



Woodrow Wilson Washington

December 21, 1947 - March 10, 2025

Livestream Link for Woodrow Washington Funeral Service

<https://vimeo.com/event/4998851>

Woodrow Wilson Washington, affectionately known as “Woody,” was born on December 21, 1947, in Austin, Texas, to Isiah and Mary Frances Washington. From the very beginning, Woody’s life was one of purpose, love, and service—a journey that has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who knew him. As a young man, Woody came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, professing his faith at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the guidance of the late Rev. S.A. Davis. It was there, in the embrace of faith, that Woody’s love for music and ministry began to flourish—a love that would continue to grow throughout his life.

After graduating from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1966, Woody’s path led him to further his education at Austin Community College (ACC), where he earned an Associates of Arts Degree on May 14, 1977. But long before graduating from ACC, Woody’s sense of duty and devotion to his country led him to enlist in the United States Air Force. Woodrow entered military service with the United States Air Force on February 9, 1967, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. He served in Vung Tau, Vietnam, and completed four years of active duty before being released as a Sergeant on February 8, 1971. Woodrow honorably completed his service in the reserves, receiving an honorable discharge on February 8, 1973. As a testament to his

dedication to serving his country, in 2012, he, along with other courageous servicemen, was invited to Washington, D.C., by President Barack Obama to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, honoring the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families.

Following his military service, Woodrow chose a path that would allow him to continue serving others in a deeply personal way. He pursued a career in funeral services, dedicating his life to providing comfort and care for families in their most difficult times. He graduated from the Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service, Decatur, Georgia, on February 20, 1987. Soon after, he was licensed as an Embalmer by the Texas Funeral Service Commission in 1988, and as a Funeral Director in 1990. In every step of his professional journey, Woodrow's compassion and commitment shone through, as he worked tirelessly to help others navigate their grief with dignity.

But beyond his professional accomplishments, Woody's legacy will forever be tied to his extraordinary gift of music. He was a masterful gospel musician, whose love for the piano and organ was only surpassed by his passion for worship. Woody's music was not simply notes on a page—it was the very breath of his soul, a gift that he shared with others at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Austin, Texas), Mt. Woodrow Missionary Baptist Church (Cedar Creek, Texas), and New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (Austin, Texas). He played for countless choirs, male choruses, and youth groups, including the National Baptist Convention of America (NBCA) and the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas leaving an unforgettable imprint on each congregation he touched. His soaring high soprano voice, full of anointed power, moved anyone fortunate enough to hear it. It was not just a voice—it was a vessel for worship, a conduit through which God's love and grace flowed freely.

Woody was preceded in death by his devoted parents, Isiah and Mary Frances Washington; his brothers, Rev. Frank Washington Sr., Aaron Washington, and Roy Washington; his bonus brother, Albert L. Black; his sisters, Florine Moore and Linda Joyce Washington; and his brothers-in-law,

L.C. Williams Sr. and Leon Clark Jr.

Woodrow Wilson Washington leaves behind a lasting legacy of love, service, and music that will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew him. He is survived by his brothers, Robert L. Washington (Joyce), Arthur L. Washington (Edna), Carl Washington, Martin Washington, Clarence Washington, and Darryl Washington (Juanita); his sisters, Mary D. McClintock (Ray), Julia Williams, Earnestine Clark, and Mary L. Moore; along with 13 nephews, nine nieces, and a host of cherished family members and friends who will continue to honor his memory.

Cemetery Details

Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
9300 Decker Lane
Austin, TX 78724

Public Viewing

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2938 E 13th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall

TD

“ Terry Daniel lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Terry Daniel - October 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TD

Always a sweet and loving personality

Terry Daniel - October 06, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TT

“ I remember Mr. Woody was our youth choir director at New Hope Baptist Church under Rev. Arnold. I remember him making us rehearse them hymns over and over until we had them right! My deepest condolences to the family, may God grant you all the strength and comfort to get you through these difficult times...Sent on behalf of the Taylor and Turner families



Tonya Taylor - April 06, 2025 at 01:20 AM

DH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Douglas Hughes - March 27, 2025 at 10:34 PM

SW

“ Sharon Washington lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Sharon Washington - March 23, 2025 at 04:51 PM

TO

“ I am saddened to hear of Woodrow loss. We spent many years laughing and joking with one another while working in the funeral home business. Our sincere condolences to the family for he will be missed.
Dean and Tori Punchard



Tori Obey-Punchard - March 21, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ Mrs, Earnestine, you have my condolences, for the loss of your brother, May The Lord comfort you and your family. Jessica Young



Jessica Young - March 21, 2025 at 11:45 AM

MB

“ Will always remember our fun conversations. Julia and family you have my sincere condolences. Woody will be missed.

