



Wade Young Jr.

January 20, 1924 - March 6, 2024

Wade Young, Jr. Obituary

“A man of great wisdom”

“He shared so much knowledge with me”

“He never met a stranger”

“We had so many informative discussions, especially about the Bible”

“I have so many memories of Wade, he could really make me laugh”

“He was such a sweet and caring person”

These were just a few of the many expressions of love, remembrance, and impact that Wade Young, Jr. had on so many during his 100 years of life.

He was born on January 20, 1924 (a date he shared with his late wife, Ann) the eldest son of 13 children blessed to Wade W. Young, Sr., and Christina Grant Young, in Hardeeville, South Carolina. He entered the glorious presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, comfortably and peacefully.

Though he did not have many years of formal education, Wade was blessed with God-given knowledge and wisdom that carried him through his often-challenging life journey. Early in that journey, he served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946. His tour of duty

included the South Pacific Islands. He was honorably discharged having achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, APT Service Medal Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

Returning home to South Carolina, Wade engaged his entrepreneurial spirit by opening a restaurant, Young's Café, and a food truck service delivering fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables throughout Jasper County.

After several short stays in Stamford, CT during the late 1940s, he finally made Stamford his permanent residence in the early 50s. He married Ann Dixon in 1955 and from their union God blessed them with 2 daughters and one son: Debora, Janice, and Wade III.

His long work career included employment with Yale & Town, American Cyanamid, Stamford Advocate and the Stamford School system, the latter from which he retired in 1991. Additionally, his entrepreneurial bent found expression as a successful general handyman, landscaper, and gardener.

Wade yielded his life to Christ in his youth and over the years, as a man of great faith, he developed a strong, intimate relationship with Him. He faithfully served in ministry at Bethel AME church as an usher for over 60 years. An avid Bible reader, Wade also loved the writings of Dr. Charles Stanley which were the basis of bible studies he often had with his daughter Janice. His was just one of the several missions-based ministries Wade supported.

A longtime Mets baseball fan, he also enjoyed, in recent years, following football with his daughter, Debora. His love for shooting pool saw him spend many hours playing with "his buddies" at the Stamford Senior center until the Covid shutdown.

Affectionately known to many of his friends and family as “Buster” or “Bubba”, he leaves to cherish his life and legacy, two daughters, Debora Young (Stamford) and Janice Young (Charlotte, NC); two sisters, Marie Davis (Stamford) and Bessie St. John (Linden, NJ); one grandson, Chancellor and daughter-in-law, Constance Young (Stroudsburg, PA) and many nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Ann, his son, Wade III, his parents, Wade and Christina Young, Sr., as well as seven sisters: Mary Neal, Eliza Young, Helen “Bea” Mitchell, Ruby Brown, Gladys Young, Alice Young and Jannie Young; three brothers: Roosevelt Young, James Young and Frank “Rufus” Young.

In the words of the late Jackie Robinson, “a life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives”, Wade has truly impacted many over his lifetime through his wisdom, character, integrity, and love, leaving a legacy for us to embrace and carry forward.

Visitation will be held on Thursday March 14, 2024 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Bethel AME Church, 150 Fairfield Ave., Stamford, CT, officiating Rev. Dr. Robert A. Jackson Jr. Interment will follow at Woodland Cemetery in Stamford, CT.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Cemetery

66 Woodland Place
Stamford, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel AME Church
150 Fairfield Ave
Stamford, CT 06902

Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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150 Fairfield Ave
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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Young family. May God's presence and your fond memories of Mr. Young, comfort and keep you all. God bless!* ”



James O Homer - March 15, 2024 at 02:25 PM

TA

“ *Our Condolences To Debora, Janice, Marie and the entire Young Family. May God Bless You All in your time of grief. We will continue to pray for you all. R.I.P Mr. Young 🕊️🙏 From Mrs. Eginora Aekins & Family Fayetteville, Charlotte, NC and Stamford, CT.* ”



Tonya Aekins - March 14, 2024 at 11:28 AM

SB

“ *My memory of Wade Jr Janice's dad was a remarkable Father and husband to all his family he will be truly missed* ”

Stephanie Bray - March 13, 2024 at 03:18 PM

DA

“ To Debora, Janice and family,

Heaven has an amazing new angel. Mr. Young was an amazing man of God. His light would shine wherever he went, he was as close to perfection as you could be in this world. May God bless and keep and may your memories bring you smiles and a warm heart. Mr. Young will forever be LOVED.



Donna L. Aekins - March 13, 2024 at 11:59 AM

KW

To the Young Family Mr Wade was such a nice quiet man a God's Man he loved his family and friends so sorry for your loss he will be missed 🙏

Karen Wood - March 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM

LJ

“ Lois, Rebecca & June planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wade Young Jr..

Lois, Rebecca & June - March 13, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CW

“ Cheryl W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wade Young Jr..

Cheryl W. - March 13, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wade Young Jr..*



March 12, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *May God continue to bless you all during your time of sorrow.*

Grace, Mercy and Peace!



Linda/Shawn Ford - March 12, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *To Mother Marie Davis and family I give my condolences. God Bless Joy Poteau*

Joy Poteau - March 12, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ *To the Young Family, my sympathy to you. I am a member of the extended family as I grew up in the home of Alice & Azie McKenzie in Tillman, SC. I last saw "Buster" in Ridgeland at a grocery store where he and his sister Alice were shopping, & I was shopping for my mother, Florence, who was ill. I loved all the family from SC to Connecticut, and I pray that you will be strong as you mourn the death of this loving man.*

Helen L. Jenkins - March 12, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Wade Young Jr..*



March 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Janice, You have our deepest sympathy. Your father was a remarkable soul who loved his family. Uncle Wade was a true gentleman, who put others first, and he will be missed beyond measure. He will forever remain in our thoughts and in our hearts. Russell and I will continue to pray for you and your family. Know that we are holding you close in our hearts. May God's love, peace, and grace sustain you through this difficult time. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. John 14:27*

*Love you,
The Dixon Family
Russell, Tonya, Courtney, Kam & Corey*

Tonya Dixon - March 12, 2024 at 10:03 AM