



John E Wiley

September 30, 1956 - March 4, 2018

On September 30, 1956, Louvenia and Sammie Lee Wiley, Sr., were blessed with their third baby boy, firstborn in a hospital, John E. Wiley.

One of six children: Boo, Jr., Minnie, BarBara, and Kenny, John stood out from the very beginning. Instead of working alongside his older brothers and father in the field, he choose to stay close to the skirt tails of his mother and grandmother, Pauline, to establish the beginnings of his great wisdom and talents.

School records show that John was a graduate of Sumter High School Class of 1974, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Duke University in 1978, Cum Laude, and attended Princeton University, where he studied Dentistry. We can be sure that John exceeded all benchmarks schools ever provided. As a scholar, he started a legacy that could not be beat by his younger successors. There are stories often told of how younger siblings, nieces, and nephews were questioned in class..., "You are related to THE John Wiley??!" His knowledge was never hidden. If you didn't know, you asked John.

After his studies at Princeton and completing some travels abroad, John returned to his home community of Sumter and was employed by the Sumter, Richland and Lee Counties Special Needs and Disability Boards. His compassion and natural ability to connect with others really began to shine.

He was a dedicated member of High Hills A.M.E. Church, where he served in numerous capacities. They included, but were not limited to the following: Church School Teacher, Christian Education Director, 100 Men In Black Program Coordinator, Black History Month Program Coordinator, and the first Friendship Choir director and organizer. He also served on the Trustee Board, and was a Class Leader, member of the Steward Board, Pastor's Steward, Sons of Allen, Building and Steering Committee, and various church choirs.

Beyond the walls of his church, John served as the Lancaster District Church School Superintendent, several years as Delegate to the District Conference, and Columbia Conference Church School Presenter. Within the Columbia Annual Conference, he served as a Delegate and Alternate to the Annual Conference, and a member of the Christian Education, Family Life, and Church School Committee. He also established the Postell Award for the Lancaster District.

John took his final rest on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at his home in Sumter, SC. He joins his father and brother, James Ervin Wiley (Boo) in heaven.

Survivors include, his mother, Louvenia R. Wiley; brothers: Paul (Althea) Baldwin, Atlanta, GA, Sammie Lee , Jr. (Cynthia) Wiley , Chesterfield, VA and Kenneth (De'Shaune) Wiley, Charleston, SC ; sisters: Minnie R. Wiley and Barbara (Chris) Blanding all of Sumter, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Ervin Wiley.

John will leave a void in anyone's life he has come in contact with, but we take comfort in knowing that he is resting peacefully in God's arms.

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Previous Events

Homegoing Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

High Hills AME Church
6780 Meeting House Road
Dalzell, SC 29040

Tribute Wall



“ *John E Wiley*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I just read in the Duke University magazine of John's death. We were not only classmates at Duke but we were from the same hometown, although I attended St. Jude and he, Sumter High. We spent several years together singing in the Modern Black Mass Choir at Duke. He was a fun and loving guy. My condolences to the family. Sorry this is so late.*
Beatrice Jones Nealy

Beatrice Nealy - June 28, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John E Wiley.*



March 09, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E Wiley.*



March 08, 2018 at 04:29 PM

MW

“ *The Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach Ministries would like to take this time to extend our most heartfelt sympathies to you. We can hardly imagine the depth of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sincerely,

Elder Willie M. Richardson Jr., Associate Pastor

Melissa Weeks-Richardson, Pastor



Melissa Weeks-Richardson - March 08, 2018 at 03:56 PM

KS

On behalf of my Family. Thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John E Wiley.*



March 08, 2018 at 12:54 PM

CW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I would always see him at Florence Civic Center when the Northeast Conference would be there. Praying for comfort for the family.*



Claudia Wells - March 08, 2018 at 10:56 AM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 11, 2018 at 02:04 PM

VG

“ *To my loving family, words cannot express how my heart aches for the loss of my beloved cousin John. I truly wish I could be there physically. I send my love and prayers to comfort you all during this most difficult time.*

*Love,
Virginia Gathers & Family,
Mt. Vernon, NY*



Virginia Gathers - March 08, 2018 at 10:56 AM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:48 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of John E Wiley.*



March 08, 2018 at 05:51 AM



“ *Latonia Williams lit a candle in memory of John E Wiley*



Latonia Williams - March 07, 2018 at 11:09 PM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 11, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John E Wiley.*



March 07, 2018 at 11:06 PM

VC

“ *Valeria Taylor Mt. Sinai AME Church lit a candle in memory of John E Wiley*



Valeria Taylor Mt. Sinai AME church - March 07, 2018 at 07:58 PM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 11, 2018 at 02:03 PM

AC

“ Jesus said to her, " I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe?" Jn 11:25-26 It is with a heavy heart that we the Adams Chapel AME Church family and Rev. Valarie A. Walker extend our heartfelt condolences to the Wiley Family. You are in our prayers!

Adams Chapel AME Church - March 07, 2018 at 03:06 PM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:50 AM

AC

“ Adams Chapel AME Church lit a candle in memory of John E Wiley



Adams Chapel AME Church - March 07, 2018 at 02:57 PM

AC

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Adams Chapel AME Church - March 07, 2018 at 03:01 PM

MJ

“ Where do I begin I really miss you so much words can't explain how I feel right now. You will always have a place in my heart. Working under you have been such a great privilege for these last three years. You have touch so many lives you always stood for what u believed in and made sure your staff was taken care of. Even though my heart is heavy I know you're at peace and not in pain no more take your rest and sleep on until we meet again!!!



Marion Jennings - March 07, 2018 at 09:07 AM

BJ

Rest easy John, you will be missed by many lives that you touched. I have always remember you fondly. My deepest sympathy goes to John's family and friends. He will be greatly missed. - Brantley Jenkinson

Brantley Jenkinson - March 08, 2018 at 03:50 PM

KS

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Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:51 AM

MM

“ John was one of those coworkers you could never forget. I shall miss his wit and his great mind. Good night my friend, see you in the morning.

Melissia E. Miller - March 07, 2018 at 02:37 AM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:52 AM

TJ

“ I worked with John at Richland/Lexington DSN Board. I found him to be a wonderful coworker and I will miss him. RIP John Wiley!



Toni Jones - March 06, 2018 at 07:15 PM

KS

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your words, thoughts, and prayers. Ken Wiley Sr.

Ken Wiley Sr. - March 10, 2018 at 04:52 AM