



## Willie Ray Cordell

January 5, 1950 - February 16, 2025

Willie Ray Cordell was born on January 5, 1950, in Nash County, North Carolina, to his loving parents, Willie and Odell Cordell.

Early on, Willie's parents moved their family to Rocky Mount, North Carolina where he grew up and attended Northern Nash High School after which he enlisted in the United States Army. He served his country until 1972. He also started his spiritual journey as a young man when he united with the Apostolic Faith Church in Rocky Mount. He was deeply devoted to his faith and served the Lord faithfully throughout his life.

In November 1976, Willie met his soulmate and the love of his life, Vanessa Madden. The two became one when they united in Holy Matrimony in 1977. This union was blessed with four beautiful children: Varayna Elizabeth Cordell, Christopher Cordell, Collin Ray Cordell, and Cameron Matthias Cordell. In 1978, they relocated to Vanessa's hometown, Anniston, Alabama where he had a successful career as a fireman at the Anniston Army Depot. After moving his family to Douglasville, Georgia, Willie remained employed at the Depot until he retired.

Willie, a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather, was a man of many passions. He found great joy in camping under the stars, fishing by the serene waters and nurturing his garden. His most treasured time was spent

playing with his grandchildren. A quiet man with a heart of gold, Willie was known for his infectious sense of humor and his ability to bring joy to those around him. Whether he was sharing a hearty laugh or singing his favorite song, his warmth and kindness touched the lives of many.

On Sunday, February 16, 2025, while under the care of Emory University Hospital, Willie Ray Cordell answered the Master's call and entered eternal rest. While our hearts ache due to Willie's earthly absence, we find comfort in knowing he is present with the Lord. Let us carry his laughter with us and remember the gentle man who showed us all the joy of life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Apostolic Faith Church Outreach Ministry of Carrollton, Georgia by mail or by using the link below:

Apostolic Faith Church Outreach Ministry  
1038 Kinney Lake Rd  
Carrollton, GA 30116

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?business=WBLDWAJB68TRG&no\\_recurring=1&item\\_name=APOSTOLIC+FAITH+OUTREACH+MINISTRIES&cy\\_code=USD](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?business=WBLDWAJB68TRG&no_recurring=1&item_name=APOSTOLIC+FAITH+OUTREACH+MINISTRIES&cy_code=USD)

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston  
830 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
1658 Lehman Avenue  
Anniston, AL 36201

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rashad Richardson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie Ray Cordell.*



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**Rashad Richardson** - February 21, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Ray Cordell.*



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February 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Ray Cordell.*

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February 21, 2025 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Apostolic Faith Century Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Ray Cordell.*

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**Apostolic Faith Century Church** - February 21, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Apostolic Faith Century Church purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Willie Ray Cordell.*



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**Apostolic Faith Century Church** - February 21, 2025 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Sending our condolences to family.  
From the family of Lucretia Cordell Crudup*

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**Elaine Callicutt** - February 20, 2025 at 11:54 AM

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“ *From Your Tar River Transit Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Willie Ray Cordell.*



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**From Your Tar River Transit Family** - February 20, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Ray Cordell.*



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February 19, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Ray Cordell.

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