



Mr. Wendell Bagwell

May 4, 1937 - January 13, 2023

Connice Wendell Bagwell

ARAB, AL – Wendell Bagwell, 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 13, 2023, at Huntsville Hospital.

Wendell was born on May 4, 1937, in Union Grove, AL to parents Leo and Simmie Parker Bagwell.

He and his wife of 56 years, Jo Ann Sanders Bagwell, were married on September 2, 1966. They shared a special love story. Their marriage produced two children who he loved with all his heart, and three grandchildren he loved deeply.

He lived a life of service, enlisting the United States Air Force; he was honorably discharged February 16, 1956. He worked in many interesting jobs before finding his true calling as a law enforcement officer. His career began with the Albertville Police Department. He became an Alabama State Trooper in 1963. “Trooper Wendell Bagwell” was how most knew him over the years. He was a proud State Trooper, and served over 25 years, retiring as Corporal in 1988. In addition to serving the community in a public safety role, he also served on the Morgan County Board of Education for 18 years. He was proud of being instrumental in the passage of a county sales tax that has greatly benefited the public schools in Morgan County over the years. He also had an inventor’s mind and held several patents. He was always coming up with unique and creative inventions and ideas.

Wendell Bagwell loved singing with the voice that God gifted him. He used his

passion for singing and music to serve in the role of Choir Director at New Canaan Baptist Church at Union Hill for many years. He sang at countless weddings and funerals and counted it a joy to be asked.

Wendell was known and loved by so many for being kind, compassionate, outgoing, and generous. He touched countless lives through the various roles and occupations he served over the years. His children know him as simply “the best Dad in the world” .His grandchildren know him as a very special “Paw Paw”. He will be greatly missed here, but his family knows he is at peace.

He is survived by his wife: JoAnn S. Bagwell, daughter and son-in-law: Connie and Vic Burke, son and daughter-in-law: Shane and Kristi Bagwell, grandchildren: Miles, Tyler, and Eva Bagwell, brother: Sim Bagwell, sisters: Marian Jensen and Joyce Bernice Collins, sister-in-law Faye Lane Weaver, and brothers-in-law Chuck Sanders and Ray Sanders.

He is also survived by several nephews and nieces of special mention: Sherry Elliott, Carol Welch, Linda Springfield, Perry Bagwell, Mary Paulin, Theresa Lacey, Patti Edmundson, Kevin Collins, Korey Collins, Me Lisa Marr, Danny Lane, Harry Lane, Doug Lane, and Shannon Honea. There are many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who were also very dear to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Theron, James, Willard, Kenneth, Edwin, Cecil, and Roger, and sisters: Louise Wilson and Juanita Metcalfe.

Pallbearers are special nephews: Dean Wilson, Tommy Bagwell, Philip Bagwell, Mike Bagwell, Gary Neighbors, and Keith Collins.

The family will receive friends and family on Friday January 20, 2023, from 10am-12pm at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, located at 1340 North Main Street Arab, Al. Funeral services will be held immediately following with Bro. Eldridge Criscoe and Pastor Greg Narrell officiating. An Alabama State Trooper Honor Guard service will be provided. Mr. Bagwell will be interred at Brookwood Cemetery.

Family Request in Lieu of flowers please make donations to Alabama State

Troopers Association or Samaritans Purse.
Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing

Cemetery Details

Brookwood Mausoleum

2059 Old Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My heart goes out for the family, I knew Wendell when I worked at Marshall Medical Center North in the cafeteria... he was a hoot and I truly enjoyed serving him and his wife. He will be missed terribly...

sharon floyd - January 19, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wendell Bagwell.



January 19, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - January 19, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“ My Condolences to the Bagwell Family. I worked with JoAnn on Redstone Arsenal. Annette Lewis

Annette Lewis - January 19, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Wendell Bagwell.*



January 18, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Wendell Bagwell.*



January 18, 2023 at 11:17 AM



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January 18, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and his co-workers, the Alabama State Troopers as you mourn the loss of your loved one. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Extending Deep Sympathy*

Gwen Bonner - January 17, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Wendell Bagwell.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers for the entire family.*

Debra Jacks



Debra Jacks - January 16, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *fond memories of as I worked with him at the Huntsville DL office in the 1960's such a joy to work with My sympathy goes out to the family*

Irene B Ingrm - January 16, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *My Uncle Wendell helped in raising me, whether he realized it or not! He helped teach me how to drive a stick-shift, balance a checkbook, and helped me ride the farm mule bareback. He had a wonderful sense of humor, too, and was always generous with his time. I will miss him greatly!*

Theresa Lacey - January 16, 2023 at 02:20 PM

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“ Have known Wendell for years. My brother, Travis Thrower, talked often of Wendell, especially when my brother was working for Liberty National Insurance in Arab. Travis always had big tells of things he and Wendell had done together. To my recalling, everyone in Arab loved Wendell Bagwell. My Sympathy and Condolences extend to all family and family members. He's been taken down a path, with God leading, we will at some point have to take. He is now resting in his Heavenly Home with family rejoicing of his coming. My Peace and Comfort be given to all family, in a way only God can do.



Carolyn Thrower, Jo ,(Thrower) Woodward

carolyn thrower - January 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM

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“ I've known Wendell many years, he and my 2 brothers were friends and done some running around together.....Lord knows what they might have gotten into..lol..He was a wonderful guy...He was a Trooper when my oldest brother passed away, used his car to block traffic at 231 in Oleander after the funeral on our way to Mt Olive Cemetery ... he never failed to speak and talk to me no matter where we saw each other.....He will be greatly missed by many..

Betty King Whisenant - January 15, 2023 at 10:19 PM