



Wiley Travis Champion

April 23, 1963 - February 13, 2022

Wiley Travis Champion, 58 of Apex left this earth on Feb 13, 2022.

Wiley was born in Birmingham Alabama on April 23, 1963, he lived most of his life in North Carolina. He graduated from Appalachian State University in 1985. He spent many years as a display artist for Thalhimers, Macys, and other retail establishments. He was a creative artist applying his talents to everything he did, including decorating, gardening and landscaping. He was an avid pet lover of many animals including dogs, cats and a potbellied pig. His unique sense of humor was appreciated by friends and family alike.

He was preceded in death by his father Travis L Champion, and sister Tracy Champion. He is survived by his mother Anice Champion of Apex, an aunt, Cherye Abernathy of Chapel Hill, and several cousins.

There will be a graveside service at Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Cary, NC on Saturday Feb 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

6628 Good Hope Church Rd
Cary, NC 27519

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Douglas Jones - February 21, 2022 at 02:32 PM



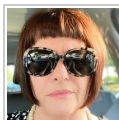
Wiley and I shared a love of the mountains and after our junior year we spent a week in the NC mountains. After our senior year, Basem Toma joined us for a week in the NC and Tennessee mountains.

Wiley was also in my wedding and there are pictures with Randy Ellis and his wife, Tammy, at the rehearsal dinner as well as with me before the wedding.

My then future wife, Judith, first met Wiley at the Galleria Mall in Hoover, Alabama. Judith and I were shopping for an engagement ring and ran into Wiley.

I was glad I was able to attend the funeral and will miss Wiley.

Douglas Jones - February 21, 2022 at 02:39 PM



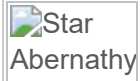
Thank you for sharing these photos. Still having a hard time believing he is not here with us anymore. I know his presence still resides in all of us that had the pleasure of crossing paths with him though.

Toni Bautista - February 12, 2023 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Went to high school with Wiley and have so many fond memories. He was so kind and so funny. He was one of a kind!! You will be missed Wiley Champion!*

Karen Kerchner - February 19, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Wiley was my father’s cousin, but he was quite a bit younger than my father, so he didn’t really feel of the generation above mine. He was so creative, funny, sassy, and he was always ready with an eyeroll when it was needed. He was one-of-a-kind for sure. There’s not another Wiley and there won’t be another. He was truly always completely 100% authentic and true to himself, which is so admirable. Most people don’t have enough courage to be different and to always stand out. Wiley made being authentic to himself seem effortless. We shared a lot of laughs at family gatherings. He will be greatly missed and I’ll cherish the memories we had. I’m glad for the time we had together.*

Star Abernathy - February 18, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ *I have known Wiley since high school. I will always remember all the laughs and the music we shared. I will always remember the first time we met because I've never met anyone else like Wiley. Nada One. Love and miss you Wiley.*

Kim Bashford Nix - February 18, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wiley Travis Champion.*



February 17, 2022 at 09:11 PM

BY

“Wiley and I worked together for several years in the visual department at AAFES in Fayetteville. He was such a creative, passionate, and unique individual who became my very dear friend. He made everything fun, and every day was an adventure with Wiley. Not a day goes by that I don't think or refer to something that I learned from him. He was a huge influence on my creative path still to this day. I loved him and will miss him terribly. RIP Wiley. 💜
Betsy

Betsy Young - February 17, 2022 at 07:42 PM

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“Apex High School Class of '81 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wiley Travis Champion.



Apex High School Class of '81 - February 17, 2022 at 07:05 PM

LA

“I've known Wiley for many years and always enjoyed conversing about art and design with him. He was extremely creative and could be very animated while describing an art project that he was involved with. He will be deeply missed by all that knew and loved him, and will live on in the hearts of those left behind. With love and sympathy, Linnie Abernathy

Linnie M. Abernathy - February 16, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wiley Travis Champion.*



February 16, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ *I met Wiley at Appalachian State at School Kids Records, as he loved music and creating art for the store. After we all relocated to the Triangle, Mrs. Champion sewed together and Wiley painted, a fabulous backdrop and designed our first 45 record cover and the inside label, which was a huge contribution to a little band from Boone. We reconnected in recent years over gardening and rescuing unwanted animals. Condolences...Wiley will truly be missed.*

Sheila Valentine - February 16, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Wiley Travis Champion.*



February 16, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Wiley has been a lifelong friend to me since college. Mrs. Champion, please know that there are so many who love Wiley and will miss him terribly. Please reach out if there's anything I can do to help you.*

Jennifer Williams - February 16, 2022 at 09:25 AM



Always remember at West Cary in shop class Wiley working hard on his Gene Simmons dragon boots. Always a fun person to be around.

Lee Hankins - February 16, 2022 at 09:40 AM



Thank you for sharing this amazing memory.

Star Abernathy - February 18, 2022 at 04:16 PM