

## “Time to Take a Ride”

Bill was like a brother  
He had many a friends  
The memories we have  
Will never, ever, end.

Bill loved his family  
His son, daughters, sisters, and brothers,  
Bill was a jack of all trades  
You will never find another.

Bill was a good story teller  
He could light up a room with a smile,  
His journey on earth is over  
He has gone his last mile.

Our heart is very saddened  
That Bill has passed away,  
We must realize that dying  
Is something we'll do one day.

No one knows when or how  
This is the reason 'why',  
The Bible says  
We have an appointment to 'die'.

God knew before  
Aunt Betty gave him birth,  
On this exact day  
He would return to the earth.

Rest in peace our beloved  
It's time to take a ride,  
We're going to miss you  
We'll see you on the other side.

By your cousin,  
Lloyd Odom Thurman

**Flower Bearers**  
Nieces

**Pall Bearers**  
Nephews



### Acknowledgement

The family of Wilbur Lee Russell wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and expressions of love shown during this difficult time. Your support has meant more than words can express.

# IN LOVING MEMORY

## Wilbur Lee Russell

JULY 28, 1960



MARCH 2, 2026

### Celebration of Life Service

Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
3:30 PM

### Catalyst Fire Church

1310 Polkville Road  
Shelby, North Carolina

Pastor Chad Beam



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# Obituary

Mr. Wilbur Lee Russell, 65, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2026. He was born on July 28, 1960, to the late James J'Neil Russell and Betty Odoms Russell.

Wilbur was a hardworking and dedicated man who spent over 40 years working in textile manufacturing at Bogg's Farm Center. He was known for his strong work ethic, quiet strength, and the love he had for his family and friends. Wilbur touched many lives and will be remembered for his kindness, loyalty, and the time he shared with those closest to him.

In addition to his parents, Wilbur was preceded in death by his son, Keith Hamilton, and his siblings Velma R. Bailey, Jean R. Bell, Helen R. Kee, and Willie J. Russell.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his children: Kelly Elleby (William Elleby) of Forest City, NC; Julias Hamilton (Shantell); Nechole Beam of Shelby, NC; Josh Beam of Crouse, NC; and Anita Russell of Forest City, NC. He is also survived by his siblings Lizzie Russell, Mary Mason, Betty Brooks, Linda Russell, and Richard Russell, all of Shelby, NC, and his stepbrother Robert Fuller of Shelby, NC. Wilbur also leaves behind his special friend, Cindy Bostic, along with a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

## Order of Service

**Officiating Minister**  
Associate Pastor  
Diamond McMillian

**Prelude**

**Processional**

**Receiving of Friends**  
3:00 – 3:30 PM

**Congregational Hymn**

**Scripture Reading**

**Old Testament**  
Min. Vonda Maddox

**New Testament**  
Dr. Terri Beam

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Pastor Melvin Clark

**Selection**  
B41 Catalyst Fire Church

**Remarks (3 minutes)**

**Acknowledgements**

**Reading of the Obituary**  
(Silently)

**Selection**  
B41 Catalyst Fire Church

**Words of Comfort**  
Pastor Chad L. Beam

**Recessional**

