



Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr.

September 12, 1939 - January 9, 2018

Wiley O'Neal, Jr., 78, of Peoria, IL passed away at 2:17 pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, TN.

Wiley was born on September 12, 1939 in Peoria, IL to Wiley, Sr., and Magnolia (McPeace) O'Neal. He was educated within District 150 Schools. He was a 1957 graduate of Manual High School, and then went on to honorably serve our country in the US Army. Wiley married the love of his life on June 11, 1960 in Peoria.

Wiley was a foreman for Keystone Wire and Steel for over 43 years until his retirement.

Wiley leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Patricia O'Neal of Peoria; five children, Steve (Chritty) Harper of Peoria, Katrina (Darrell) Grice of Tampa, FL, Karlene (Lorenzo) Claridy of Hixson, TN, Kristy O'Neal and Kwan (LaQuasha) Hill-O'Neal; five sisters, Odessa Plumlee of Texas, Inele Ross and Gladys Ware both of Milwaukee, WI, Viola O'Neal and Shirley Spence both of Peoria; two brothers, Alvin O'Neal of Maryland and Elijah O'Neal of Milwaukee, WI; 12 grandchildren; one great granddaughter; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Calvin and Levi O'Neal and two sisters, Mary Carroll and Adele Thomas.

A two hour visitation will be held Thursday evening, January 18, 2018 from 5 pm-7 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 am on Friday, January 19, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with a

visitation beginning at 9 am. Father Hensler will officiate. Wiley will be laid to rest at Resurrection Catholic Cemetery. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Mausoleum & Cemetery

7519 North Allen Road
Peoria, IL 61615
<http://www.ccapeo.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=156>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
103 S. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Visitation

JAN 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
103 S. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Mass

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
103 S. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



Camille Harris

“ *Prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to my cousins and family during this time of sorrow. Hang on to God's unchanging hand during your most difficult times. Cherish the memories of cousin Wiley and remember that you are in our prayers.*



Camille Harris - January 25, 2018 at 08:36 PM

KO

thank you cousin!!

Kristy O'Neal - February 16, 2018 at 10:01 AM



Gayla McGhee

“ *I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. O'Neal. I had an opportunity to meet him and he was so kind. We can always remember God's love and at these times take comfort in Him when losing a loved one.....Mrs. McGhee*



Gayla McGhee - January 23, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr..*



January 18, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Francis, Margaretta and Joseph -Ineal Ross purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr..*



Francis, Margaretta and Joseph -Ineal Ross - January 18, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr..*



January 18, 2018 at 12:18 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. May he rest in heavenly peace. Continued prayers to the family to help get through this difficult time.*

The Dersch Family

Brian and Liz Dersch - January 17, 2018 at 02:25 PM

TG

“ *The James Family: Peter, Stephanie & the girls. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr..*



The James Family: Peter, Stephanie & the girls. - January 17, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ *Condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. Wiley & I went to Roosevelt together & hung out at Carver Center. I remember him as a fun loving guy.*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - January 16, 2018 at 11:11 PM

PW

“ *Condolences from Chattanooga, TN
Praying for the family*

Pat Underwood Williams - January 16, 2018 at 08:07 PM

JD

“ *Jonathan and Trici Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Wiley Lee O'Neal Jr..*



Jonathan and Trici Davis - January 16, 2018 at 05:24 PM

NS

“ worked with Wiley at Keystone 25 years, sorry for your loss. Gerald (Judd) Schwindenhammer

Nancy Schwindenhammer - January 16, 2018 at 02:20 PM

RJ

“ Wiley was a true friend. We played many basketball games both with and against. Miss you Wiley.

Russ Jones - January 16, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JD

“ Wiley O'Neal was one of my first local heroes. Wiley was one of the greatest basketball players in the history of Peoria. He was a great player, yet he always would let us young, less-talented players share the court. He always encouraged us, and tried to teach us youngsters the right way to play. Wiley was a beautiful brother. My condolences to the entire family. John Wesley Davis, Washington, D.C.

John Wesley Davis - January 16, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JK

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Wiley. He was a grade school and high school classmate and one of the nicest guys I ever knew on the south side of Peoria.

John F. Kauffman - January 15, 2018 at 05:36 PM