



Wendell O Nance

January 17, 1937 - December 1, 2019

Wendell Nance

Mr. Wendell Oliver Nance, 82, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at his home at Bethany Village.

Wendell Oliver Nance was born in Elkhaville, Illinois, to Lois Bass and Harold Toney on January 17, 1937. Wendell was preceded in death by his mother Lois Bass (Robert “Bobby” Bass) and his father Rev. Harold Toney (Beatrice Hamer Toney). Beatrice Hamer Toney (step-mother) spent many hours crafting Wendell’s musical talents, during his summer visits.

Wendell graduated from Elkhaville Community High School, attended Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis and studied voice at Butler University. Wendell relocated to Indianapolis with other members of the Nance family.

Wendell married Phyllis Jo Warner on June 10, 1958 and were united for over 20 years. They have one daughter, Karen L. Coleman (Chicago, Illinois).

Wendell professed a hope in Christ and was a lifetime member of Eastside Baptist Church, where he was the musical director and pianist for many years. Wendell was in charge of some of the largest musical extravaganzas in the

city of Indianapolis. Wendell's tenor voice would sing Calvary every Easter at Eastside.

Wendell and his wife Phyllis traveled abroad to Rome, Paris, Hawaii, Spain, Switzerland, England and Brazil.

Wendell was the proud holder of an Actors Card which verified that he was a Professional Actor. He did many stage plays, performed at dinner theatres and even wrote a family play entitled "Elkville, The Other Side of the Track", along with a song "The Other Side of The Road" which was performed by family members and the reenactment of the families early years growing up in Elkville, Illinois.

Wendell leaves to cherish his memory: One daughter: Karen L. Coleman. Grand-Children: Brenden D. Robinson, Kristen J. Kelly. Great-Grand-Children: Jalen C. Byrd, Kayla M. Robinson, Jordan D. Robinson. Four beautiful sisters: Ellouise Clayvon, Deborah Nelson, Beatrice "Beda" Bailey and Diane (Jerry) Keating. Phyllis Adair-Ward. One Uncle Gilbert Nance. Nieces and Nephews: Joseph Clayvon III., Dominica Clayvon, Andrea (Kemp) Jones, Wendy (Bradley) Belleville, Rodney Ellison, Richard Nelson, Tamora Nelson, Monique Nelson (preceded in death), Portia (Herb) Heller, Rebeccah Keating, Amanda Keating, Pat Toney, Earl Toney, Charlotte Lashley. Cousins, church family, Bethany Village residents and friends. Loving Care-Givers; Kim Nance, Robin Nance, Deborah Nance-Inman.

Funeral services will be at 12 noon, Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Eastside Baptist Church with a two-hours visitation prior from 10 am - 12 noon. Wendell will be laid to rest at New Crown Cemetery.

Quincy J. Webster Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

New Crown Cemetery

2101 Churchman Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eastside Baptist Church
2845 Baltimore Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Quincy J. Webster Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Wendell O Nance



Quincy J. Webster Funeral Chapel - December 05, 2019 at 02:51 PM

DN

*"The song has ended but the melody lingers on....!"
With Eternal Love, Deborah*

Deborah Nelson - December 05, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CS

Love you. Gonna miss you.

Carl Scott - December 05, 2019 at 10:27 PM

CE

Rest in Peace, Cousin Wendell.

Celina - December 06, 2019 at 04:47 PM

CL

Rest in peace Sir.

Chris Lambert - February 15, 2025 at 08:10 AM

DS

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Darlene Sykes - December 12, 2019 at 03:34 PM

GC

“ Cousin Wendell was a loving and thoughtful cousin. My oldest 1st cousin on my Mother's side.
Gloria and Cleo Carter



Gloria and Cleo Carter - December 07, 2019 at 10:42 AM

LW

“ Leslie Williams lit a candle in memory of Wendell O Nance



Leslie Williams - December 06, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ *Yolanda Humphrey-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Wendell O Nance*



Yolanda Humphrey-Johnson - December 06, 2019 at 04:10 AM



Praying for peace & comfort.

Yolanda Humphrey-Johnson - December 06, 2019 at 04:12 AM



“ *My two best friends, you are in my prayers Elenora*

Elenora Crichlow - December 06, 2019 at 02:07 AM