



## William (Willie) Edward Motley

December 14, 1935 - September 12, 2025

William (Willie) Edward Motley, 89, of Danville, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, September 12, 2025 at Roman Eagle Nursing Home – Danville.

Born on December 14, 1935, in Danville, he was a son of the late Rawley Martin Motley and Lola Mae Towler.

Willie worked 37 years with the Danville Register and Bee newspaper as a supervisor of the composing room.

He was a faithful member at North Main Baptist Church where he also served as an Usher, Deacon, and taught Sunday School for young boys. He also worked with the following church groups; Gideons International, Good News Jail Ministry and Emmaus, Willie was a member with the Improved Order of Redman of Virginia 124 Poquoson Tribe in Danville, VA. He was a life long Boston Red Sox fan.

On July 21, 1984, he married the love of his life, Joyce Grinstead Motley who survives of home.

In addition to his wife, Joyce, Willie is survived by his son Andy Motley (Jo Ann) of Danville, VA; daughter, Rhonda Motley Wright-Simmers (Gary) of Danville, VA; grandchildren, Nicholas Jennings Wright (Eleanor) of

Charlottesville, VA, Jacob Michael Motley (Cheyenne) of Danville, VA; brother Rawley Michael Motley, Jr. (Betty) of Newport News, VA; step-children, Gina Oakes of Danville, VA and Joe Rickmond of Alton, VA; and a step-grandson, Bobby Oakes.

Willie was predeceased by his first wife Joyce Wallace Motley, a son, Michael Wallace Motley; and two sisters, Rosa Ellen Motley and Dorothy Faye Motley.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at North Main Baptist Church with Pastor Fred Unger and Pastor Deryl Holliday officiating. Interment will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the church prior to the service.

At other times, the family will be at the residence, 316 Major Ct. Danville, Virginia

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Motley family.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

SEP 18. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

North Main Baptist Church  
2818 North Main St  
Danville, VA 24540

## Funeral Service

SEP 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

North Main Baptist Church  
2818 North Main St  
Danville, VA 24540

## Burial

SEP 18 (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens  
510 Church Avenue  
Danville, VA

# Tribute Wall



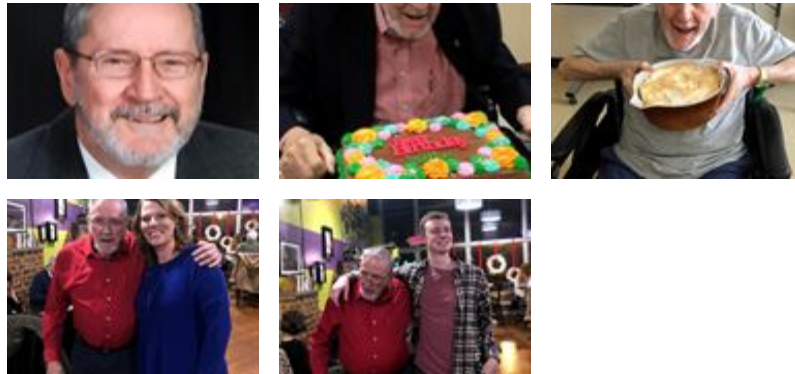
“ Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William (Willie) Edward Motley



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 17, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 17, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William (Willie) Edward Motley.



September 17, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 17, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ *Lisa & Shawn Lipscomb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William (Willie) Edward Motley.*



Lisa & Shawn Lipscomb - September 16, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ *I will miss you so much my 'Chilly Willie", you always brightened up a room the minute you came into one. Prayers and Love for all your family, friends and all those whose life you touched.*

*Peggy Hale, Activity Dept.*

Peggy Hale, Activity Dept. - September 16, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM

GR

“ Sorry to hear of Willie passing. Enjoyed talking with him. My condolences to the family.

Gene Russell - September 14, 2025 at 07:22 PM

GH

“ Sorry to hear about Willie, such an amazing man and love the Lord and enjoy sharing with people, I praise GOD for getting to team with Willie many times with Kairos Prison Ministry.

Glenn & Alice Hancock - September 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DF

“ So sad to hear of Willie's passing. Willie was a good man and a Godly man. I grew up in the Orchard Drive/Major Court neighborhood with Andy and Mike, and had the utmost respect for Willie. We later reconnected at North Main Baptist. Janet also connected with Willie through Emmaus. Most sincere condolences to all of the family. Rest in Peace. Dale & Janet Ferrell

Dale Ferrell - September 14, 2025 at 07:27 AM

LF

“ So sorry to hear that Willie has left his earthly home, but happy that he is a new man in his heavenly home! He was a Godly man and served Him as a faithful servant. Everyone loved Willie! There will never be another like him. Prayers for his loving and devoted wife, Joyce as she journeys through life without him by her side. But she can live in comfort with many beautiful memories and knowing he is now resting in peace in his mansion prepared for him. Rest in peace Willie. We will miss you!

Linda Falls - September 13, 2025 at 09:27 PM

RW

“ So sorry to read this news that we have lost Willie. Heaven has certainly gained a good and faithful servant. My prayers are with you, Joyce and all the family.



Ruth Willard - September 13, 2025 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andy Motley - September 13, 2025 at 09:05 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Willie's passing. He was a great friend to my daddy. They enjoyed going to GWHS football games together. They were also in church and Redmans together. My prayers for peace and comfort are with the family in the coming days. 🙏

Martha Scearce - September 13, 2025 at 08:38 AM

VB

“ Rick and I were so sorry to hear about your loss, what a nice person he was and a faithful servant. Prayers are with all the family.  
Vickie and Rick Blair

Vickie and Rick Blair - September 13, 2025 at 07:46 AM

GO

“ *Loved you so much Willie! I know you are happy now. RIP* ❤️

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**Gina Oakes** - September 12, 2025 at 07:25 PM