

ORDER OF SERVICE



Pastor Tara Wilcox-Woody, Presiding

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Selection.....Minister Calvin Wilcox, Jr. and Friends

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament.....Rev. Henry Josey

New Testament.....Pastor Eddie Harmon

Prayer Of Comfort.....Pastor Christian King

Reflections.....Limit to 3 minutes please

Deacon David Adams

Mr. Bobby Johnson

Selection.....Minister Calvin Wilcox, Jr. and Friends

Special Tribute By The GrandkidsMrs. Michelle Boyd

Silent Reading of Obituary

Solo.....Minister Calvin Wilcox, Jr.

Words Of Comfort.....Bishop Dr. H. L. McRoy

Evergreen Freewill Baptist Church

Words Of Expression.....Pastor Tara Wilcox-Woody

Mr. Watson Fluellen

Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Honorary Pallbearers

RICKEY MINCEY
GARY MCRAE
COBY MITCHELL

TERRANCE BENNETT
KERRY MCKEVER
OCTAVIA BENNETT

Active Pallbearers

NEPHEWS
GREAT NEPHEWS

Floral Attendants

NIECES
GREAT NIECES



*A*CKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for your prayers, visits, calls, and every act of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Your love and support have brought comfort and strength to our hearts. May God richly bless each of you.

~The family of the late Charles "Coach" Wilcox

Interment

HILL MEMORIAL GARDEN
U.S. 221 NORTH HIGHWAY
HAZLEHURST, GA

Repast

MT. CALVARY MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
27 GIRTMAN STREET
HAZLEHURST, GA

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



"COACH" CHARLES WILCOX



Gifted to Us:

Oct. 13, 1934

Returned to God:

May 20, 2026

May 30, 2026 | 12:00 pm

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
27 Girtman Street | Hazlehurst, GA 31539
Christian King, Pastor



Final Arrangements and Obituary Design
Entrusted to Thornton's Funeral Home
26 N. Miller St., Hazlehurst, GA 31539
www.thorntonsfuneralhome.com



THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF



Charles Wilcox was born on October 13, 1934, to Reverend Dewey Wilcox Sr. and Mother Sudie Burney Wilcox. One of nine children, he was raised, supported, and nurtured in a loving Christian home.

In his early youth, he attended Antioch C.M.E. Church. Later, he joined Evergreen Freewill Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon. Never a sanctimonious person, Charles lived a principled life — not by merely talking about it, but by being about it.

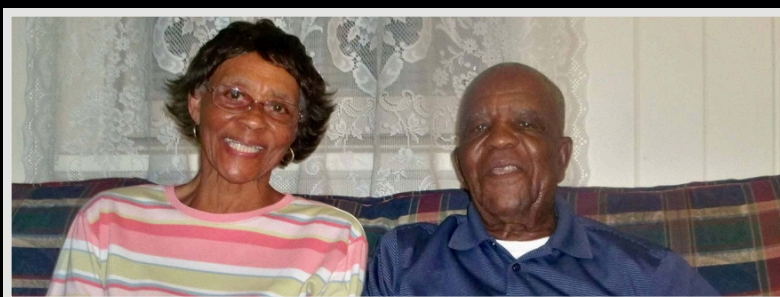
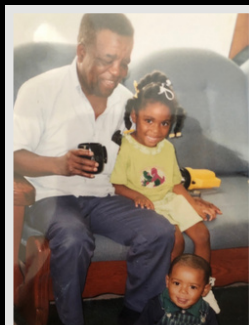
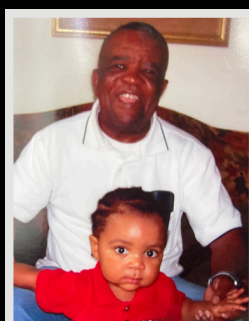
Charles was a friendly and congenial person, a loyal friend, and an engaging companion. Educated in the public schools of Jeff Davis County during the era of strict segregation, he enjoyed learning, entertaining his classmates, and playing sports.

He later joined the United States Army and served at several duty stations.

After receiving an honorable discharge, Charles returned to Hazlehurst, where he reconnected with his classmate, Mildred Hill. Following a whirlwind courtship, they were married by his father, Reverend Dewey Wilcox Sr. To this union, one daughter was born, Sonya Juliette “Julie” Wilcox.

Never one to sit idle, Charles was employed by Ero Industries, Cook and Company, Alco Industries, and the Jeff Davis Board of Education. He also served as an insurance agent for Liberty Life Insurance Company, helping many families prepare for and successfully navigate the stress and strain of providing a respectful close to the lives of their loved ones. His exceptional ability to sell policies earned him the distinction of Agent of the Year and a trip for two to London, England.

During the 1960s, Charles organized recreational activities for the youth in his community. Each summer, he planned and carried out trips to see the Atlanta Braves. He umpired countless baseball and softball games and refereed innumerable basketball games. Later, his daughter Julie would serve as the scorekeeper. After integration, Charles continued his involvement with the recreation department. He made sure spectators always knew what calls he was making, and attending a game officiated by Charles Wilcox was entertainment in itself.



MR. CHARLES "COACH" WILCOX



After retirement, Charles enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves, whether on television or at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium and Turner Field. He and Mildred also enjoyed visiting their daughter and her family. A devoted grandfather, Charles delighted in providing childcare, even when it meant leaving his home on Mildred Street to visit them in various locations.

Charles loved gadgets, inventions, and the latest in modern technology. While others were just becoming comfortable with television, he and Mildred already had a color TV. While others held tightly to landline phones, Charles had moved on to a cell phone. And while many were hesitant about technology, he owned a desktop computer and maintained social media accounts.

A noted raconteur, Charles could spend hours reminiscing about his childhood, the games he officiated, the people he encountered, and the good times he shared. He was always glad to see family and friends and could always be counted on to share a smile and a hearty laugh.

One of his most cherished honors was serving as the Grand Marshal of the Hazlehurst Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in 2023.

While at home, surrounded by loving family and caregivers, Charles departed this earthly realm and transitioned to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Hill Wilcox; his daughter, Sonya Juliette Wilcox Fluellen; his parents, Reverend Dewey Wilcox Sr. and Mother Sudie Wilcox; his sisters, Marie Williams, Ethel Troublefield, and Josephine Bennett; and his brothers, Robert Wilcox, Dewey Wilcox Jr., Douglas Wilcox, Clifford Wilcox, and Harold Wilcox.

Charles leaves to cherish his precious memories three grandchildren: Michelle Fluellen (Kaelan) Boyd, Watson Fluellen III, and Bryan Charles Fluellen; his son-in-law, Watson Fluellen II; two great-grandsons, Kristian Boyd and Micah Boyd; his devoted niece and caregiver, Janice (Albert) Rumph; his devoted nephew and caregiver, Calvin Wilcox Sr.; two brothers-in-law, John (Mary) Hill and Glenwood (Betty) Hill; two sisters-in-law, Helen W. Hill and Phyllis Hill; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors, friends, and loved ones.