Minnie Brown - March 20, 2025 at 06:43 PM

MW

“ To Julia Williams and all of Woodrow’s family, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved brother. Please know, my thoughts and prayers are with you.



Melvin D White - March 20, 2025 at 05:34 PM

VW

“ Vicki Clark Merriwether & the Williams purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Woodrow Wilson Washington.



Vicki Clark Merriwether & the Williams - March 20, 2025 at 10:23 AM

VW

“ Vicki Clark Merriwether & the Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Woodrow Wilson Washington.

Vicki Clark Merriwether & the Williams - March 20, 2025 at 10:23 AM

WW

“ Walter and Shirley Washington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Woodrow Wilson Washington.



Walter and Shirley Washington - March 19, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Woodrow Wilson Washington.*



March 19, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Woodrow Wilson Washington.

March 19, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Woodrow will be truly missed! With Deepest Sympathy.*

Dr. Sabrina D. Simpson - March 18, 2025 at 11:25 PM



“ *Dellanda Harrell-Causey lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Dellanda Harrell-Causey - March 18, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl E Wade lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Cheryl E Wade - March 17, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DH

“ *Deborah Hargis lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Deborah Hargis - March 17, 2025 at 04:53 PM

MG

“ *Margie Green lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Margie Green - March 17, 2025 at 04:39 PM

BS

“ *My Condolences to the Woodrow Washington family, I first met Woody in Vietnam , spent some great times together during the war. He will missed by all !!*



Bob Strauu - March 17, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CA

“ I knew Woody, for a long time. May god continue to bless his family and those who were most important to him



Charlotte anderson - March 14, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MQ

“ I worked at King Tears with Woodrow and he was always upbeat. He had a beautiful singing voice. He also was a master in his craft, there was no one better than Woodrow. Miss Q

Miss Q - March 14, 2025 at 02:46 PM

ME

“ Mary Williams Ellison lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Mary Williams Ellison - March 14, 2025 at 11:37 AM

CB

“ Woody my homey he was choir director at new hope when I song in the choir really going to miss you that smile after every service always ask what I cook well Woody still don't cook love you this is a hard pill to swallow Wow

Cynthia D Barrs - March 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DC

My condolences to the Washington family. I have known Woodrow for many years. Woodrow and I worked together at the Texas Education Agency. Woodrow always greeted everyone with a warm smile and kind heart.

Dolores Collins - March 18, 2025 at 03:55 PM

PH

“ *Patricia Harper lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Patricia Harper - March 13, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TC

“ *Woodie as we called him a New Hope I will never forget you. I couldn't way until you start playing that piano!*

Tabatha Clinton - March 12, 2025 at 11:17 PM

NG

“ *Nelia Kerr Greene lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Nelia Kerr Greene - March 12, 2025 at 07:40 PM

CB

“ Condolences and prayers to the family of dear Woodrow Wilson Washington. who was a gentleman that touched so many live in his journey her on earth. May God bless and give you comfort in knowing that absence from the body is present with the Lord. You have gained your wings, now R.I.P. we will see you again.



Carolyn Bryant-Moore - March 12, 2025 at 01:36 AM

LS

“ Linda Stephens lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Linda Stephens - March 12, 2025 at 12:34 AM

MS

“ Minister, Hazel Scott lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Minister, Hazel Scott - March 11, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SD

“ Stevie Monroe Davis lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington



Stevie Monroe Davis - March 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM

MH

“ *Marcia Houston lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Marcia Houston - March 11, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JB

“ *Sending condolences to the Washington family. Rest In Heaven, Woodie.*



Jerrie Burns - March 11, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PJ

“ *Woodrow was an awesome person and Musician! I remember his bright smile and kindness. He is truly missed. My Prayers to the entire Washington Family*



Patt Jackson - March 11, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DB

“ *Debra Bowser-Williams lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Wilson Washington*



Debra Bowser-Williams - March 11, 2025 at 08:21 AM

AR

Woodrow was alway giving me a helping hand . The Best funeral home embalming and director.

Annie Robertson-Hardin - March 13, 2025 at 08:32 PM