

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF



ELDER MICHAEL B. WILDER
MARCH 9, 1961 - JULY 2, 2023

OBITUARY

MICHAEL

BERNARD

WILDER

Michael Bernard Wilder was born to Robert and Katherine Wilder on March 9, 1961 in Chicago, Illinois. Both of his parents preceded him in death.

He was an adventurous child and teen who enjoyed spending time with his family and cousins while assisting his parents in their family owned grocery store. He attended Horace Mann Elementary School, Lindblom High School, and went on to serve in the U.S. Army. After completing his army enlistment he met the love of his life and wife, Priscilla. Through this union he became a member of the Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church where he received his salvation. There he wasted no time becoming a valuable and dedicated servant leader in which he became the chairman of the deacon board and a church trustee.

Michael worked at Ryan Warranty Services, Inc., as a mechanical repair claims adjuster until his completion of the electrician apprenticeship program. He went on to become a journeyman electrician of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134, from where he retired from. He was always finding ways to continue his education and obtained a Bachelor's of Arts from Chicago State University. Michael always proclaimed, "I am going to remain a professional student".

During his evangelistic road map he continued by way of outreach ministry, and became a member of the Monument of Faith Evangelistic Church. He served as deacon, mentor of the Big Brother Mentorship Program, and Vice President of the men's ministry. He also honorably stood alongside Apostle R.D. Henton, serving as his driver and assisting the pastor in any needed capacity.

Michael did not stop finding ways to continually do kingdom work. Even with fulfilling his designated roles, he was ordained as an Elder at the Sure Word of Life Church. There he served as chief financial officer, deacon, sound engineer, and all other duties as needed to assist ministerial progress and function, while standing alongside his wife as the Pastor.

Michael was a man who was versed in being able to establish and maintain many meaningful and significant connections. He was, "The People's Champ". He is known for his Christ-like gentleness, exceptional gestures of kindness, and words of distinct humor.

Everywhere he went he made people laugh. His humor was one that was definitely unique and brought a smile to the faces of everyone he conversed with. Michael was definitely a man of honor and strength. He's affectionately known as, "The Miracle Man", having faced many health obstacles and receiving a heart transplant on Wednesday, May 26, 2006, just 12 days of being listed on the transplant registry. His family was granted more valuable years of his presence and his very essence will forever be cherished and undeniably, indescribably missed.

Michael departed this life to, "Walk with the King", on July 2, 2023. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Priscilla of over 42 years; 5 children, Meya (Jason Porter), LaQuita (Godwin Zowonoo), Miesha, Marketta, and Marshall; 11 grandchildren, Malik, Makhi, Jason Jr, Samuel, Julian, Leah, Jeya, Asher, Zola, Jora, and (unborn) Michalea; Goddaughters; A cousin raised as his brother, Gerald Hayward; His mother in love, Zora Young; His sisters in love Caroline, Robbie, and Erika; Nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews; a host of cousins, and an immeasurable amount of extended family, church family, and friends.

Michael M & P Priscilla

The Love Of A Lifetime

42 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

In Loving Memory Of A Very Special Husband

When God was making husbands
as far as I can see,
He made a special soulmate
especially for me.

He made a perfect gentleman,
compassionate and kind,
With more love and affection
than you could ever wish to find.

He gave my darling husband
a heart of solid gold,
only my heart can hold,
He was someone I could talk to
that no one can replace,
He was someone I could laugh with
till tears ran down my face.

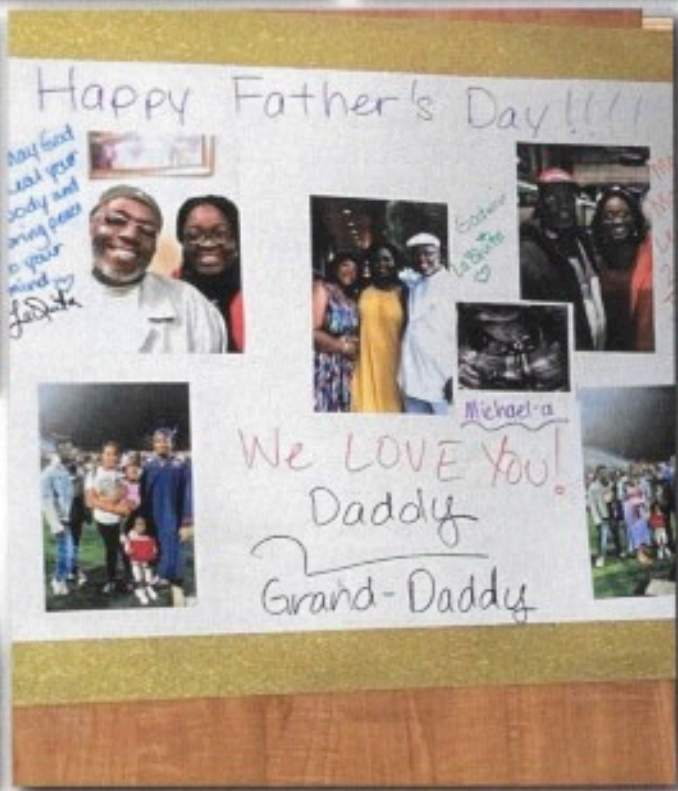
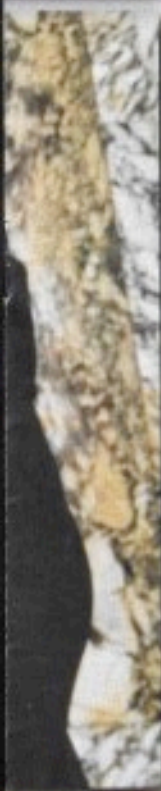
Next time we meet
will be at Heaven's door,
When I see you standing there
I won't cry anymore.

