



## Wendell E May

July 8, 1949 - December 6, 2024

### Life's Legacy

Wendell Emory May was born on July 8, 1949, in Galveston, Texas, to Alonza and Helen May. Wendell graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1967 and continued his education at North Texas before proudly serving his country in the United States Army.

Wendell had a fulfilling and varied career, working with Union Carbide, Moody Gardens, and the Port of Texas City, from which he eventually retired. He built a strong foundation in the Baptist church at a young age, being baptized at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church guided by Reverend Dr. D. N. Benford Sr. He later united and became a devoted member of Greater Barbour's Chapel Baptist Church, currently under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth L. Cotton. Wendell faithfully served in multiple capacities, including as a member of the Usher Board, Sunday School, Brotherhood, and as a dedicated Trustee.

Beyond his church involvement, Wendell was a pillar in his community. He was especially passionate about youth sports, spending over 29 years coaching little league football and baseball.

Affectionately known as "Daddy," Wendell departed this earthly life to be with the Lord on Friday, December 6, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving

wife and daughters. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alonza and Helen May, as well as his godsons, Kwasi Cockrell and Jordan “JRoc” Holmes.

Wendell leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He is survived by his devoted wife, Carolyn May; his children, Tracy May (Tracy), Shawna Archie, and Ashley Dickerson (Jamaiel); his grandchildren, Brooklyn Archie and Ashton Howard; and his great-grandchildren, Jamari Dickerson, Jaidyn Dickerson, Zuri Ali Dickerson, Zaya Dickerson, and Zaide Dickerson, whom Wendell lovingly called “The King.” He is also survived by his beloved sister, Alonzetta May, along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 9:00 AM (CT)

Greater Barbour's Chapel Baptist Church  
7420 FM 1765  
Texas City, TX 77591

## Celebration of Life

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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7420 FM 1765  
Texas City, TX 77591

## Burial

DEC 14. 12:30 PM (CT)

Forest Park East Cemetery  
21620 Gulf Freeway  
Webster, TX 77598

# Tribute Wall



“ Norris D Burkley Professional Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendell E May



Norris D Burkley Professional Services - December 11, 2024 at 12:30 AM

MB

“ Sorry I couldn't be there, but my heart goes out to my classmates family and friends.

Mattie Brown - December 14, 2024 at 12:47 PM

UR

“ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

*Carolyn our prayers are with you and the family. May the Lord provide you strength, peace, and comfort during this time.*

*Albert Jr., and Faye Urps*

Urps - December 13, 2024 at 02:14 PM



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**Arthur Ford** - December 12, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MB

*Classmates and friends forever* 🤍🤍🤍

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**Mattie Brown** - December 14, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beyond his friendships, Wendell cherished his family deeply. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and his love for his family was evident in all that he did. His stories of joy, lessons of strength, and unwavering support will remain with us forever.*

*As I mourn the loss of such a remarkable person, we also celebrate the beautiful life he led. May we honor him by carrying forward the kindness, love, and integrity he embodied every day.*

*Wendell, you will be missed more than words can express, but your memory will live on in my hearts forever. Rest in peace, dear friend.*

*The White Coats/5*

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**Arthur Ford** - December 12, 2024 at 01:34 PM

BC

“ Wendell, I will miss hearing from you on special occasions or just checking in to see how everyone is doing. I don't know how I just became Bruton to you, but I didn't mind. Carolyn stay strong in the lord. You and the rest of the family have my heartfelt condolences. Love Barbara



**BARBARA CARRAWAY** - December 10, 2024 at 11:50 AM

EW

Wendell you were such a kind person. Remember the days well at Rising Star when your dad was a deacon. You have a loving family and they all adore and love you. Pat and I will really miss you and will of course pray for Carolyn and the fam.

Evelyn Williams  
Pat Burke

**Evelyn William** - December 10, 2024 at 09:51 PM

KS

Praying that God will give and your family peace and strength through these difficult times. Katherine Simon

**Katherine Simon** - December 11, 2024 at 05:59 PM

WH

Wendell gonna miss you , we go back to when we met at Union Carbide and you were the only black person in Galveston county that had a Corvett. I thought you were a rock star. The we continued to the times that we coached with the Mainland Express, All of the children loved and respected you. It has been my pleasure to know a person such as you. I pray for your family and i know how they loved you. I know where you are now, tell everyone Im heaven hello. FAMILY you're in my prayers

**Willie Holmes** - December 13, 2024 at 11:28 AM