



WENDELL HAYES COLBERT

July 19, 1948 - May 20, 2024

Wendell Hayes Colbert, 75, of Pleasant Grove went to be with the Lord on Monday, May 20th, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents Lemuel Colbert and Lillian Colbert of Ensley. Wendell is survived by his wife of 35 years, Robin Colbert, and his two daughters, Elizabeth Grace (Ben) Birdsong of Sterrett and Jessica Ryan Whitfield Colbert (Alex Ewing) of Nederland, Texas.

Wendell was a graduate of Ensley High School and enjoyed gathering monthly with the Ensley alumni at Golden Corral for their monthly lunches. In high school, he developed his love for rock and roll music and became a bass player for many different bands that started with Torquays. Wendell went on to Jacksonville State University to earn a Bachelors Degree in Business. At Jacksonville, Wendell made life-long friends and had many stories from their antics and adventures together. After graduation, he moved back to Birmingham to work for US Steel before going into business for himself painting cars.

Wendell married Robin Colbert after they met one night when he was playing rock and roll. They went on to become parents of two amazing daughters, Elizabeth and Jessica. Over time, the girls both brought home boys, Ben

Birdsong and Alex Ewing, who became like sons to him. Wendell was a family man who loved spending time with them.

The turning point in Wendell's life was when he met Jesus as His Savior. He became a passionate evangelist who wanted to share the hope that he had found in Jesus with everyone he met. God added to his passion for rock and roll a passion for worship music. He played bass leading worship for many different churches over the years. Wendell was most recently on the worship team at Crossroads Baptist Church, which was a community he loved to gather with for fellowship and service.

On Monday, May 20th after a several month battle with heart and respiratory issues, Wendell went to see His Savior face to face. Though his friends and family will miss him greatly, we know that God is sovereign, Jesus wins, and he has entered into his heavenly home.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life and impact of Wendell Colbert on Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at the Crossroads Baptist Church in Bessemer with a visitation at 11:00 AM followed by a praise and worship service at 12:00 PM. In typical Wendell fashion, everyone should come as they are and leave their funeral clothes at home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Wendell's memory to Crossroads Baptist Church in Bessemer.

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed talking about God and Auburn football with Wendell. I also enjoyed watching him play bass guitar in the praise band, he always was into it and of course wore his Auburn hat proudly also. Go rest high on that mountain Wendell. miss you my friend ! Danny Williams

danny williams - May 22, 2024 at 11:06 PM

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I learned what a joy it is to be an Ambassador for Christ from you, Brother Wendell!
Thank you for your service and dedication and commitment to Christ!

Victor Bragan - June 07, 2024 at 10:55 PM

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“ Wendell and I have been like Brothers and the closest of Friends our entire life. 75 Years from Birth until his departure to Heaven to be with the Lord. We talked recently about our relationship to each other and how strong it was and truly special. We talked about being there for each other under any circumstance and a Bond that could not be broken. Over the years I would get him tickets to Auburn Football games and help anyway I could. Now that my Best Friend is gone in his physical body , his Spirt will live with me the rest of my days. I know that Wendell is saving me a seat right next to him and Jesus. Rest in Peace my Friend.



Carter Thomas L. - May 22, 2024 at 09:59 PM

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Frank & Rene Ranelli - May 22, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ <https://whitedoowopcollector.blogspot.com/2011/03/torquayspineapple-moon.html?m=1>

*My dad (Steve Salord) was in the Torquays with Wendell and always spoke highly of him and their friendship and times together. Wendell came to our house in Sept 2023 for my parent's 50th anniversary. I'm so glad they could catch up in person (and I got to meet him from being long time Facebook friends). My dad recently spoke with him on the phone. I know he will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends through this difficult time.
Shelly Salord and family*

Shelly Salord - May 22, 2024 at 11:47 AM