



## Archie Wesley, Sr.

June 3, 1941 - October 3, 2023

On June 23, 1941, in Talladega, Alabama, Archie Leon Wesley, Sr. was the seventh child of ten children born to the union of Eugene and Annie Harmon Wesley.

From a young age, Archie embraced the importance of education and strived for excellence. He completed his formal studies at Westside High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Alabama State University and as a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Beta Zeta Chapter.

Demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning, Archie pursued a Master of Science degree from Indiana University, solidifying his position as a respected educator.

Throughout his career, Archie held various teaching positions, touching the lives of numerous students. His passion for education and his ability to connect with others had a profound impact on those he encountered. Whether teaching special education in the Gary Indiana School System or serving as the Building and Grounds Supervisor at Talladega College, Archie's dedication and leadership were widely recognized.

A dear soul who embraced education, community, and the joy of meaningful connections, Mr. Wesley found peace and joy in the farming industry and enjoyed working and providing for his family. A well-known work-a-holic, Mr.

Wesley along with retiring from the State of Alabama as a probation officer, was the owner and CEO of Wesley Car Care. Archie was also responsible for supervising hundreds of employees ensuring the beautification and grounds of the Talladega Nascar Motor Speedway were well maintained.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Archie found immeasurable joy and fulfillment in his family life when he met his college sweetheart, Shirley Wesley, and together they shared 56 beautiful blissful years of a blessed marriage. With this sacred marriage came the birth of their only child and namesake, Archie Leon Wesley, Jr. Their union was a testament to love, commitment, and shared values.

Archie's vibrant spirit and generous nature were instrumental in his involvement within the Talladega community. Known for his unwavering support and willingness to lend a helping hand, Archie was a true beacon of light. His wealth of knowledge, particularly in industrial arts, agriculture, and current events, allowed him to assist countless individuals in need.

Archie Leon Wesley Sr., a man of unwavering dedication to education and a pillar of his community, traded his earthly journey for eternal rest on October 3, 2023, at the age of 82. Preceding Archie in death were his parents, Eugene and Annie Harmon-Wesley and siblings, Selvy Wade, Natalie Nix, Eugene Wesley, and Hardin Wesley.

Archie leaves behind a legacy of strength, wisdom, and kindness to forever be remembered and cherished by his dearly devoted and loyal wife, Mrs. Shirley Wesley; his loving son and daughter-in-law, Archie Wesley, Jr. and Dr. Teresa Wesley; his beloved grandson, Archie Wesley III; siblings, Ethel Grace Hightower, Edward, Warren, Clyde, and Olan Wesley; and a host nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends whose lives he touched.

Archie Leon Wesley Sr. will forever be remembered as a true champion of education, a beloved family man, and a beacon of light within his community. May his soul find eternal peace, knowing the impact he made in the lives of those he touched.

In lieu of flowers, please make all donation to: The American Heart Association or Dementia Society of Alabama

## Cemetery Details

**Oak Hill Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Canaan Life Center  
423 Battle Street West  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Juliette Allen lit a candle in memory of Archie Wesley, Sr.*



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**juliette allen** - November 12, 2023 at 10:47 AM

LG

“ *Prayers of Peace, our condolences to the Wesley family.*



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**Lillian Gates** - October 21, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..*



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October 20, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..*



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October 20, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Beta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi - October 19, 2023 at 09:52 PM

TF

“ We extend heartfelt condolences to the Wesley family regarding the passing of Brother Archie Wesley. We pray that cherished memories will be of consolation to all who loved this valiant soul.

Anchored in Christ, 

The Brothers of The Beta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated

The BZ Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Frater - October 19, 2023 at 04:52 PM

DR

“ Our deepest condolences to the Wesley family at the passing of Archie Wesley Sr... We pray the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit over you all as you celebrate his life and legacy. Earlene, Dede and Stephanie Reid

D Reid - October 19, 2023 at 04:42 PM

DR

“ D Rei lit a candle in memory of Archie Wesley, Sr.



D Rei - October 19, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..



October 18, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..



October 18, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..



October 17, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..



October 17, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Archie Wesley, Sr..



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October 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Archie Wesley, Sr..

