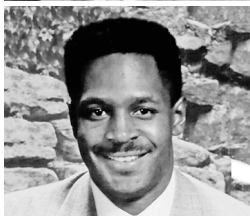
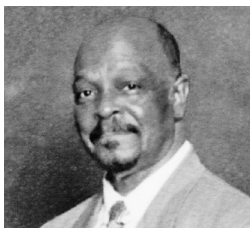


DEACON

Order of Service
for
Wilbert Lee “Dubb” Wells
and
Wilbert A. “Chip” Wells

Officiating
Dr. Gene Pritchard, Pastor



Prelude

Processional – Officiants, Family & Funeral Directors
Instrumental – *“Funny How Time Flies”*
[AS RECORDED BY Stanley Clarke]

Greeting and Opening Prayer..... Pastor Gene Pritchard

Special Music – *“Love’s in Need of Love Today”*
[AS RECORDED BY Stevie Wonder]

Scripture
OT Lesson – *Psalm 23* READ BY Sachet Wells [granddaughter & niece]
NT Lesson – *John 14:1-6* READ BY Willie Tookes [grandson & nephew]

Reflections (*limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please*)
Open to Family and Friends

Reading of their Legacies
Britney Wells-Bryant [granddaughter and daughter] and
Kirby Wilder [granddaughter and niece]

Special Music – *“Wind Beneath My Wings”*
[AS RECORDED BY Eddie and Gerald LeVert]

Words of Comfort Dr. Gene Pritchard, Pastor

Closing Prayer Dr. Gene Pritchard, Pastor

Recessional – *“Walk Around Heaven”*
[AS RECORDED BY Patti LaBelle]

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God
will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who
sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19 NLT

A Repast

Immediately following the Interment for Chip Wells, please join the Family for a Repast here in the Multi-purpose Room at GBCCF.



Urn Bearer for Deacon Wells
Dexter Wells [son]

Pall Bearers for Chip Wells
Orange County Corrections
Honor Guard

Words of Appreciation

The Family of Wilbert Lee Wells and Wilbert A. Wells wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered their prayers, support, and well wishes during our time of bereavement.

Thank you for *your* love and strength which, along with the strength of God, has helped to sustain us through our sorrow. May God continue to bless you!

Flower Attendants
Friends of the Family

Interment for Deacon Wells
A private interment will take place at
Washington Park Cemetery
at a later time.

Interment for Chip
Highland Memory Gardens
3329 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703

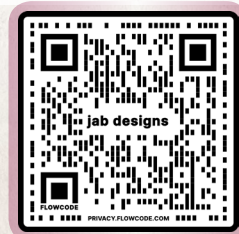
We take comfort in **1 Cor. 2:9...**
“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

– The Family

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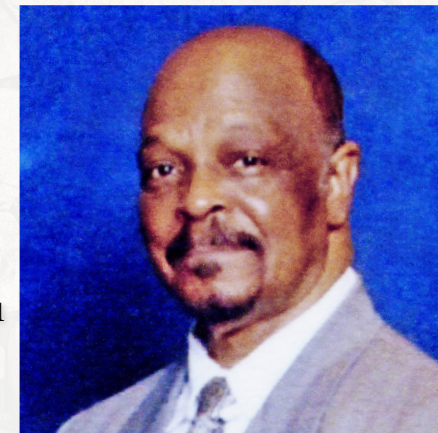
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AND THE HOMEGOING**

DEACON
WILBERT LEE “DUBB” WELLS

[FATHER]



SUNRISE
December 11
1941

SUNSET
July 20
2024

WILBERT A. “CHIP” WELLS

[SON]



SUNRISE
August 29
1959

SUNSET
July 14
2024

Saturday • August 3, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

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“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted...a time to weep, and a time to laugh: a time to mourn, and a time to dance...”

— Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2, 4

DEACON

Wilbert Lee Wells

“Dubb” (Father)

He was born **Wilbert Lee Wells** on December 11, 1941, in a house in Withlacoochee, Georgia. He never received a birth certificate because at less than 2 pounds they didn't think he was going to make it! But God! Grandpa, affectionately known as “Dubb” to his family and friends, was a very talented football player in his younger years. Proudly wearing the #19, Grandpa was often referred to as “lightning” on the football field because of his great speed.

