed to get upset. Miss you my friend, Brian Wakeland

Brian Wakeland - June 12 at 08:49 PM

TG

“ Tim Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Wilch Caldwell



Tim Gibbs - June 12 at 01:05 PM

CB

“ We became neighbors in 2011 and got to know him through many gatherings with Mike Smith. He was a quiet strong man of ethics and faith. When stories were told his humor would put you in tears! What a beautiful smile, great sense of humor, a gentle giant of a man. May God Bless his Family❤️

Cathy Killough Brown - June 12 at 12:15 PM

CS

“ *Catrina (Tina), Sherise and Simone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilch Havard Caldwell Jr..*



Catrina (Tina), Sherise and Simone - June 12 at 11:40 AM

CS

“ *Condolences to the Caldwell family and you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are sorry for your loss.*
The Shadd Family

Connie Shadd - June 12 at 02:15 AM

DL

“ *My deepest condolences are sent to the family. Wilch, Giselle, our beloved "Tubby" and I grew up together in St.Paul Baptist Church during our childhood.*
Our parents were very close friends. I have fond memories of our times together and the Christian foundation built for us. May memories of Wilch Jr. comfort you. I am praying that God give you peace as He walks with you in the days to come.

Deborah Bell Lipscomb

Deborah Bell Lipscomb - June 11 at 10:37 PM

VW

“ Victor & Casena Wright lit a candle in memory of Wilch Caldwell



Victor & Casena Wright - June 11 at 10:06 PM

TK

“ The Bennett's- Nyron and Kaniche purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilch Havard Caldwell Jr..



The Bennett's- Nyron and Kaniche - June 11 at 05:43 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Wilch. I was incredibly lucky to live next door to him for 12 years, and I can truly say he was the best person and neighbor anyone could ever ask for. He was so dear to me, and I playfully started calling him 'Wiltzy'—a nickname that always brought a smile to his face. I adored and respected him greatly. I miss him terribly, but I hold onto the beautiful hope of seeing him again in heaven someday.”

Tess Woods

Tess Woods - June 10 at 04:53 PM

CW

“ AS the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routines, may you continue to feel all the comfort and love of family and friends.

Cynthia Williams - June 10 at 04:13 PM

AP

“ Anna & Shelbe Perryman lit a candle in memory of Wilch Caldwell



Anna & Shelbe Perryman - June 10 at 04:07 PM

MN

“ May your hearts, soon be filled with wonderful memories, of joyful times together, as you celebrate a life well lived.

Moses and Sandra Nivens - June 10 at 04:03 PM

CW

“ Cynthia Williams lit a candle in memory of Wilch Caldwell



Cynthia Williams - June 10 at 03:58 PM

MN

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TF

“ Sorry to learn about Wilch passing away, my thoughts and prayers are with his family. I attended the Charlotte Police Academy with Wilch in 1973, he was an outstanding officer and friend.

Tom Frye - June 10 at 01:43 PM