

*"Don't cry because
his life is over.
Smile because
he shared it with us."*

**CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF**

Monday, April 27, 2026

Shiloh A.M.E. Church

1323 North Powerhouse Road • Morganton, NC 28655

Reverend Gwendolyn Benjamin

Eulogist - Reverend Dr. Wayne A. Johnson Sr.

Acknowledgements

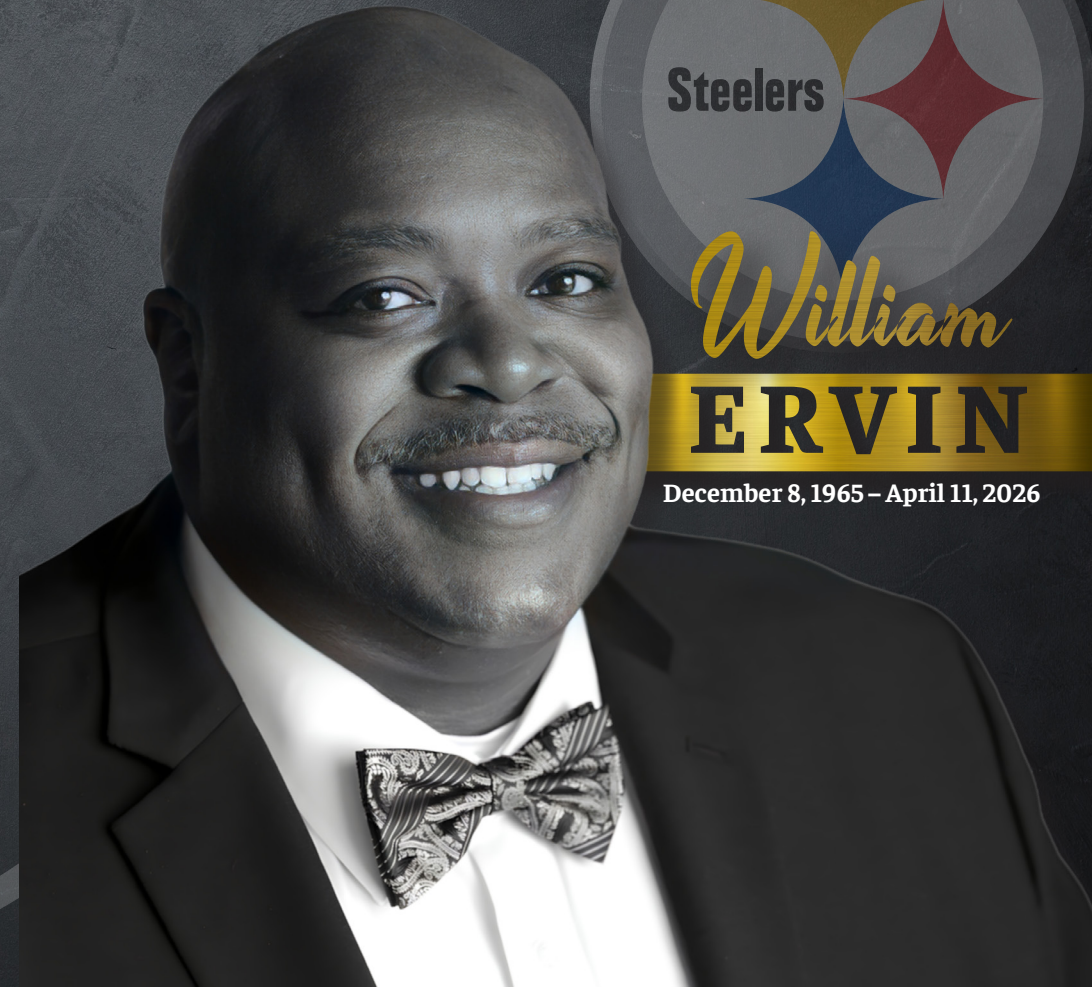
The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all for your kind deeds and words of sympathy shared with the family during our period of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

Funeral Arrangements

McCain Funeral Home & Cremations
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William

ERVIN

December 8, 1965 – April 11, 2026

William Nathan Ervin, affectionately known to those who knew him as “Nay” or “Chill,” passed away peacefully on April 11, 2026, in Alberta, Canada. Born on December 8, 1965, William lived a life that touched countless hearts through his warmth, kindness, and unyielding passion for bringing people together, especially through the universal language of food.

A beloved chef, Will’s career was marked by his deep love for creating meals that united friends and family around the table. His culinary skills were not just about the dishes he crafted, but about the joy and connection they inspired. Whether in the bustling kitchen or sharing a quiet meal, Will’s compassionate and affectionate personality shone brightly, making every moment special for those fortunate enough to share it with him.

Will’s journey began in earnest when he graduated from Freedom High School, a milestone that set the foundation for a life rich in dedication and love. A devout Pittsburgh Steelers fan, he carried his enthusiasm and team spirit in all aspects of his life, inspiring those around him with his genuine excitement and zest.

He leaves behind a loving family who were central to his life. His devoted wife, Liana Ervin, stood by his side with unwavering love and support. His daughter, Gabriella Ervin, who along with his two cherished grandchildren, Jonah and Veda, gave him immense pride and happiness. William was also an integral part of a larger family tapestry, including his sisters Rhonda Crisp (Jesse), Nina Ervin, Leslie Ervin, and Cher Ervin. His life was further enriched by the many cousins, nieces, and nephews who were touched by his generous spirit.

Friends and family will gather to honor Will’s memory at Shiloh A.M.E. Church, located at 1323 North Powerhouse Road in Morganton, North Carolina. The visitation will take place on April 27, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, followed by a memorial service at 1:00 PM. These moments of remembrance will be a testament to the profound impact William had on those around him, a celebration of a life that, like a well-prepared meal, brought comfort and joy to all who experienced it.

William Nathan Ervin’s legacy is one of love, compassion, and community. His memory will forever be a beacon of warmth and kindness, nourishing the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Though he has passed from this world, the spirit of “Nay” will continue to live on—cherished, remembered, and deeply missed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding: Reverend Gwendolyn Benjamin

Processional

Moments of Visitation..... 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Hymn of Comfort Congregation

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Dianne Connelly

Old Testament Reverend Phyllis Caldwell

New Testament.....Reverend Mike Mathes

Musical Selection..... Reverend Wanda Howell

TributesPlease Keep to 2 Minutes

Musical Selection..... Donna Faye

Church Resolution

Silent Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection.....Minister Willette McIntosh

Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. Wayne A. Johnson Sr.

Morticians Brief.....McCain Funeral Home

Pastor’s Remarks/BenedictionReverend Gwendolyn Benjamin

Recessional