



Howard Vernard Wilson

September 26, 1972 - August 12, 2023

Howard V. Wilson was born on September 26, 1972 to Denise Eden in Fort Ord, California. Howard was the only child and son of Denise. They moved from Ft. Ord, CA to San Jose where she married Frank A. Wilson. The family moved to Hanford, CA where Howard attended his early education with the Hanford Unified School District. He later moved to Visalia where he attended Crestwood Elementary and Mt. Whitney High School. He completed the course study prescribed for graduation in June 1990. He continued his higher education at University of Davis and Upper Iowa University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree. While attending Upper Iowa University he pledged with Alpha Nu Omega Fraternity. His nickname was Bro. Wize.

Howard loved his sports and we mean all sports. His favorite teams were LA Dodgers baseball, Dallas Cowboys football, Los Angeles Lakers basketball, and golfing.

Howard was a loving son, father and grandfather. He had a great love for volunteering with the youth in his community. He was an employee of the Visalia Unified School District where he served gaining the trust of his youth and co-workers. He worked hard and coached hard. He loved coaching. His dream job was to return to Mt. Whitney High School as a coach. Howard's dream came true. He admired his students and desired for them to achieve their dreams as he did. He was the go-to person on campus and he took pride

in it. He transitioned this earth doing what he loved while at Mt. Whitney.

He loved the Lord Jesus and accepted him in his life at an early age. Howard accepted his calling into the ministry on January 6, 2002 while attending Second Baptist Church in Visalia, CA. He loved people and received great joy from serving others. You could always find that gigantic smile on his face. While encouraging them and sharing the gospel with them. It was his mission and calling in life.

Howard has two children, Brianna and Maliq. Two grandsons, Benjamin and Amari who he loved greater than life. These sweet memories will always be cherished by many, especially his children, grandchildren and his mom.

Howard leaves his daughter, Brianna of Visalia (husband Alejandro), his grandson, Benjamin, his son Maliq of Visalia (partner Hayley), and grandson, Amari. He also leaves behind a host of first cousins, Stephanie, Allison, Robin, Olivia, Phillip and many more. A host of great nieces, Tinesha, Tressa and Reagan. An aunt, Cecilia and his mom, Denise.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Thursday, August 31st, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Friday, September 1st, 2023 at Living Christ Church, 2516 No. M St., Tulare.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (PT)

Living Christ Church
2516 No. M St.
Tulare, CA 93274

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Howard Vernard Wilson*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 31, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Vernard Wilson*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 29, 2023 at 12:10 PM

DR

“ I met Howard in 2018 when he was coaching my son at El Diamanté. Howard quickly became a fixture in our lives. Howard was a very simple man with a very complicated mind. Always thinking, planning, envisioning, replaying situations & wondering what could of been done differently. Although my relationship with Howard was not always easy I can say he was a man with a big heart that had space for everyone he met. If you needed him he was there. I witnessed him give to others when he didn't have it to give & listened in on countless phone calls of him giving the best advice! All he wanted in return was for you to love him back. Howard was quick to react but even quicker to forgive. That man could turn a negative into a positive like no other. One day I asked him “how do you turn the most negative scenario into a positive thing” and his response I will never forget was “It's god Momma, it's god. The day I lose faith & let life bring me down, I'm as good as gone” Then he followed it up with one of his famous lines “We bend, we don't break”! It's heartbreaking to know he's gone & all those that love him are suffering but the person I knew would of never wanted to be sick or have anyone worry about him. So when you feel like Howard was gone too soon, just know he's saying I was gone just in time. It's god!
Vernard... you can now rest. Eternal love & peace is yours. Save me a spot because when I get there I would love to sit and chat.
Yours truly,
Marie (aka Dianna)

Dianna Rouse - September 03, 2023 at 12:44 PM



Two years came quickly. I love and miss you so son. Your mama,

Neci Eden - August 15, 2025 at 12:35 AM

DJ

“ I remember Howard as a young man at Second Baptist Church. I offer my most sincere sympathy to his family and especially his mother, Denise.



Dee Jules - August 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM

BN

“ Went to Mt. Whitney with Howard. What a hoot. I never thought I would stop laughing when he did a James Brown skit of "Hot Tub" at one of our Pep Rally's. I remember it like it was yesterday. He brought the house down.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Brent Nunes - August 29, 2023 at 01:35 AM

RY

“ God bless you Neci, I know your heart is hurting and I share your pain. I love you and my prayers are with you. What a great man you raised, no doubt he will be missed by the many lives he touched! Rest in the comfort of our Lord's peace and love and know that you are surrounded by so many who are right here for you. 🙏❤️



Rhonda Robertson Yesel - August 28, 2023 at 08:56 AM

JV

“ My condolences to Howard’s family. I met Howard when he first moved to Visalia. We were in the same 6th grade class. We quickly became friends and remained friends through high school. We were also roommates in college at UCD. We had great times and a lot of laughs growing up. Though I haven’t seen Howard in quite some time, I have fond memories of our childhood. RIP Howard.

Javier Vaca - August 25, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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“ Howard Wilson, is how I met him way back at our Divisadero Jr High School Days, Big H, is what he was to me in our Whitney Days, but every day since we met he was always my brother (Mi Hermano) is what he called me. I’m still not believing that you left me my brother! I miss you and love you! This heart will always have a special place in it for you my boy!! May you rest in peace, and I will see you again!! You will never be forgotten Hermano!!

Love

Sergio Torres Sr

Sergio Torres - August 24, 2023 at 06:33 PM