



Willie Lee Snead Jr

December 12, 1946 - February 26, 2025

On February 26, 2025, our beloved Willie Lee Snead Jr., affectionately known as “Kookie”, was called by his Master and to accept his heavenly reward.

“Kookie” was born on December 12, 1946, in Wilmington, NC to the late Willie Luster Snead and Mary Everette Snead. He relocated to Newport News, VA in his younger years where he grew up and received his education. He was a 1965 graduate of Huntington High School.

Shortly after high school, he met the love of his life Ruby Baker and the two would marry, and remained married for 58 years. Through their union they had five children: Lonnie (Arnissa) of White Plains, MD; David (Veronica) of Virginia Beach, VA; Kodel of Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, Amanda (Derrick) of Portsmouth, VA; Alyson of Virginia Beach, VA. Memories will forever be in the hearts of his two sisters: Ann Turner of Fort Washington, MD; and Judy Jacobs (Thomas) of Fredericksburg, VA; his Brother in Laws and Sister in Laws: George Baker, Isiaah Baker (Carolyn), Miles Baker (Jean), Ella Baker; his 16 grandchildren; his 4 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandson Andre Snead, and brother Michael Snead.

He was ordained as a Deacon in 1995 at Grove Baptist Church (now Grove Church) and was a faithful member until his health issues affected his ability to

attend.

“Kookie’s” career expanded throughout several companies: Planters, Buck Office Supply, Joyce Office Supply, all in Suffolk, Corporate Express in Norfolk before being ventured off into entrepreneurship selling top quality menswear. He was well known for his suits, ties, and hat combos, and would be quick to give someone a free suit, tie or shirt!

In his later years you could find him in front of the TV enjoying his favorite snack popcorn watching his favorite programs: Game Show Network, Court TV, Tubi, TruTv, and listening to Jazz, 70s, and 80s R&B on YouTube. He dedicated his weekends to being a full-time Pop-Pop: enjoying the company of his grandkids and great-grandkids every chance he got.

“Kookie” enjoyed the game of pool and had a sense of humor like no other; he would make you laugh, each time you were in his presence you would leave with a heart full of love and laughter.” Kookie” will be truly missed by many.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 W Norfolk Rd
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-4149

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Lee Snead Jr



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 19, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ To the family: Prayers and thoughts are with each of you. May God comfort and keep you as only He can.

William and Deborah Mapp - March 07, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 05, 2025 at 10:37 PM

NE

“ NeeNee purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Willie Lee Snead Jr.



NeeNee - March 05, 2025 at 09:29 PM

LM

“ Love, Cherita and Maurice purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Willie Lee Snead Jr.



Love, Cherita and Maurice - March 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LL

“ Love, Neecee, Max, and Lucien planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Lee Snead Jr.

Love, Neecee, Max, and Lucien - March 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

LL

“ Love, Neecee, Max, and Lucien purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willie Lee Snead Jr.



Love, Neecee, Max, and Lucien - March 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

CM

“ To the family of Deacon Willie Snead, the remembrance of your love one will always be etched in my heart. ❤️. Deacon Snead was truly that light bulb that he taught about in Sunday school. His light shined bright and he was truly a man of God. He will be missed. My condolences go out to the family. May God's peace be with you all as you weather this difficult period. Sending love.



Cheryl McAllister - March 03, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SB

“ Deacon Snead this candle is lit in your memory and in honor of the true "Servant-leader" you were at Grove Church. Always dressed in your gentlemen's attire and can't forget how you helped so many others with their Sunday's Best. Rest In Heavenly peace...



Shirlene Bailey - March 03, 2025 at 02:21 PM

SR

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Snead family. Dea. Snead will surely be missed.

Sharon Riddick

Sharon Riddick - March 03, 2025 at 11:01 AM

IR

I remembered Deacon Snead as an inspiring Sunday School at Grove Baptist Church. He was always eager to share God's word with the students.

Inez Loney Randolph - March 04, 2025 at 03:57 PM

PJ

Paulette and Lonnie Johnson

My condolences to the Snead family on the lost of their love one. 🙏🙏

Paulette Johnson - March 07, 2025 at 01:04 PM

PJ

May God give you strength to endure in this difficult time love you.

Paulette Johnson - March 07, 2025 at 01:05 PM

RB

Deacon Snead was an awesome man of God who served God's people with honor and integrity. He was what you call a true servant leader. He will be missed greatly. Ruby I am praying for you and your family. Be encouraged knowing that Willie finished his task well. I am praying for you and your family. Be encouraged in the Lord my sister. Love you.

Rev. Dr. Gwen Beale

Rev. Dr. Gwen Beale - March 08, 2025 at 03:29 PM

LP

“ We will always remember your gracious smiles and friendly handshakes/hugs. Take your rest my brother as you're now “seated in God's Heavenly position”. Amen

Larry & Gail Porter - March 03, 2025 at 10:35 AM

EL

“ Condolences to the family.



Esther W Lassiter - March 01, 2025 at 08:43 PM

AC

“ Deacon Snead was a very good and I will truly miss him. He was one of the first people that I became friends with when I joined Grove. I will always love how he embrace my husband and I. Rest in Paradise my friend. ❤️
🙏😊



Anita Colley - March 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

BT

I remember Deacon Snead when I came to Grove he was very friendly and always encouraged me. How can I not mention what a sharp dresser he was. I thank God for the time we shared together. RIP Deacon.

Bryant Thomas - March 05, 2025 at 07:45 PM

CB

“ Sending prayers for Sister Ruby and the Snead family. Deacon Snead will truly be missed at GBC. He was good guy and always fun to be around.

Get your rest faithful servant of God!!

Cheryl & Fred Bellamy - March 01, 2025 at 07:29 PM

GB

“ Condolences to the family of Willie Snead "Kookie" from Bettie Best-Brown & Geraldine Best.

Geraldine Best - March 01, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LW

“ *Lillian Wilson-Joyner(Manley) lit a candle in memory of Willie Snead*



Lillian Wilson-Joyner(Manley) - February 28, 2025 at 08:03 PM

ER

My condolences to the family. My prayers will be with you during this time. Remembering good family times with Cookie. R.I.P. Rabbit

Evelyn Reed - March 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BT

Deacon Ruby and family please know that my wife and I will continue to keep you in our heart and prayers.

Bryant Thomas - March 03, 2025 at 03:01 PM