



## Mr. Darrell Keith Wills

July 17, 1962 - December 24, 2024

Darrell Keith Wills was the fourth child born to the late Matthew Wills, Jr. and Frances Geraldine Stokes-Wills on July 17, 1962, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and his sister, Karen Wills, with whom he is now reunited. As a young child, he attended Union Memorial United Methodist Church, where he received Christ into his life and was baptized. Later in his adult life, he reaffirmed his Baptism to Christ at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro, MD. Darrell attended St. Louis public schools and graduated from Northwest High School in 1980. Enrolled in the ROTC, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant and received his Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice from the University of Missouri - St. Louis in 1984. He was also promoted to Captain in 1991 in the United States Army Reserves.

Darrell was extremely studious and never missed an opportunity to further his education. He continued his academic advancement at American University in Washington, DC, earning his Master of Public Administration in 2005, and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate in 2006.

Darrell began his career working for the Federal Government in St Louis, Missouri. He was later transferred to the DC Metropolitan area, where he achieved great success. He continued to dedicate his professional life to the Federal Government, focusing on growth, advocacy, and leadership. Over the

years, he made significant contributions to the field of Information Technology, earning recognition and respect from peers and colleagues. His dedication and hard work resulted in several performance awards due to his positive impact on the workforce.

Beyond his professional life, Darrell was known for his unwavering kindness, generosity, sense of humor, and playfulness that could brighten anyone's day. If you ever had a conversation with him, you knew he would always find a way to seal his stamp of approval with a resounding, "Outstanding!" He had a knack for cooking and was famous for his legendary "Rice Krispie Treats." Darrell was also a huge movie lover and amassed a large collection of DVDs across multiple genres. He was a true "Trekkie" and had the franchise loudly broadcasted throughout his home daily. In addition to his love for movies & sci-fi, he also enjoyed listening to Oldies and assembling his train set. He was an avid lover of vintage Corvette cars and motorcycles. He was an active member of the Gaithersburg Corvette Club and the Metro Wings of Wing'd Riders Motorcycle Club. Darrell also loved to travel, taking numerous trips and cruises to different states & countries. His warmth and compassion were felt by all who met him.

Darrell departed this life on December 24, 2024. He leaves to cherish his memory his two children, Robbie Johnson and Lauren Wills; four siblings, Laura Sykes (Clifford), Kenneth Wills, Dewight Wills (Melonise), and Leonard Wills (Tamara); and a host of devoted nieces, great-nieces, great-great nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

His memory will live on in our hearts forever, and his legacy will continue to inspire and uplift those who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Darrell Keith Wills*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - January 11, 2025 at 06:25 PM

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*RIP 'DK' Wills! A 30 year friendship. Lord knows how we have been there for each other over the years. I thank you for being a great Godfather to my Son Brandon and the best friend to me. During my caretaking days with you, we fought like brother and sister but friendship kept us. In these last years, we experienced joy traveling and teaching me how to ride your motorcycle and getting my license. It hurts that you are gone on to glory. I will keep my relationship with your children always because I love them as my own. I will forever miss you! Your Best Friend and Sister-In-Christ (Tonya 'Sunshine' Macon)*

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**Tonya Macon** - January 11, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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“ *I thank God for Darrell, a man with a caring heart for people. My condolences to the family and I pray that God will comfort you during this time.*

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**Rose** - January 11, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ *Darrell was my best friend! He taught me about corvettes and we also took long rides on our motorcycles together. My family and I will truly miss him.*

*Darrell ... Gone but will never be forgotten!!*

*Wayne Davidson*

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**Wayne Davidson** - January 06, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AW

“ *Condolences to the Wills Family.  
I knew Darrell from his UMSL days. I was still in high school, and Darrell had a job showing movies on campus. He worked in the film booth. He would let me watch movies for free while he worked. We lost touch after I graduated, only to reconnect my freshman year of college in DC.*

*But as life goes, our adult lives began and we loss track of one another. We came into contact some 20 years later via social media (ahhh, Google , lol). He was a good dude. And I will truly miss him.  
Rest easy, my handsome friend.*

*Amy Boles Watkins*

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**Amy Boles Watkins** - January 01, 2025 at 11:50 PM