

A Celebration of Thanksgiving for

WENDELL RAY

Polk

Sunrise: May 6, 1962 Sunset: April 6, 2026

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

REMEMBERING A BLESSED LIFE OF WENDELL RAY POLK

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart.” Psalms 9:1

Wendell Ray Polk was born on May 6, 1962, to William Lee Polk and Florene Montgomery-Luckett in Waco, Texas.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and joined Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Wendell received his formal education in the Grand Prairie Independent School District. He attended Paul Quinn College and Dallas College El Centro Campus completing the Culinary, Pastry, and Hospitality program which was the start of his culinary arts career path as a chef.

Wendell Ray was an entrepreneur and used his craft as a chef serving in various communities, outreach ministries, and the annual Mitchell Family Reunion. He was well known by his neighbors for cooking and baking pastries such as cakes and pies. Cooking was an outlet of peace and a connection for him; and he shared that gift generously.

Wendell lived with intention, purpose, and gratitude for every blessing God placed in his path. In his personal life, he found happiness in life's simple pleasures - time with family, shared meals, and meaningful conversations. Those who knew him will remember his gentle spirit, thoughtful counsel, and genuine interest in the well-being of others.

He is preceded in death by his father, William L. Polk; his mother, Florene Ernestine Luckett and her husband, Pastor Odis D. Luckett; and four siblings, Weldon Polk, Warren Polk, Edna Mae Luckett, and Betty W. Johnson.

Wendell leaves to cherish his memories, a special friend, Vincent Edwards and his nephew Jeremiah Adams; six siblings, William E. Polk, Wanda F. Music, Vee O. Luckett, William L. Polk, Jr., Timothy Polk, and Donquelle Polk (Mike); and his stepmother, Erma Lee Polk.

He will be greatly missed by four nephews and three nieces, Derrick Dotson, Lena Music Dinwiddie (Mitchell), Sara Music (Joe), Jennifer Music, Lynn Music, Jr., Brian Wright, and Adrian Luckett.

Wendell will be fondly remembered by five great-nephews, Isaac Music, Jesse Music, Zane Music, Zander Rodriguez and Alijah Ranger; four great-nieces, Kianna Music, Kaylen Dinwiddie, Kenya Bergeron, and Mya Zimmons; two great-great-nephews, Kyree Music and Kaden Muriand; one great-great-niece, Neveah Young; two great-great-great-nephews, Kingston Rivers and Shiloh Smith; one great-great-great-niece, Kayla Barnett; two aunts, Margaret Green and Lola Miller; and a host of other relatives and friends.

We say farewell to a gentle soul whose life touched many and whose memory will forever bless our lives. Wendell Ray's gentle presence will be deeply missed, but the warmth of his spirit lives on in all who knew him.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 18th, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.
New Jerusalem Baptist Church
850 Ash Crescent Street | Fort Worth, Texas 76104
Darrell Satchell | Pastor

Officiating Clergy | Apostle Karen C. Frazier

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL
Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

SONG OF COMFORT
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church | Axtell, Texas

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament | Psalm 23 | Minister
New Testament | John 14: 1-7 | Minister

PRAYER
Minister

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTIONS & CARDS

REFLECTIONS OF REMEMBRANCE
Polk Family | Montgomery Family
Mitchell Family | Luckett Family

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
Pulpit

SONG OF PEACE
“Trust In God” | Aware Worship featuring Mark Gutierrez

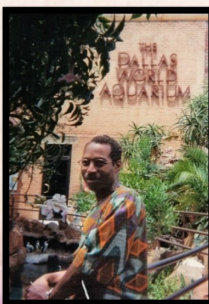
THE BLESSED WORD
Pastor William E. Polk
Kingdom Fit Ministries

FINAL FAREWELL
Heavenly Gate Funeral Director in Charge

COMITTAL & CLOSING PRAYER
Pastor Darrell Satchell
New Jerusalem Baptist Church

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The Broken Chain

God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.



Good friends never say Goodbye;
They simply say “See You Soon”

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade because a loved one is gone.
Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,
far as long as there is memory, they’ll live on in the heart.

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

By: Robert Frost

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

With grateful hearts, we, the family of Wendell Ray Polk, would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has reached out to us during this time of grief. We are very thankful for your tears, kind deeds, prayers, and the love that has been so graciously extended upon us. Although our Wendell Ray is no longer physically with us, he would be overjoyed by all the love that has been shown for him. May the love you have shared with us return to you in abundance and may God's peace and blessings be with each of you.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Adrian Lockett | Lynn Music, Jr.
Brian Wright | Mitchell Dinwiddie

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cassidy Calhoun | Minister Lewis Polk | Jeff Willis
Ralph Washington | Joe McIntosh | William Polk, Jr. | Al Kennon

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day—unseen, unheard, but always near".

THINE FINAL RESTING PLACE

Home with His Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

REPAST

New Jerusalem Baptist Church
850 Ash Crescent Street
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Fellowship Hall



**A Service and Keepsake of Excellence
provided to the family of
Wendell Ray Polk by:**

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