



Alfred Wells

July 3, 1949 - July 27, 2019

Our dearly beloved brother and friend, Alfred Lee Wells transitioned from earth to heaven, on Saturday, July 27, 2019. One of God's favored servants, he loved God, this church, and its members. Each of us had a special, loving relationship with him, and he made each friend feel special. Alfred was born on July 3, 1949, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He was the only child born to Doris Wells. He was reared by his aunt, our beloved Jennie V. Hedgepeth and his uncle, her husband, Simon Hedgepeth in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was nurtured in a Christian home and accepted Christ as his Savior over sixty years ago. He joined Third Baptist Church on February 7, 1960, and was baptized at the age of ten by the late Rev. C. H. Jordan. Alfred joyfully served in several ministries in the church including the Andrews Brothers, The A. B. Mason Missionaries, Feeding the Hungry, the Sanctuary Choir, the Third Baptist Chorus, The Male Chorus and in his youth, he sang in the Youth Choir. Alfred attended every service during the week, every event, and spent times most days at Third Baptist Church. His life was fully dedicated to serving God and His people. He was faithful in his service to God and His people. Over thirty years ago, when Alfred needed a little job, Janice Allen and Maggie Blackwell put him to work in the church office. His payment was lunch and a soda. Not only was he faithful, but he was always on time. He spent his last day on earth serving others at the Feeding the Hungry Ministry, and stopping in the church office to deliver a meal. Alfred made himself available to whomever needed help especially at Third Baptist

Church. Alfred loved nice clothes and had no problem seeking compliments especially when he had on new shoes or a new suit. He was stylish and always well-dressed. Sometimes he would change his clothes two or three times per day. Alfred will be remembered for his love of music. He was so dedicated to the choir, that he would often be seen walking with his choir folder and his robe in hand. He was well known throughout midtown Portsmouth. He spent a lot of time walking throughout the neighborhood saying hello to anybody and everybody along the way. If you offered him a ride, he would probably refuse it. He could even be seen waiving at passing cars as people who knew him honked their horns to say hello to him. It was almost as if he was an "angel that walked amongst us. He was our "gentle hero" and "a legend" in the City of Portsmouth. He could walk the streets any time of day or night without incident. He was covered, he was protected, and he was highly favored. He was loved by a multitude of people. If you were out of line, he'd set you straight and point that finger. He cruised through life as if he didn't have a care in the world. After the passing of his dear aunt Jennie Hedgepeth in April, 2005, Maggie Blackwell and William Blackwell became his guardians with family and friends to assist when needed. To Janice, he was always "my Alfred," and to Wanjuri he was her "special friend." We all mourn this great loss today for we are all his family.

Cemetery Details

Carver Memorial Cemetery

2320 East Washington Street
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Wake Service

AUG 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Church Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Third Baptist Church
461 Godwin St
Portsmouth, VA 23704
(757) 393-9312

Tribute Wall

RW


“ My Forever Friend💕 We miss you Alfred Lee 😭...Rest Easy Buddy 🕊️ your ride has come to take you to your final resting place 🙏 We Truly Love you 😊 A Pillar Of TBC 💜xoxoxo God Rest Your Soul

Renee Wicks - August 03, 2019 at 08:50 PM

CW

“ Alfred Lee you were a faithful servant. Rest your journey here is complete. Cynthia Lewis Williams

Cynthia Lewis Williams - August 02, 2019 at 11:50 PM

 Tracy Minggia-Lee

“ Mr. Alfred..was always one of my 1st church memories..Always singing and loving the Lord..He will dearly be missed

Tracy Minggia-Lee - August 02, 2019 at 05:43 PM

ZR

“ Alfred Lee was a friend to many people. He was always happy to share a smile with everyone or he would say "Hey Buddy" when greeting. I remember looking out of the window at work watching Alfred walking down High Street and waving to people on the way to Third Baptist for any activity. He was on a mission. He will be greatly missed. May God strengthen Maggie and the TBC Family.
Zeler Raspberry

Zeler Raspberry - August 02, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 02, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ See you later "Friend".

Brenda S Miller - August 02, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ Alfred was the most dedicated member at Third Baptist Church. He was a soldier for Christ Jesus. This IS Sad News but i know he is in Heaven. I know the whole church would agree.

lynn - August 02, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ I will miss you Alfred Lee. You were a kind soul who was always pleasant. Rest in eternal peace. Forever in all our hearts.

Deborah Richards - August 01, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *My friend will be missed*



Wendy Riddick - July 31, 2019 at 01:13 PM

LE

“ *Alfred was a big part of Third Baptist from Missionaries to the choir to Baptist Training Union to Sunday School to every single church trip, including the ones out of town! He will be missed.*

Leigh - July 30, 2019 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Leigh M. Burton, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Alfred Wells*



Leigh M. Burton, Sr. - July 30, 2019 at 08:49 PM