



Vernell Dabney Wise

March 11, 1947 - February 26, 2025

Vernell Dabney Wise was born on March 11, 1947, to the late Oather and Malcenia Dabney in King and Queen County, Virginia. She peacefully answered the Master's call on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, with family by her side.

Vernell was educated in King and Queen County Public Schools and graduated from Central High School in 1965. At an early age, Vernell was baptized at First Mt. Olive Baptist Church and later joined and became a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Hockley. In 1966, she joined in holy matrimony with the love of her life, Cornelious B. Wise, this union was blessed with one son. She was an extremely devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother. She lit up every room with her beautiful, dazzling smile, bringing warmth and comfort wherever she went.

As she dedicated many years of service to working at Leggett Department Store and Bruce Adams, her passion for fashion and style shined brightly. A true fashion queen, she always wore the latest styles, flawlessly coordinating her outfits with her nails, makeup, and headwear. Vernell's love for music and dancing was well known—even in illness, she never missed a chance to show off her dance moves when she was with family.

She will always be remembered for her unwavering love for her husband, her

deep devotion to family, and the joy she brought to those around her. She found great joy and pride in talking with her siblings, taking over the conversations of course, and eagerly awaiting the holidays when everyone would come together. She will forever remain in the heart of all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oather and Malcenia Dabney and brother, Norris Dabney.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and elegance, carried on by a dedicated husband of 58 years, Cornelious B. Wise; one son, Cornelious A. Wise (Paula); one-step daughter, Kennesha O'Neal; seven grandchildren, Maurice and Antione Broaddus, Khaila and Kyle Nelson, Letitia and Alexis O'Neal, and JaQuan Phillpott; her dear siblings, Jannie Woodson of Lebanon, PA, Arthur Dabney, Lue Jackson (Keith), Barbara Harvey, Terlyn Billups all of St. Stephens Church, VA, Clinton Dabney, Sr. (Gwen) of Tappahannock, VA; five great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Pearline Wise and Linda Edwards (Kalie); one brother-in-law, Ulyssess Wise, Sr.; host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held 1PM Friday, March 7, 2025, at First Baptist Church of Hockley, 2356 York River Rd, Shacklefords, VA 23156. A viewing will be held from 5PM-7PM Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St., West Point, VA 23181.

Cemetery Details

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOCKLEY CEMETERY

392 Hockley Lane
Shacklefords, VA 23156

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Hockley
2356 York River Rd
Shacklefords, VA 23156

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Beverly Darlington Edwards lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Beverly Darlington Edwards - March 11, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BL

“ Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Brenda Lee - March 10, 2025 at 11:40 AM

HH

“ I was fortunate to work at Leggett's a short time and met Mrs. Wise there. She was always Smiling ... Just like her picture. Prayers for Her Family and Friends,

Howard Hilton - March 07, 2025 at 07:00 PM

KJ

“ Vernell always had a kind smile and a good word. Even though I haven't seen her in a while. Remembering her smile makes me smile. My condolences, Kari Jackson.

Kari Jackson - March 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

ES

“ I have such fond childhood memories of Mrs. Wise with her working at Leggett's downtown when my mother would shop in the store. Always so kind and smiling to help those who shopped in the store.

May she soar high with angels, with condolences to Mrs. Wise's family.

Eddie R Sears - March 07, 2025 at 09:41 AM

BJ

“ Her pleasant smile and warm personality will always be remembered by everyone.

Brenda Jordan Jones - March 07, 2025 at 12:56 AM

ER

“ 🙏... Sending heartfelt condolences 🌸



Earl Redmond - March 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM

EJ

“ God bless the Wise family. I remember Vernell when she use to com over my brothers house fo cook outs She always had a beautiful smile and a very nice attitude We will missed her over here o Smithfield va. We will always know that she will be smiling down from Heaven and blessing them everyday. God bless forever Rest I Peace!!!!. From Edna and Calvin Johnson , Smithfield, Va.

Edna & Calvin Johnso - March 06, 2025 at 09:20 PM

JM

“ Joy McCloud lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Joy McCloud - March 06, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RT

“ Rosette Byrd Turner lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Rosette Byrd Turner - March 06, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Antonio Allmond lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Antonio Allmond - March 06, 2025 at 09:34 AM

TP

“ My sincere condolences to the Wise and Dabney Family. Vernell was like a 2nd mom to me. Our families have been getting together for over 40 yrs. She will be truly Missed. Sincerely Tisha Allmond Porter, your Smithfield VA family



Tisha L Porter - March 05, 2025 at 11:53 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Linda - March 05, 2025 at 06:24 PM

NB

“ *Nancy H. Bland lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Nancy H. Bland - March 05, 2025 at 12:32 PM

DG

“ *Diane Gaber lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Diane Gaber - March 04, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JR

“ *John & Victoria K. Roane lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



john & victoria K. roane - March 04, 2025 at 09:36 AM

VM

“ *Vicky Maddox lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Vicky Maddox - March 03, 2025 at 06:48 PM

KV

“ *Karen Holmes, Richmond, VA lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Karen Holmes, Richmond, VA - March 03, 2025 at 01:13 PM

BC

“ *Brenda R Clavel lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Brenda R Clavel - March 03, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Burrell lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Jeanette Burrell - March 03, 2025 at 10:34 AM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



FAITH SILVA - March 03, 2025 at 01:24 AM

RW

“ Rose Byrd Washington lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Rose Byrd Washington - March 02, 2025 at 02:33 PM

GC

“ Dear family and friends
I am so sorry for your loss.
I knew her from her days working at Leggett's
She was a beautiful lady both inside and out.
Cherish your precious memories.
Gloria Couch



Gloria Couch - March 02, 2025 at 02:19 PM

LC

“ Larry And Roxanna Clore lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise



Larry and Roxanna Clore - March 02, 2025 at 09:58 AM

AW

“ I remember fondly from our Leggett days. RIP
Abbi Price Williams



Abbi Williams - March 02, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - March 02, 2025 at 07:34 AM

AB

“ Anna Braxton lit a candle in memory of
Vernell Dabney Wise



Anna Braxton - March 02, 2025 at 07:25 AM

AB

What a sweet sweet lady, We taught side by side with the intermediate class at (FBCH,) thanks for so many laughs ! Condolences to the Families. ❤️

Anna Braxton - March 02, 2025 at 07:29 AM

BE

“ *Such a lovely person, We used to work at Leggett Dept. Store together. God Bless the family. Beverly & Jim Ross*



bev - March 01, 2025 at 09:43 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lockley lit a candle in memory of Vernell Dabney Wise*



Carolyn Lockley - March 01, 2025 at 07:38 PM