

A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE OF



INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens
5600 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43213

PALLBEARERS

Thomas Wilborn ~ Marcus Wilborn
Robert Hughes ~ Ryan Wilborn
Niki Hughes ~ Aarin Smoot-Baker
Orlando Wilburn

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the Family of Walter J. Wilborn, thank you for your support, your love, and the many expressions of kindness evidenced in thought and deed, during the illness and passing of our beloved "Bunt".

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude your presence here today.
Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Thank you, The Family



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WALTER
WILBORN

APRIL 2, 1933 — APRIL 17, 2026

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026
VIEWING 10:00AM
FUNERAL SERVICE 11:00AM

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OBITUARY

Walter J. Wilborn was born on April 2, 1933, in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, to the late Thomas Wilborn and the late Nancy Alexander Wilborn Rhodes.

Walter attended school in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. After marrying his beloved wife, Laura Mae Jones, they moved to Columbus, Ohio, to start a life together.

Walter, better known as "Bunt," a man who truly loved life to the fullest and left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

He was the kind of person you could never miss in a room –loud, full of energy, and always the life of the party. His booming voice, quick wit, and larger-than-life personality made him unforgettable. Whether he was telling stories, cracking jokes, or just speaking his mind, he brought laughter and joy wherever he went.

He had a deep love for NASCAR, racing cars, go-carts, and motorcycles. The roar of an engine and the thrill of the race were things he cherished, and he shared that passion with anyone willing to listen. Those moments, whether watching races or talking about them, were some of his happiest.

A hard-working man, he spent much of his life working in blacktopping, taking pride in the work he did and the driveways and parking lots he helped build and repair. He understood the value of a hard day's work and carried that strength and dedication into every part of his life.

Above all, he loved his family and friends. He treasured time spent with the people he cared about ---whether it was at gatherings, cookouts, or just sitting around talking. To many, he wasn't just a father, grandfather, brother, or uncle; he was everyone's favorite, a steady presence, a source of laughter, and someone you could always count on.

He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. His voice, his spirit, and his love for life will live on in all of us.

He was preceded in death by his two sons, Thomas Wilborn and Robert (Bobby) Wilborn; his great-grandchild, Dorelle Brock; his parents, sisters, Zella White and Carolyn Wilborn, and brother, Thomas Wilborn.

He is survived by four grandsons, Thomas (Nicole) Wilborn, Orlando (Rasauna) Wilborn, Robert (Angel) Hughes, and Niki Hughes, 14 great grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, daughter in law, Sharon Wilborn, sisters, Mrs. Pauline Waugh and Mrs. Hazel Triplett, host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and many loving cousins and friends, and very special friend Berthann Bush.

"DON'T CRY FOR ME"

Don't cry for me, I will be okay.

Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay

Don't cry for me, I'm where I belong,

I want you to be happy and try to stay strong

Don't cry for me, It was just my time,

But I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me, I am not alone

The angels are with me, to welcome me home

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear

All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me. This is not the end.

I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again



“REMEMBER ME”

*To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful, I will never return,
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.*

I cannot speak, but I can listen.

I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.

*So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,*

Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:

Your thoughts, and your memories,

Of the times we loved,

The times we cried,

The times we fought,

The times we laughed.

For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Officiating
Rev. Craig Collins, Tabernacle Baptist Church
Opening Hymn
“When We All Get to Heaven”

The Word of God
Old Testament Psalm 23: 1- 6
New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Craig Collins

Musical Selection
Sharlene Jameson

Acknowledgement/Condolences

Tributes ~ 2 minutes
Charles Triplett and Vince Harris

Reading of the Obituary
Read Silent

Poem
Derrion Harris

The Eulogy
Rev. Craig Collins

Recessional
Clergy, Family and Friends