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October 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the Wesley Family. Mr. Wesley was truly a pillar for the Talladega community and he will be greatly missed. Lots of hugs and love for Mrs. Shirley, Archie Jr. & the entire family!



*Jannie Keith & Family*

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**Jannie Keith** - October 13, 2023 at 07:18 AM

SJ

“ I've met and known the Wesley Family for over 40 years. I was treated by the Mother and Father as i called her Mother Ann and him Highpocket like a grandson in my opinion. Met and have known all the siblings just as long. Meeting the brother Archie for the first time...I told him he reminded me of Mohammad Ali.

He was a loving husband and father and brother to his siblings, family and friends.He will truly be missed by his surviving siblings other family members and friends. To the Wesley Family my sincere heartfelf condolences in the loss of a loving husband father brother uncle and friend,.

Father God I ask in Jesus name, that you find a loving place in your HEART and in your Kingdom as you receive Archie Leon Wesley, Sr. into; your loving arms. Thank you in JESUS name...Amen..



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**Sir Purman Lockman, Jr.** - October 12, 2023 at 01:00 PM

SL

*If I'm not mistaken...his birthday was June 23, 1941*

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**Sir Purman Lockman** - October 12, 2023 at 01:06 PM

LM

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss.*

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**Lee Maddox** - October 11, 2023 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ R.I.P. Mr. Wesley 🙏💎

*Condolences to the Wesley family, loved ones and friends.*

*jm BZ '90* 💎



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**j merritt** - October 11, 2023 at 10:16 PM

KB

“ *Kathleen Barclay sent a virtual gift in memory of Archie Wesley, Sr.*



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**Kathleen Barclay** - October 11, 2023 at 09:14 AM

CJ

*Learning of Archie's passing was such a shock to me. His frequent telephone calls to me over the years always brought welcomed news to my ears. Archie, in my opinion was always kind, upbeat, and full of exciting things to talk about. I enjoyed his friendship and his fellowship. Through frequent visits to the High Pockets Cafe, the Wesley family became like home away from home to me. My best conversations at High Pockets were held with "Momma Ann" and Archie. I will miss them both. My sincerest condolences to the entire Wesley family.  
Charles "Chuck" Varner, Jr., Montgomery, Alabama.*

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**Charles Varner, Jr.** - October 21, 2023 at 10:19 AM

AH

“ Memories of cousin Archie waving, speaking and walking from Westside High by my house towards home on Gertrude St. will always be indelible memories. May the Will and Grace of God help the family endure this time of sorrow.

*Archie Harmon*

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**Archie Harmon** - October 10, 2023 at 08:55 AM

ES

“ Sending love and prayers to the Wesley family. Mr . Wesley was A very friendly and caring person. May he rest in peace.

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**Eindie Simmons** - October 09, 2023 at 09:26 PM

TJ

“ RIP Mr. Wesley



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**termaine jackson** - October 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

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“ *Ideal Townsend*  
I was so sorry to hear of Archie's death.  
God bless you & your family.

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**Idell Townsend** - October 07, 2023 at 11:26 AM

MZ

“ *My condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Archie’s family, praying that the Lord supply your every need for such unexpected timing. The Lord bless and keep you is my prayer.*



Minister Z.Moore - October 07, 2023 at 12:54 AM

GC

“ *Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin lit a candle in memory of Archie Wesley, Sr.*



Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin - October 04, 2023 at 09:26 PM

MF

“ *There was only one Archie - a hard-working, humble gentleman. So very sorry to hear of his passing. To Shirley, Little Archie and family, please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers for our Lord to grant you strength, comfort and peace.*

Mitzi and Travis Ford - October 04, 2023 at 02:45 PM

GC

*I will miss my classmate and friend. We are getting to be few in numbers. May God bless your family and give them the strength that they need at this time*  
Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin

Gwendolyn Diggs Colvin - October 04, 2023 at 09:29 PM

LS

“ *May the Lord watch over Archie's family and give them the strength as needed. You will be missed, my friend*



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**Lois Simmons** - October 03, 2023 at 10:03 PM

HM

“ *Condolences to the families of Archie Wesley. Look to the hills for your help.*

*Helen Millender*



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**Helen Millender** - October 03, 2023 at 06:46 PM