



William Mack Daniels

February 5, 2025

William Mack Daniels, age 95, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2025, at Passages Hospice New Orleans after a lengthy illness. A lifelong resident of New Orleans, he was born on January 19, 1930, to the union of the late John B. and Mollie Wallace Daniels. The youngest of eight children, William was known as “Daniels”, “Dan” or “Mack” to family and friends. William attended Valena C. Jones Elementary School and Gilbert Academy in New Orleans. He earned a degree in Mathematics from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge and a Master’s Degree in Education from Xavier University of New Orleans. In 1955, while in the Army, he married the love of his life, Valda Marie Wilder. Two daughters were born into this union. William worked for more than 43 years in the Orleans Parish School System as a math teacher and guidance counselor retiring in 1996. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling, watching educational programs, and spending time with his family. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 69 years, Valda Wilder Daniels, daughters Theda Daniels-Race, PhD (Paul) and Urica Daniels Regis, MBA (Wayne), grandchildren Kylan (Chelsea), and Peyton Race, and Royce Regis, godsons Irving Joseph Johnson, III and Ado “Joe” Ball, and many more family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John B. and Mollie Wallace Daniels, his devoted mother-in-law, Vivian Haynes Richmond, and siblings Samuel Payton, Sally Payton Carter, Mary Payton Swearingen, Helen Payton Francois, Edith “Hazel” Daniels Carlton, John Henry Daniels, and Joseph Baldwin Daniels.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Celebration of Life Services on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at St. Rita Catholic Church at 2729 Lowerline Street in New Orleans. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM with the mass immediately following. Interment: Lake Lawn Park Cemetery & Mausoleum 5454 Pontchartrain Boulevard, New Orleans. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Rita Catholic Church
2729 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, LA 70125

Memorial Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Mr. Daniel’s made a lasting impact & difference in my life and many of my Booker Washington classmates lives. We were blessed to have him as a part of the village that prepared us to get thru the maze called life. Thank you to the family for sharing him with us and may God continue to keep and bless you during this difficult time.
Sincerely, S. Steele BTW79

S. Steele - February 23, 2025 at 01:57 AM

EW

“ Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family and Friends of Mr. Daniels. I remember him as a kind gentle man when I was a Student at Booker T. Washington Sr High from 1976 to 1979. 🙏🙏🙏



Elvera Gabriel Williams - February 21, 2025 at 09:49 PM

DR

“ You will be truly missed Mr.D, it was a pleasure to know Mr. D in school BTW before he retired and also as my next door neighbor, and my elder friend. God bless the Daniels family.
Love Dionne and Ivion Roebuck



D Roebuck - February 21, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JM

“ James and Denise Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Mack Daniels.

James and Denise Miller - February 20, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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“ James and Denise Miller purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Mack Daniels.



James and Denise Miller - February 20, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Mack Daniels.

February 20, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Mack Daniels.



February 20, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Mack Daniels.

February 19, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of William Mack Daniels.*



February 19, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Mack Daniels.

February 19, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Mack Daniels.*



February 19, 2025 at 12:15 AM



“ *Sending prayers to Ms. Daniels and her family. It has been a pleasure sharing space with Mr. Daniels. He will be missed.
Womacks*

Gina B Womack - February 19, 2025 at 12:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Mack Daniels.*



February 18, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *To The Daniel's Family.
My condolences and prayers 🙏 are with you and your family.
I remember Mr. Daniels at Booker T. Washington.,he was a kind
person and always had a smile.
C/O 75*

JoVerna Lewis Austin - February 17, 2025 at 01:53 PM