



## Mr. Wilbert Fryar

September 2, 1933 - October 28, 2018

Deacon Wilbert Fryar, the son of the late Reverend William and Beulah Cox Fryar, was born September 2, 1933 and departed this life on Sunday, October 28, 2018 after a lengthy illness. He was the third sibling of six brothers and one sister.

Deacon Fryar received his education in the Sampson County Public School system in Clinton, N.C. He later moved to Durham, N.C. and married the late Josanne Peacock. To this union three children were born-Marsha, Regina and Tim and received his stepson, Dwight.

Deacon Fryar was a very hard-working man and believed in having several jobs at one time. He was employed by IBM and after working for 30 years, he retired in 1991. He also worked for many years at Golden Belt, Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, and Durham City School System. In addition to being employed, Deacon Fryar took pride in his entrepreneurship abilities as a lawn care professional, and a moving company owner. In addition, he was an avid fisherman and game hunter and took great joy in his catch!

Deacon Fryar became a member of the Oak Grove Free United American Freewill Baptist Church nearly 60 years ago and previously served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board and was considered as the Senior Deacon, previous President of the Oak Male Chorus, a member of The Melody Chorus, the Senior Choir, and a faithful member of the Sunday School. He also served on the Senior Usher Board for many years. Deacon Fryar drove the church van picking up church members that needed assistance getting to and from church. He was a part of the Yoke Fellows Prison Ministry and enjoyed sharing the news of Jesus Christ to many incarcerated brothers. One of Deacon Fryar's greatest joys was singing and he didn't mind joining in with others to make harmony. He was well known for passionately leading the church in song, "Search Me Lord!" In his earlier years, he began his singing ministry as a young member of the quartet group, "The Heavenly Five." Additional musical participation includes the Henderson Grove Male Chorus and the 100 Men in Black Chorus. He was also a member of Dorcas Masonic Lodge No. 460 for many years.

Later in his life he married Barbara Marable Jay and they were together for over 15 years. In this union, he received a stepdaughter, Jamette.

Deacon Fryar loved his family, his church, and most of all, he loved the Lord! He believed in living and talking about the Word of God. One of his favorite scriptures was, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of Life." ( Revelation 2:10b) He understood the importance of faith and consistent prayer where he lead his family faithfully in the home. Deacon Fryar was very proud of his family and considered each one of them as being special to him. His smile was one to capture everyone in the room, as he loved to laugh and "poke fun". He will be greatly missed, but we rejoice that he will now receive his crown of life.

Deacon Fryar is preceded in death by his parents Rev. William & Beulah Fryar, four brothers, Ezekiel, Willie, Etha, and Nathaniel Fryar and one grandson, Timothy L. Fryar II.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his wife, Mrs. Barbara M. Fryar; daughters, Marsha F. Thompson (Ronnie) and H. Regina Gathers (Sheldon); step-daughter, Jamette Bruton; sons, Timothy L. Fryar (Khyalynn) and Dwight Peacock (Vickie); goddaughter, Janet Squires (Calvin); sister, Irene Fryar Best; brother, William Fryar, Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Rose Fryar and Joyce Fryar; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

A musical celebration to celebrate the life of Deacon Wilbert Fryar took place on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, 801 Colfax Street, Durham, North Carolina, 27701, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services took place on Monday, November 5, 2018, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, 801 Colfax Street, Durham, North Carolina, 27701, beginning at 1:00 p.m., with a family visitation one hour prior to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 596-8102

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
801 Colfax St  
Durham, NC 27701

## Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
801 Colfax St  
Durham, NC 27701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wilbert Fryar*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Deacon Fryar, Please know that we express our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Our prayers are for your comfort and healing during this season of your life. We pray for a safe trip home.*

*Lovingly,  
Robert and Juanita Parks  
Largo MD*

**Robert Parks** - November 05, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *I will far ever mis my (brother/cousin we were very close,after relocating from NY to Cary ,he was dear to me .we could always call on one another,Wilbert rest in the bussom of the almighty .gone in body but you will be with us in spirit an never never forgotten*

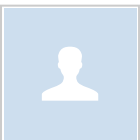
**maryFrances** - November 04, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ *Rose Peacock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



**Rose Peacock** - November 04, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert Fryar.*



November 03, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert Fryar.*



November 03, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbert Fryar.*



November 02, 2018 at 10:42 PM

CT

“ *Wilbert, a man that I loved and admired. I will never forget the time He took to visit my mother every day when she was in the hospital. He was one of a kind.*  
*Cheryl Turner*

**Cheryl Turner** - November 02, 2018 at 07:08 PM

JB

“ *James P. Barfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



**James P. Barfield** - November 02, 2018 at 07:05 PM

RP

“ *Robert & Verenda Pitts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



**Robert & Verenda Pitts** - November 02, 2018 at 01:51 PM

RC

“ *Rev. Arthela Ramey & The Mt. Zion AME Zion Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Wilbert Fryar.*



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**Rev. Arthela Ramey & The Mt. Zion AME Zion Church** - November 02, 2018 at 09:34 AM

VP

“ *Vickie K. Peacock ,Wesley A. Jones,and James D. Peacock Jr. Lit A Candle 11-02-18*



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**Vickie K. Peacock** - November 02, 2018 at 05:17 AM

ET

“ *Cousin Wilbert was a very loving and caring man. I remember how cousin Wilbert would make me laugh at his jokes, how he loved to sing and would sing a song to the drop of a hat. Such a gentle spirit with a big heart. I will miss him*  
*Evelyn Turner*

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**Evelyn Turner** - November 01, 2018 at 06:57 PM

AW

“ *Annette Whitlock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



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**Annette Whitlock** - November 01, 2018 at 03:07 PM

FN

“ *Frederick D. Nelson & Hazel P Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



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**Frederick D. Nelson & Hazel P Nelson** - November 01, 2018 at 05:01 AM

FN

“ Fred & Hazel P Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar



Fred & Hazel P Nelson - November 01, 2018 at 04:00 AM

AL

“ Alma Lea lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar



Alma Lea - November 01, 2018 at 01:53 AM

AL

My love and prayers are with all of you! 🙏🙏

Alma Lea - November 01, 2018 at 12:54 AM

JB

To the Fryar Family: You have our deepest sympathy from JP Barfield & Family

James P. Barfield - November 02, 2018 at 07:03 PM

BC

“ Bishop Kelvin Chesson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar



Bishop Kelvin Chesson - October 31, 2018 at 09:45 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Patricia Simmons & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar



Mrs. Patricia Simmons & Family - October 31, 2018 at 06:51 PM

SF

“ *Sister Annie Ree Chestnutt & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



Sister Annie Ree Chestnutt & Family - October 31, 2018 at 08:31 AM

EF

“ *Elder Deborah Peterson & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Wilbert Fryar*



Elder Deborah Peterson & Family - October 31, 2018 at 08:28 AM

MH

*TO MY COUSINS;MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS TIME. LOVE YOU ALL. MAXINE REGGIE OLA NIKITA SHAUN AND MORGAN HOLLEY.*

MAXINE HOLLEY - November 02, 2018 at 08:23 PM

VH

*Earth has no sorry that Heaven cannot heal. Condolences from the Hannah-Murphy Family, Val, Jimmie, Shakel, Dalton, Erica and Shawna.*

Valeria Hannah - November 05, 2018 at 07:31 AM