I will put my arms around you
and kiss your smiling face,
Then the pieces of my broken heart
will fall back into place.

Miss You So Much







Special Tributes

We couldn't have asked for a better grandfather. You've always been there for us no matter what it is that we've needed. You've been a great role model to me and Malik, and have

Set the precedent for the kind of men we one day hope to become. I know that you'll be looking down at us, helping us and guiding us down the right path, as we step into our adulthood I will remember all the lessons you've taught us over the years and we will continue to make you proud. You have been the greatest father figure we could have asked for.

-Malik, 20 & Makhi, 17

Your company, your resilience, and your wisdom have continued to be a stark and paramount catalyst to not only the welfare and prosperity of your family connected by blood, but also your family connected by Christ.

I have heard tales of miracles at their finest, whenever I would hear your name, whether it be on the phone, at family gatherings, or even from yourself. Regardless of how many people your sheer recognition and camaraderie have touched and changed, we will continue to celebrate your name and legacy with fierce conviction and tenacity.

-Jason Jr, 15

Grandad, Our love and thoughts for you will remain eternal, even when we pass on and are soaring high with you in heaven. I will cherish the beautiful moments I had with you, from being at everyone's birthdays, parties, and holiday events. I know you'll be looking down on us from heaven watching out for us, and we'll be up there to be by your side someday. I miss and love you grandad.

-Samuel, 13 & Asher, 6

Grandfather, you're so amazing you found a way to emphasize the grand within one of your many amazing titles. The way you would always greet us multiplies the love for you in my heart, as I reminisce of past memories. You will never leave us and our prayers, even beyond the days of our arrival to the golden gates of heaven.

-Julian, 13

Granddad, I hope that I can live up to the example of love, strength, and integrity that you set for all of us. While you're no longer here to say that you're proud of me, I carry your strength and love in my heart. The kindest compliment I hope to hear someday is that you would be proud of me.

-Leah, 13

I'm going to miss you calling me, "Granddaddy", and saying, "Hey, Granddaddy!", everytime we saw each other or talked on the phone. It made me laugh and smile. I love you Granddaddy and wish you could just come back.

-Jeya, 6

Now Daddy, you know you owe me a dance. I was really looking forward to it and had even picked out the pair of shoes for one of the best tangos I'd ever done. Seeing you in Heaven to get that dance is too far away and a very long time from now. So, I'll do the next best thing for my peace. We'll dance in my dreams.

Love, Your Own, Meya

Daddy, thank you for loving me before I knew what love was!

Love, LaQuita

You loved me before I knew what love was.

Love, Marketta

My Dear Brother In-Love

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you, the day God took you home. If tears could build a stairway, and heartaches make a lane, we'd walk our way to heaven, and bring you back again. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one could EVER fill. **Your Dear Sister-In love CB-**

Order Of Service

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Wake: 10:00 am - Service: 11:00 am
Monument Of Faith Evangelistic Church
2750 West Columbus Ave - Chicago, IL
Apostle Mark A. Henton, Officiant

PROCESSIONAL
FAMILY OF ELDER MICHAEL WILDER

MASTER OF CEREMONY
DEACON CHARLES HEDGSPETH

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT (1 COR. 15:51-58) DEACON JOSEPH BRICE
NEW TESTAMENT (PSALMS 1) ELDER STANLEY BUFORD

PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION
SISTER MARLITA THOMAS

FAMILY TRIBUTES AND REMARKS

RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
ELDER JUANITA ROBERTS

READING OF OBITUARY
ELDER ROBBIN WILLIAMS

WORDS OF COMFORT
PASTOR ERIC THOMAS

MUSICAL SELECTIONS
GREATER HARVEST MB CHURCH CHOIR

EULOGY
APOSTLE MARK A. HENTON

PARTING VIEW
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL

