



Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr.

April 21, 2025

Wiley Moore Kidd Sr., a loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on April 21, 2025. Born in Lawrenceville, VA, he spent his formative and teenage years in the beloved Port Norfolk community of Portsmouth, VA. Wiley was the son of the late George Turnbull Kidd and Effy Estelle Johnson. He is predeceased by his wife, Carolyn Hedgepeth Kidd, daughter, Sherry Kidd Lyons, and his three brothers, George Harold Kidd, David Johnson Kidd Sr., and Lewis Baxter Kidd Sr.

A sports enthusiast, Wiley attended Wilson High School, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. In his senior year, he was voted "most popular" and "best personality." He married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Hedgepeth, and they built a home in Churchland where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were lovingly devoted to each other for 67 years. Wiley's warm, gregarious qualities served him well in his 48-year career at Empire Machinery & Supply Corporation in Norfolk, beginning in the warehouse, promoted to sales, and later appointed Company President.

His incredible love of sports continued in midlife with bowling, playing softball, tennis, and competing in regional racquetball tournaments. He was a member of the Portsmouth Sports Club and the Grid Iron Club, and served on the Board of Directors for the annual Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, which he competed in from 1956 to 1965 with the Bynum Finance team. He was an avid collector of sports memorabilia throughout his lifetime, creating a personal 'museum' of his cherished collection.

He was a longtime member of Westhaven Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and singing in the Chancel Choir. He and his wife, Carolyn, graciously hosted family gatherings, birthdays, and holiday celebrations, leaving us with many cherished memories. He loved people, valued relationships, and filled his home with humor and joy. Wiley will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

He leaves behind his son-in-law, Scott Lyons, and his beloved grandson, William Kidd Lyons, of Durham, PA, as well as his son, Wiley Moore Kidd Jr., of New York, NY.

A visitation will be held at Loving Funeral Home on Saturday, April 26th, from 4:00 – 5:30 pm (3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23703). A memorial service celebrating Wiley's life will be held at Westhaven Baptist Church, April 27th, with a visitation from 4-5 pm and a memorial service at 5 pm, followed by a reception in the social hall. (WBC, 4900 Caroline Ave, Portsmouth. VA 23707).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Westhaven Baptist Church (westhavenbaptist.com), Disability Rights Pennsylvania (disabilityrightspa.org), or Caring Kind: The Heart of Alzheimer's Caring (caringkindnyc.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Family Receiving Friends before the Service

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Westhaven Baptist Church
4900 Caroline Avenue
Portsmouth, VA

Celebration of Life Service

APR 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

Westhaven Baptist Church
4900 Caroline Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23707

The Family will receive Friends from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm prior to the service.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ All my love to Wiley Kidd Jr. in memory of his beloved dad, Wiley Sr. A donation has been made in Sr.'s honor to Caring Kind. Rest well, sir.

Betsyann Faiella - May 03, 2025 at 08:25 AM

DS

“ Diana S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..

Diana S. - April 26, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DS

“ Was so great to see you today! You are a gorgeous soul and can't imagine what you have been thru. Mom said today your mom would be so proud of you! Know you have so much going on but when you are so inclined stay in touch.
dmshocket@gmail.com 7572869560
Put me in your phone and send me yours when I'm in nyc I will be in touch !
Please know how much your family means to ours. Was way tough on dad today
Loved your dad much! What a gift your mom, Sherry!! Hang in there 🙏❤️

Diana Shocket - April 26, 2025 at 07:34 PM

DM

“ Dominie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..

Dominie M. - April 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

BM

“ Bobby and Peggy Miller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..



Bobby and Peggy Miller - April 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JF

“ *Jewell Kidd Diamond & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..*



Jewell Kidd Diamond & Family - April 24, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..*



April 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..*

April 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SS

“ *Deepest condolences from Suzy, Frederico, and the Pointed Leaf Press team.*

Suzanne Slesin - April 24, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..*



April 24, 2025 at 08:03 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr..*

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EM

“ *Ellen Mcdowell lit a candle in memory of Wiley Moore Kidd, Sr.*



Ellen Mcdowell - April 23, 2025 at 10:13 PM

EM

Uncle Wiley you were one of my favorite uncles. I will miss you, but I know you are singing in heaven with your Savior. Love you.

Ellen Mcdowell - April 23, 2025 at 10:15 PM

BK

“ *Wiley was my friend for more than a half century from our days together after the old Portsmouth YMCA to ODU football games in the past years.*

I knew him for his kind ways.

My deepest sympathy to his family for their loss.

May he rest in eternal peace.

Bernie Kirsch - April 23, 2025 at 12:26 PM

GG

“ *I offer my condolences to Wiley's extended Family and Friends at this time of great loss. May Peace be with you. I have many fond memories of Wiley from the '70s - '90s when dealing with Empire. He will be remembered for his kindness and integrity. He will rest in Peace.*

Gabbo Galbreath - April 23, 2025 at 06:22 AM

BF

My deepest condolences to Wiley Kidd, Jr. and the Kidd family and good friends.

betsyann faiella - April 23, 2025 at 08:08 AM

HM

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to Wiley Kidd, Jr., and the rest of the family. Knowing Mr. Kidd was a true pleasure!

Hunter and Carolyn Motley - April 25, 2025 at 01:23 PM