



Willie Mechell Wheeler

July 20, 1958 - June 19, 2026

With heavy hearts and deep gratitude for a life so beautifully lived, we celebrate the life and legacy of Willie Mechell Wheeler, who peacefully departed this life on June 19, 2026, at the age of 67. Willie was born on July 20, 1958, to the late Shirley and Roger Wheeler, whose love, faith, and values helped shape the remarkable woman she would become. She was educated in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, proudly graduating from Olympic High School before continuing her education at Rutledge College in Charlotte. More than any title she ever held, Willie was a devoted wife, loving mother, faithful servant of God, loyal sister, treasured aunt, trusted friend, and the heart of her family. For 35 years, she shared an unbreakable bond with her beloved husband, Terry Stanley, whose love for her never wavered. Through every joy and every challenge, Terry remained faithfully by her side a true reflection of the deep love they shared. Nothing mattered more to Willie than her family. Being "Mommy" was the role she treasured most. She loved her children with every part of who she was and spent her life making sure they felt protected, encouraged, and deeply loved. She celebrated their victories, stood beside them through every challenge, and never let them question whose side she was on. She was their biggest supporter, their fiercest defender, and a constant source of strength. She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Kenyatta Clark (Roderick), Terrence Stanley, and Montrez Wheeler (Tanika), who were the greatest blessings of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Clarence T. "Chip" Brown. She also leaves to cherish her

memory her husband of 35 years, Terry Stanley, siblings, William R. Wheeler, Edward E. Wheeler, Novella Wheeler, and William M. Mills; her nephew, Tamarius Wheeler; her nieces, Jessica Worth (Lamont) , Rashonda Wilson(Eric) , Shatina Wheeler, and Dawnta Kee; five great-nieces, two great-nephews; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, cherished friends, and countless others whose lives were made better simply because they knew her. Willie dedicated her life to Christ at an early age as a member of The United House of Prayer for All People, where she served on the Queens Board. Her faith was not something she simply professed it was how she lived. Even during her greatest health battles, she never stopped believing in God's promises. Her words remained constant: "The good Lord got me, and I'm going to be okay." That unwavering faith became a source of strength and inspiration for everyone around her. Professionally, Willie worked as a Line Cook, but cooking was much more than her occupation, it was one of the many ways she showed love. Whether preparing a weekday meal or a Sunday family dinner, she cooked from the heart. In true Willie fashion, she would prepare a full meal for Sunday dinner even when everyone else was bringing dishes to share. No one ever left her table hungry, and everyone left feeling loved. Willie found joy in life's simple blessings. She loved planting flowers, spending mornings at the farmers market, collecting pigs, watching Law & Order: SVU, taking a well-earned nap, and making cherished memories on mother-daughter trips. She enjoyed being outside, laughing until her stomach hurt, and simply being with the people she loved. Her family lovingly remembers her as "the rule maker" the one with "the Look" that could stop you in your tracks without saying a word. She was confident, determined, and always spoke her mind. She loved fiercely while teaching the importance of accountability, respect, and boundaries. She was always thinking ahead, planning, and making sure her family had everything they needed. One of the greatest examples of her selfless love was the unwavering care she gave to her parents. Willie never hesitated to put family first, even walking away from jobs that would not allow her to be present when

she was needed most. To her, family wasn't simply important, it was everything. Willie had a rare gift of making people feel seen, valued, and loved. She welcomed everyone with warmth, kindness, and authenticity. Many considered her their closest friend because she listened without judgment, encouraged without hesitation, celebrated others wholeheartedly, and loved without conditions. She had a beautiful way of making every person she met feel like family. In her final days, her family lovingly gave her the name "Wonder Woman." It was a title she earned. She fought every challenge with extraordinary courage, remarkable strength, and unwavering determination. Even when her body grew weary, her faith never did. She never stopped believing that God was with her, and through her resilience, she showed her family what true courage looks like. Although our hearts ache in her absence, we find comfort in knowing that the love Willie gave so freely continues to live on in all of us. We hear her in our laughter, see her in our family gatherings, remember her in every Sunday dinner, and carry her wisdom with us every day. Her life reminds us that true greatness is found not in wealth or recognition, but in the love we give, the sacrifices we make, and the lives we touch. Willie's legacy is one of unwavering faith, unconditional love, quiet strength, fierce devotion, and extraordinary grace. She leaves behind a family forever shaped by her example and countless memories that will be treasured for generations to come.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Until we meet again, we will carry your love in our hearts forever.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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