

In Loving Memory
Craig Dwayne "Champ" Wills, Sr.

Love is complicated
Imperfect, layered, and sometimes unspoken
And through it all, the love we had for you, and the love you
gave in your own way was always there
You were bold
You were stubborn
You were unforgettable
Champ wasn't just a nickname
It was your spirit
You were a fighter, a protector, a presence that filled every
room you entered
You may be gone from our sight but never from our hearts
Your laughter, your strength, and your memory will stay with
us always
Forever Champ
Forever loved
Forever missed

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the
many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to
them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of Craig Dwayne Wills



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A commemorative graphic for Craig Dwayne Wills, Sr. The background is a warm, golden glow. At the top, it reads "HONORING THE LEGACY OF SUNRISE: AUGUST 14, 1964 | SUNSET: APRIL 21, 2025". On the left, a man in a grey vest and sunglasses stands with white angel wings. In the center, a large, ornate gold frame contains a black and white portrait of a young man. To the right, there are pool balls (numbered 1, 2, 3), a pool cue, and a red rose. Below the portrait, a smaller gold frame shows a newspaper clipping titled "JEFF FRANKLIN - ADAM SHOWBOAT". At the bottom, the name "Craig DEWAYNE Wills" is written in large, elegant script, with "DEWAYNE" in a smaller, spaced-out font. Below the name, it says "CHAMP". At the very bottom, a quote reads: "IN THE RING AND IN LIFE, HE FOUGHT WITH HEART AND SPIRIT, LEAVING BEHIND A LEGACY THAT WILL INSPIRE US ALL. REST IN PEACE, CHAMP." On the right side, the funeral details are listed: "SATURDAY MAY 17, 2025 12:00 PM VICTORIOUS EMPOWERMENT 10200 HAMILTON AVENUE CINCINNATI, OH 45231". Two white doves are flying across the bottom of the graphic.

Obituary

Craig Dewayne “Champ” Wills, Sr.
August 14, 1964 to April 21, 2025

Craig Dewayne Wills, Sr., affectionately known as “Champ” by those who loved him, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 60. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 14, 1964, Craig was the beloved son of Helen and Herbert Wills.

Craig followed in his father's footsteps and pursued his passion for boxing. He was known for his grit, strength, and competitive spirit. That same drive showed up in all aspects of his life, from the pool table to the spades table, where he was always up for a good game and some lively conversation. He also spent time working as a truck driver.

Champ was known for his outgoing nature, quick wit, and ability to light up any room with laughter. He had a playful, bold spirit and was never afraid to speak his mind. Though he could be stubborn, he had a heart of gold and formed deep bonds with those lucky enough to know him.

Craig was preceded in death by his brothers, Anthony Wills and Herbert Whitlock. His memory lives on through his children: Brittany Hunter, Nikki Hunter, Jenipher Washington, Gabrielle Wills, Craig Wills, Jr., and Kameron Wills, along with his seven grandchildren, who brought him immense pride. He is also survived by his sisters, Antoinette Wills (Charles A. McCullough) and DeAndra Taylor-Hill; his nieces, LaRhonada R. Wills and Laci Hill; and his nephew, Kenneth Hill.

Craig's legacy lives on in the laughter he inspired, the strength he showed, and the love he gave. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.

Order of Service



Musical Prelude	Soft Music
Prayer	Bishop Kendrick Southerland
Scripture	Psalm 23
Selection	Eboni Blackwell
Acknowledgements	Gabrielle Wills
Remarks	Family & Friends (Please limit remarks to two minutes)
Obituary	Read Silently
Selection	Mark Bonner
Eulogy	Bishop Kendrick Southerland
Benediction	Bishop Kendrick Southerland
Recessional	Clergy, Family, & Friends



Flower Bearers

Craig Wills, Jr.
Joshua Bailey

Kameron Wills
Myron Hite