



Josephine T. Wheeler

October 26, 1947 - February 5, 2026

Josephine Tannehill Wheeler, born on October 26, 1947, in Austin, Texas, to the late William Tannehill and Ella Mae Atkinson, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 5th, surrounded by her loving family. She spent her entire life in Austin, where she was raised, built her career, nurtured her family, and touched countless lives.

Josephine accepted Christ early in life and was a devoted member of Sweet Home – The Pinnacle of Praise, where she lovingly served in the children’s ministry until her health declined. Her love for children was evident in every aspect of her life.

She dedicated more than 20 years to the American Cancer Society before retiring and pursuing her passion in early childhood development. Josephine earned her Childcare Director’s Certification and continued caring for children with patience, compassion, and joy.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, completing seek and find puzzles, and watching her favorite classic television shows—Matlock; Murder, She Wrote, and Columbo.

Josephine’s legacy is built on love. She became “Mama” and “Grandma” to many beyond her biological family, touching lives wherever she went. Her faith, selflessness, kindness, and giving heart were unmatched. While going through her belongings, her family found an award given to her by her granddaughter Tia in the third grade, a small token that perfectly captured how deeply she was admired and how beautifully she lived.

Josephine was, above all else, selfless. She would stop everything to help anyone in need, never expecting anything in return. Her life was a testament to her faith, generosity, humility, and boundless love.

She was also preceded in death by Lee Allen Wheeler Jr.; sisters Martha Marie Jackson and Johnnie Mae Reed along with brothers David “Buddy” Lake and Eugene Lake.

Josephine leaves to cherish her memory:

- Three children – Tina Marie Wheeler, Leonard Charles Wheeler, and Jacqueline Louise Johnson (Rodney)
- Four grandchildren – Tia Nashay Calhoun, Jabari Amal Prewitt, Shanay Marie Hardeman, and David Lee Vernon Hardeman
- Two great grandchildren – Ge’Liah Renee Wilson and Raeyla Dior Skye Hall
- And a host of other loving relatives, family, and friends.

Her legacy of faith, kindness, wisdom, generosity and unwavering love will be profoundly missed, forever treasured and always live in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Cemetery

1300 SAM BASS
Round Rock, TX 78664

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

A Life Celebration by Franklin – Austin
16912 N. IH 35
Austin, TX 78728
(512) 365-6000

Celebration Service

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sweet Home - The Pinnacle of Praise
3200 Sunrise Road
Round Rock, TX 78665
(512) 823-2888
<http://www.sweethomebaptistchurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



February 24 at 11:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.

February 24 at 11:00 PM



“ *To the family: You have our deepest condolences regarding the loss of your love one. She was a beautiful person. May God continue to bless and strengthen your family in the days to come.*
Deacon and Sister Hayes



Wanda K. Hayes - February 21 at 05:27 AM



“ *To The Family of Josephine and Those Who Loved Her:
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help,
My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth Psalm
121:1-2
Keep the faith, Keep praying, Josephine will be missed*

Marilyn Reed-Bridges - February 20 at 03:42 PM

VB

“Always in our hearts,” “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal,” and “Until we meet again”. Deacon Douglas and Vickie Reed



Vickie Bledsoe-Reed - February 20 at 07:40 AM

TF

“The Reed and Bridges Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



The Reed and Bridges Family - February 19 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“Sending my deepest condolences and love. Ms. Josephine will truly be missed. So honored to have met her, she was a joy to be around. I will miss doing her hair and spending time with her. May God bless her family & friends. Always in our thoughts and prayers.



Love always,
Sierra Johnson & family

Sierra Johnson - February 18 at 09:17 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



February 18 at 05:54 PM



“ Carmen and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



Carmen and Family - February 18 at 03:54 PM



“ Nadra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.

Nadra S. - February 17 at 11:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.

February 17 at 12:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



February 17 at 12:36 PM



“ *Donna K Walker lit a candle in memory of Josephine T. Wheeler*



Donna K Walker - February 17 at 11:47 AM



“ *Mr. Larvin Jefferson, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Josephine T. Wheeler*



Mr. Larvin Jefferson, Sr. - February 16 at 10:05 PM



“ *Darla D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.*

Darla D. - February 16 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.

February 16 at 10:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



February 16 at 10:04 AM



“ Aunt Johnetta, Thomas & Niandrea purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



Aunt Johnetta, Thomas & Niandrea - February 16 at 12:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.

February 15 at 12:20 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.



February 15 at 12:20 AM



“ *Andrea Rose lit a candle in memory of Josephine T. Wheeler*



Andrea Rose - February 14 at 08:04 PM

TD

“ *Tara Dicken purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



Tara Dicken - February 13 at 08:21 PM

RC

“ *Ridney and Gina Crain purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



Ridney and Gina Crain - February 13 at 12:26 AM

CS

“ *To the family you have my deepest sympathy I am praying for you sorry for your loss.*

Cassandra Scroggins - February 12 at 10:01 PM

JJ

“ *The best God mother ever!*”



Jan Jackson - February 12 at 05:21 PM

AM

“ *Amelia Moore purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*”



Amelia Moore - February 12 at 04:40 PM

CJ

“ *Charlotte Jones purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*”



Charlotte Jones - February 12 at 02:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.*”

February 12 at 02:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



February 12 at 02:46 PM



“ *In memory of my friend Josephine T.Wheeler. Tina ,Leonard, Tia and Jabaril am praying that the Lord will continue to comfort you as you go through this time of sorrow. Jesus loves each of you with an Everlasting love as did your Mother and grandmother. Keeping you in my prayers, Charlotte Stephenson Jones*

Charlotte Jones - February 12 at 02:14 PM



“ *Isaiah 40:31
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”*

Virginia Ross * Ms. V - February 12 at 01:45 PM



“ *Virginia Ross * Ms. V lit a candle in memory of Josephine T. Wheeler*



Virginia Ross * Ms. V - February 12 at 01:28 PM

DP

“ *Dr. D.E. Piper (cousin Pytor) lit a candle in memory of Josephine T. Wheeler*



Dr. D.E. Piper (cousin Pytor) - February 12 at 01:06 PM

DP

“ *Cousin Jo I'm going to miss you.
We've shared so many fond memories.
You were always soft spoken but direct.
You were always the same each and every time.
A true friend and loved one.
Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.
You're irreplaceable; there will never be another you.
We've laughed and cried together and I wouldn't trade the memories that I'll cherish for anything in this world.
Although you're gone too soon you'll never be forgotten.
Mother and I are so much the better for having you in our lives.
Im lighting a candle in your memory.
The soothing fragrance is a reminder of your love. 🥰💕
This isn't goodbye it's can't wait to see you again on the other side.*

Dr. D.E. Piper (cousin Pytor) - February 12 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ *The Flores Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Josephine T. Wheeler.*



The Flores Family - February 12 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ *The Flores Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine T. Wheeler.*

The Flores Family - February 12 at 01:04 PM