

Her Legacy

Wanda's life was filled with people she loved and people who loved her in return. She had a personality that could never be duplicated and a smile that could light up a room. She was stylish, fun-loving, outspoken, loving, and full of life. She had a way of making memories wherever she went. Whether she was dancing, singing, getting her makeup together, laughing with her friends, spending time with family, or simply being Wanda, she left an impression. Her children will carry her love. Her grandchildren will carry her legacy. Her family will carry her stories. And her friends will carry the memories of all the good times, laughter, and moments they shared. Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the 55 years we were blessed to have Wanda with us. We will miss her beautiful smile, her laughter, her style, her voice, her energy, and the unmistakable presence that made her Wanda. Her earthly journey has come to an end, but the love she gave and the memories she created will live on through everyone she touched. Rest peacefully, Wanda Cecelia King. Your smile will never be forgotten. Your laughter will never be forgotten. Your love will never be forgotten. Forever loved. Forever missed.

Forever our Wanda.



To Our Brave Mom

Mom, our worlds shattered just one short month ago when we found out about your cancer. Even though the shock was so sudden, you faced it like the warrior you have always been, fighting a good fight until the very end. We will miss your warmth, your guidance, and your beautiful spirit every single day. We are so incredibly grateful for the special, deep connection we shared with you. You always listened to us, trusted us completely, and showed up for us no matter what. Watching you go through this was heartbreaking, but your strength inspired us all. Thank you for being our anchor, our protector, and the best mom we could have ever asked for. Rest in perfect peace, Mom.

We love you forever. -KeOnna, Lontae, BJ and Dre

Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation expressions of prayers, words of consolation, flowers, cards, calls, and thoughtful deeds will forever be remembered. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses for their tireless efforts in caring for our mother. May Gods continue to richly bless you.

Interment

Arrangements entrusted to:

Thornton Funeral Home, P. A.

3439 Livingston Road, Indian Head, MD, 20640

Celebration of Life For Wanda Cecelia King



Sunrise: March 21, 1971 - Sunset: August 12, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Viewing 09:00am - 11:00am

Service: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Thornton Funeral Home

3439 Livingston Road

Indian Head, MD 20640

Officiant: Reverend Johnson

Obituary

Wanda Cecelia King was born on March 21, 1971, in La Plata, Maryland, to Edna Johnson and the late Ralph Wayne Butler. Wanda was raised in Charles County, Maryland, where she grew up surrounded by family, love, and memories that would remain with her throughout her life. On August 12, 2026, Wanda peacefully departed this life at the age of 55. She had celebrated her 55th birthday in March, marking another year of a life filled with love, laughter, family, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

Wanda was a proud graduate of Henry E. Lackey High School, Class of 1989. She dedicated more than 20 years of her life to caring for others as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Genesis Nursing Home. Her compassion for helping people eventually led her to transition into the role of Patient Service Coordinator, where she worked for the last five years at MedStar Cardiology Associates.

Wanda was truly one of a kind. She was known for her beautiful smile and that popping makeup! She loved to dance, sing, laugh, and enjoy life. Wanda knew how to have a good time and never needed much of a reason to celebrate. She loved going out and spending time with her “71 sisters” at the Tinderbox, enjoying her cigars, making memories, and being surrounded by people she loved.

Wanda was also the proud President of the S&M Legacy House, a role that reflected her leadership, loyalty, and the special bonds she shared with those she considered family. But above everything else, Wanda was family. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend.

Wanda leaves to cherish her memory her loving mother, Edna Johnson; her siblings, William “Billy” Proctor Jr., Tina Proctor, and Julia “Boo” Smith (Thaxton); and her four beloved children, Ke’Onna Ashley Daye (Keshawn), Delontae Cole, Brian “BJ” Maddux (Alexus), and DeAndre King. She leaves behind eight grandchildren who brought so much joy to her life: CJ Brooks, KaMaree’ Brooks, LaVae’ Brooks, Kr’Ystiann Brooks, Reign Brooks, Breydan Maddux, Aariah Maddux, and DeAndre King Jr.

Wanda also leaves behind her nieces, Julissa “Ju” Smith, whom she raised as her own daughter, Dominique Proctor, and Denisha Proctor, and her nephew, William Proctor. She will also be lovingly remembered by a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and friends. Among those who will feel her absence most deeply are her beloved best friends, Mary Lyles and Robert McGee, along with the many other friends who loved Wanda dearly and shared countless memories with her.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father, Ralph Wayne Butler; her grandparents, Earl Butler, Elise Butler, and Alice Wilson; her aunts, Audrey Cutchember, Louise Edelen, and Margret Butler; her uncles, Johnny Johnson, David Johnson, James Butler, and Harold Butler; and her cousin, Shaun Butler.

Order of Service

Officiant: Reverend Johnson

Opening Prayer Readings Reverend Johnson

Musical Prelude Barbara Herd

First Reading Old Testament Johnny Hart

Second Reading New Testament Johnny Hart

Reading of the Obituary Laroy Williams

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Logan Tatum

Eulogy- Reverend Johnson

Benediction Reverend Johnson