During his high school years, he met our grandma Shirley at a high school party, and the rest as we know is history. God blessed their union with 5 kids, 16 grandkids, 27 great grands, and a 30-plus year career as a cameraman at WESH Channel 2 News. He served as a Deacon at St. John Baptist Church under Pastor Fred Maxwell, and was a dedicated husband to Grandma Shirley until death did them part in 2006.

After losing his devoted high school sweetheart, he found companionship with Ms. Bernice McCray of Chicago. Grandpa was never sick and never ill throughout his entire life, but in 2019 he experienced a bout with Covid-19 whereby he had to be put on a ventilator...but God! Grandpa recovered from Covid and returned to Florida where he spent his quiet years in the care of his one and only daughter, Auntie Ruth. Together they enjoyed going on family trips, hosting and attending countless cookouts and holiday parties. Grandpa lived.....in every moment.

He was preceded in death by his **parents** – Dewey and Rosa Wells Sr.; his lovely **bride** – Shirley Wells (2006); **sons** – Edwin A. Wells (1998), and Wilbert A. “Chip” Wells (2024); **brothers** – Ernest Wells, Eddie James, and Dewey Wells.

Left behind to cherish many precious memories of his life are: his **children** – Ruth A. (Willie) Tookes, Michael E. Wells, and Dexter T. Wells; **daughter-in-law** – Sonia Wells; **siblings** – Zackrus Walton, Faith Godwin, Rosa, Oscar Wells, Cornelius Wells, and Patrick Wells; **16 grandchildren**; **27 great grandchildren**; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws**, other relatives, and friends.

— WRITTEN BY Britney Wells-Bryant [granddaughter]



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“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with Him...wherefore comfort one another with these words.” — 1 Thess. 4:14,18

Wilbert A. Wells

“Chip” (Son)

Born on August 29th, 1959 in Douglas, Georgia, **Wilbert Anthony Wells** came up working on a tobacco farm in Georgia with his grandpa Dewey Sr.

“Chip,” as he was affectionately called, was the oldest of 5, and the first grand-baby for both sets of grandparents. Coming up in Florida, he gained popularity for running *fast* through the streets of Richmond Heights, and was eventually drafted by the track and field coach of Oak Ridge High School, after word spread about how good he was.

Chip never really had full parental permission to be on the team, but after seeing how good and dedicated he was, his dad allowed him to stay on the team. He received countless awards, accolades, plaques and ribbons for his talent and skill, but the biggest prize came when he earned a full ride scholarship to Florida State University where he studied Criminology.

In 1984 Chip met the love of his life, Sonia while managing the La Quinta McDonalds. The two wed in holy matrimony in 1987, and made a stable life for themselves and their daughters. Chip led the way for his family spiritually as well. He accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and was baptized along with Sonia, Chantal, and Britney on June 2, 1991.

His professional span included 33 years with Orange County Correctional Facility before he retired in 2014, one year after being promoted to “Pop Pop” (a title he was *very* proud of). Always known to his kids, nieces and nephews as an animated “Homer Simpson”-like character, he was always twice a child with Lilli, Sara, Riley, and Noah who lovingly called him “Pop Pop.” Whether he was putting up cookies for a Christmas party in June, giving guitar lessons, singing about bacon, or sticking hot wheels to his shirt, he made sure his grandkids were always laughing.

Chip was preceded in death by his **mother** – Shirley Wells (2006), and **brother** – Edwin A. Wells (1998), and followed in death by his **father** – Wilbert Lee Wells, who passed away just 6 days after his own demise.

Left behind to cherish many precious memories of his life are: his beautiful **bride** – Sonia Wells; **daughters** – Chantal Wells and Britney Wells (Tyjuan) Bryant; **grandkids** – Lillianna, Sara, Riley, and Noah; **sister** – Ruth A. Tookes and her husband, Willie Tookes, who was **like a brother**; **brothers** – Michael E. Wells and Dexter T. Wells; and a host of **aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives, and many sorrowing friends.

— WRITTEN BY Britney Wells-Bryant [daughter]